

Faith, Prayer, and Courage

A Family Activity Guide for Supporting Children in Persecuted Areas

Thank you for joining SOM in a special mission to support Christian children living in persecuted and unreached areas around the world. This booklet has been designed to help you and your family learn about the experiences of brave young believers and encourage them through prayer, love, and support. Whether you're using this as a family activity, discussing it with your grandchildren, or incorporating it into your Sunday school, you have an opportunity to raise awareness for these children in a meaningful way.

Family and Sunday School Activities

Inside, you'll find coloring pages that will help guide your discussions on how children are impacted by persecution. SOM global impact projects support children through clean water, agricultural outreach, medical outreach, and supplies, including backpacks and educational supplies. Most of all, with these practical supplies, we supply the Word of God through printed Bibles, audio Bibles, and incarnational Bibles in the form of church planters.

“You will be my
witnesses [martus] . . .
to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

More about Global Impact Projects:
spiritofmartyrdom.com/global-projects



What Is a Martyr?

This is a little tougher to explain to a child. Here is an idea for you as you have discussions with younger children:

A martyr is someone who loves Jesus so much that they keep believing in Him, even when it's really hard or dangerous. Sometimes, people who don't believe in Jesus might not like that someone follows Him, and they might hurt them or treat them unfairly. A martyr is someone who chooses to keep trusting God, even if it means they might lose their life and go to Heaven because of their faith in Jesus. They believe that being with Jesus forever in Heaven is the most important thing, and they know that Jesus loves them no matter what.

As you strike a balance between honesty and sensitivity in discussing persecution with children, remember to focus on these things:

- Discuss courage and how these children grow in faith even in difficult circumstances. “Can you think of any stories in the Bible where children were courageous for their faith?”
- Highlight the power of prayer and God’s protection and His love and care. “What are some ways you see God taking care of children in persecuted regions today? Can you think of some verses in Scripture that are promises for children going through tough times?”
- Encourage compassionate action, focusing on what families can do to help through SOM. “What are some ideas you have on how we can pray and help persecuted children as a family?”

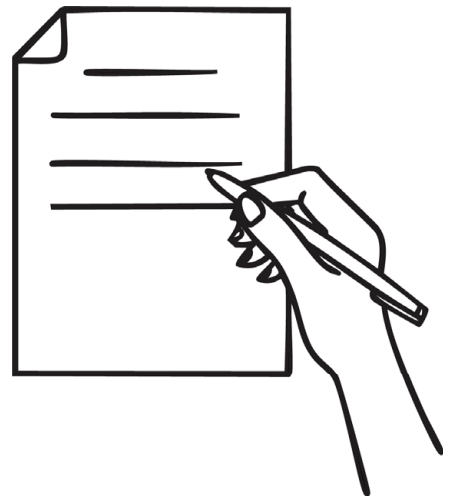
Write Letters

We’ve also provided a printable sheet where your child can write a letter to a fellow child in the Persecuted Church. Feel free to mail completed notes to SOM at the address below, and we will collect and deliver them to children on international trips, giving them tangible reminders that they are not alone. Together, let’s raise up the next generation of Global Ambassadors who will stand in prayer and action with persecuted Christians around the world.

Spirit of Martyrdom International

PO Box 101

Clarkdale, AZ 86324





Letter Writing Tips

- Please print or write clearly so someone can translate if needed.
- Keep it short and simple. Short notes are easier to translate for recipients who do not speak English.
- Keep it positive. Write messages of hope, encouragement, and love.
- Encourage your children to color in the picture to make this a family project.

Security

- Do not mention SOM in your note.
- Do not mention other religions or political leaders.
- You may sign your first name and country, but do not give your last name or address on your letter.

What Should You Say?

- Focus on encouraging and praying for the child who will receive your note. We want to minister to them rather than tell our story.
- Share God's Word, and include a Bible verse or two.
- Express your Christian love and mention that you are praying.
- Write out a short prayer.

