

# SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

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# INTRO + LESSON

## Intro

Are you searching for a simple yet impactful activity to invite the child in your life into what it looks like to be part of the global church? Look no further! These Gift of Hope coloring pages offer a delightful way for children to learn about diverse cultures while exploring the call to share Jesus's love through the Great Commission. With minimal preparation required—just print the coloring pages and read the introductory material—it's effortless on your part. Each page highlights a unique gift from our Gift of Hope catalog, providing an opportunity for kids to connect their creativity with meaningful action. Consider taking it a step further by selecting a gift to raise funds together, fostering a spirit of generosity and community.

## Scripture

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." –Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV)*

## Lesson

Jesus had a special group of friends called disciples. Disciples were friends of Jesus who followed him to learn what he did and how he did it so that they could do similar things as well. One of the things Jesus showed his disciples how to do was sharing his love. Before he went back to heaven, he gave them an important message. He wanted them to share his love with everyone in the world! Jesus asked them to make more friends (disciples) for him by telling people about how much he loves them.

As followers of Jesus, we have the same job! This message is called the Great Commission. It's a reminder that Jesus wants us to share his love with people everywhere we go.

So, how can we do this? One way is by using our words. We can tell people we meet that Jesus loves them. We can share why we love him, too. We can talk about how God helps us every day. We can also show Jesus's love through our actions. Here are some ideas:

- Help others: We can volunteer at places like soup kitchens to serve food to those who need it.
- Be a friend: If we see someone who is lonely, we can invite them to play with us.
- Share what we have: We can give our clothes, toys, or even some of our allowance or birthday money to help those who are in need.

A great way to start sharing Jesus's love today is right in our schools, neighborhoods, or cities. We can work together to share Jesus's love around the world with people in places like Kenya and Haiti and Nicaragua.

In this activity, we're going to learn about people in different countries who experience Jesus's love through gifts from people like you. One way we can share Jesus's love with people around the world is to pray for them. Another way is through the Gift of Hope program. Through Gift of Hope, you can choose to give gifts like goats, clean water, education, sewing machines, and more! These gifts change people's lives for the better and share the love of Jesus at the same time.

**As you color in the pictures, let's think about a few things together:**

- Why is it important to share Jesus's love with people around the world?
- What is one thing that has helped you feel Jesus's love?
- What is one small way you might be able to share Jesus's love with someone in your neighborhood or school?
- What type of gift would you like to give to someone who lives in another country?

LESSON CONT.

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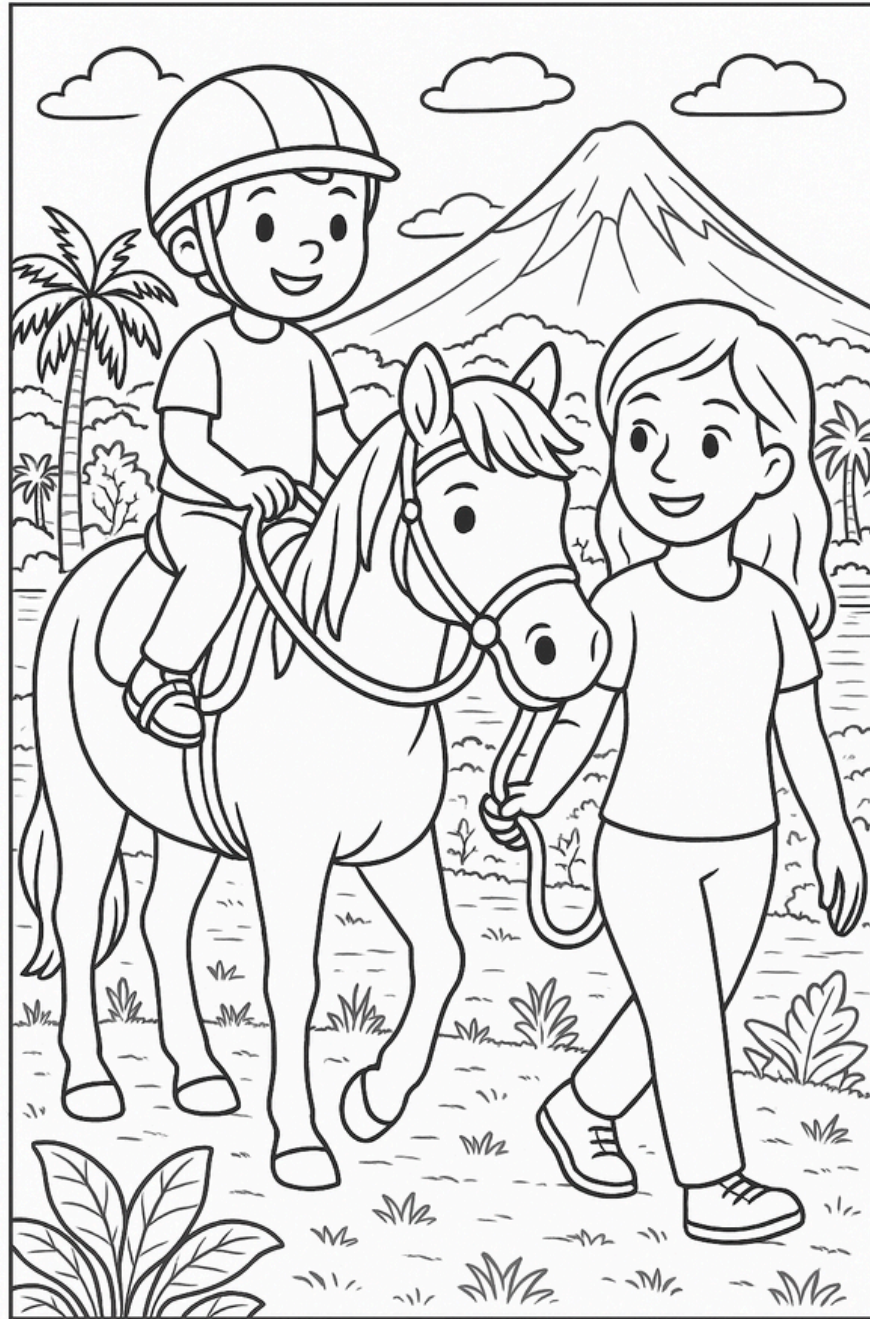
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**Gift: New books and a tutor**