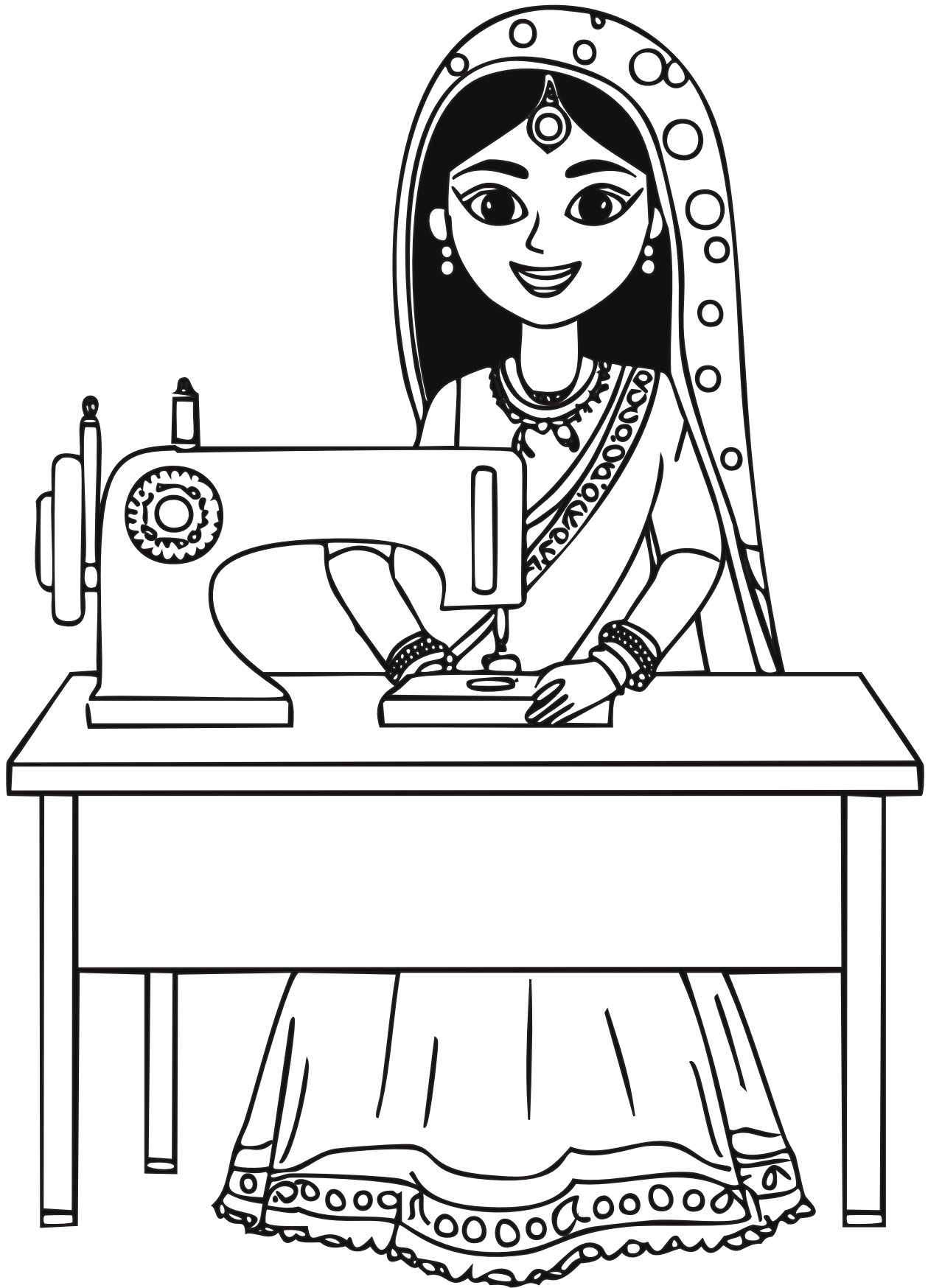


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**A child in Latin America receives a Bible
in his own language for the first time.**



A girl in India learns to sew from her mother while hearing about Jesus.



Children in Africa hear the Gospel from pastors who travel to their villages.

Dear Friend,



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