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**MEET NANYOKA**

Country: Kenya  
Gift: Water roller to transport clean water



# MEET JAVIER

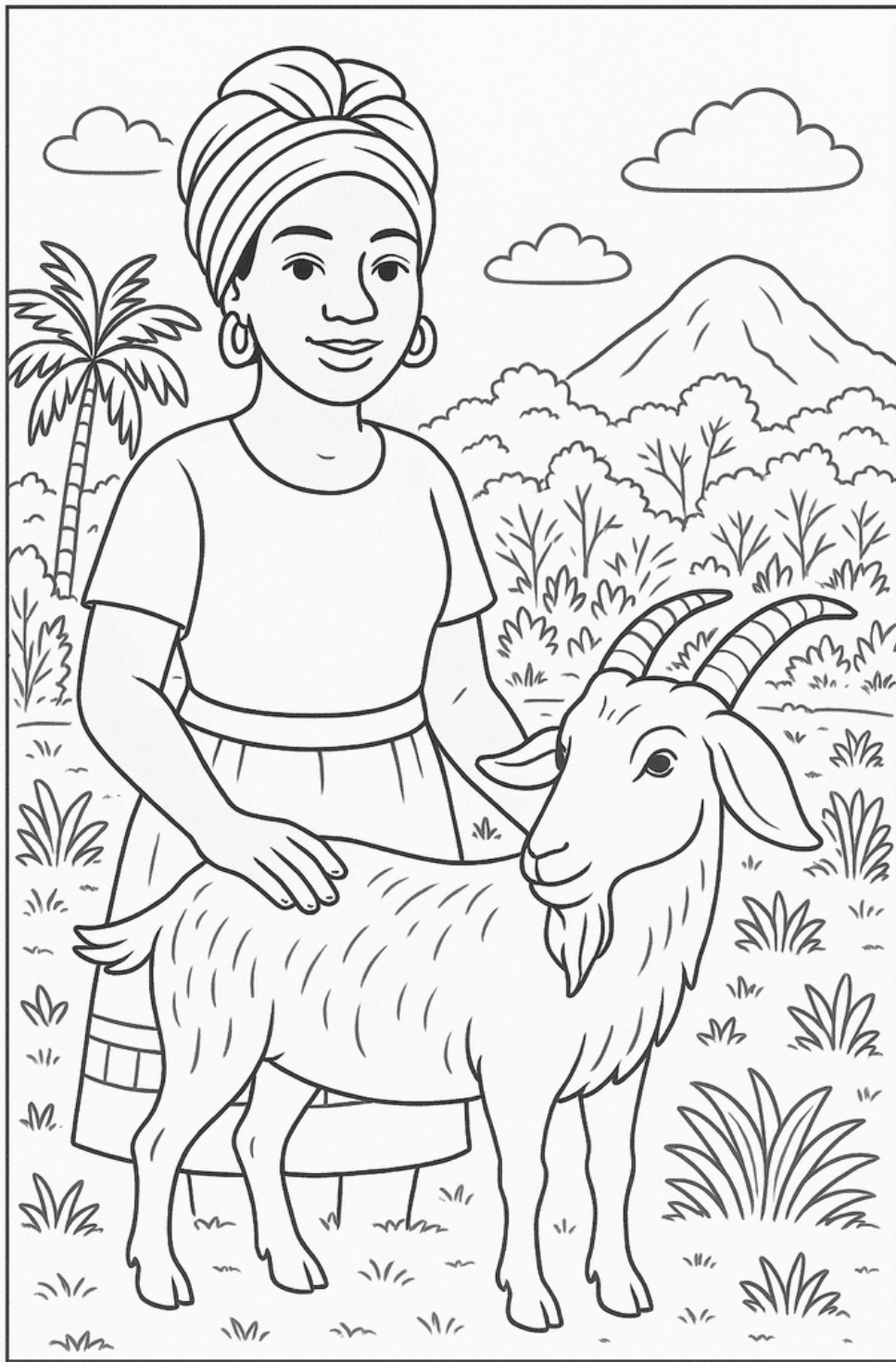
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Gift: One month of therapy for a child

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**MEET SOKORO**

**Country: Kenya  
Gift: Education**



# MEET ROSELINE

Country: Haiti  
Gift: Goat for food and income



**MEET NOEMI**

Country: Peru

Gift: A place to live, a mentor, and food

