



Kid's Kaleidoscope

Country of the Month

Colombia

South America



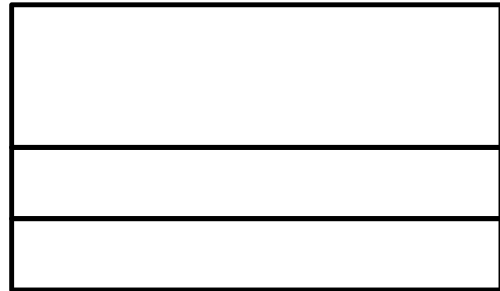
CONVERSATION CENTRAL

In our story we learned about the Church of the Nazarene in Colombia. What were the two offerings they received?

All across Colombia there is a spirit of generosity. Generosity means being willing and ready to give, not just with money, but in any way that can help someone else. What is one way you can be generous this week?

The church in Colombia is moving and supporting missions in new ways through giving and prayer. How can you be praying for missions?

COLOR THE FLAG



The Colombian flag, also known as El Tricolor Nacional (The National Tricolor), is a very important symbol for the country. Yellow stands for the country's wealth. Blue represents the beautiful sky above Colombia. Red reminds us of the bravery and effort of the Colombian people.

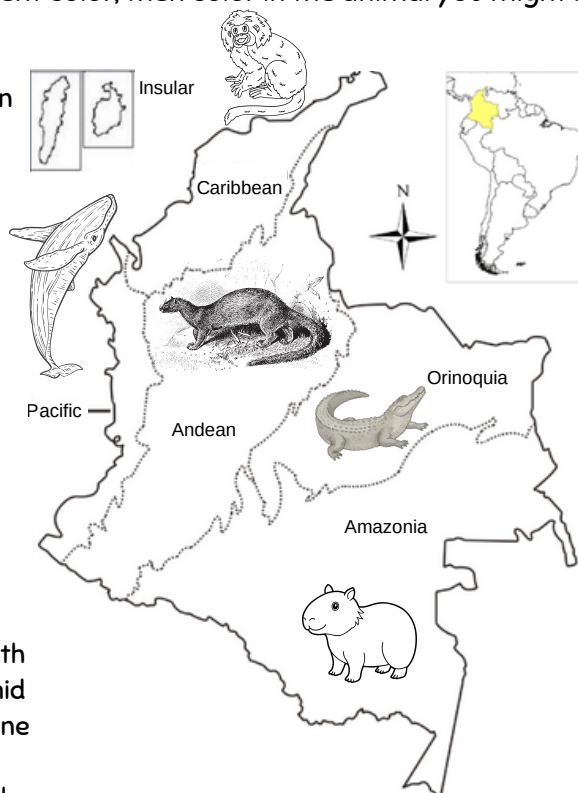
ALL AROUND COLOMBIA

There are six regions in Colombia. Each has its own geography, climate, and customs. Color each region a different color, then color in the animal you might see in that region.

Insular: The islands of Colombia, including the San Andrés in the Caribbean and Providencia Archipelago in the Pacific.
Animal: Humpback whales

Caribbean: The northern region near the coast. It's warm and tropical, but is also home to the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta mountain range and the Guajira Desert. Animal: Cotton-Top Tamarin

Pacific: The coastal region along the Pacific Ocean, with dense rainforests and humid weather. This region has one of the highest levels of rainfall in the world! Animal: Humpback Whale



Andean: The Central region of Colombia with the Andes Mountains running through it and reaching over 15,000 ft. More people live in the Andes than anywhere else in the country. Animal: Jaguarundi

Orinoquia: Also known as llanos, because of the large tropical grasslands. There aren't many people who live here, but there are many farms and ranches. Animal: Orinoco crocodile or Caimán llanero

Amazonia: A part of the Amazon rainforest. Amazonia is home to lots of plants and animal species. Animal: Capybara

KALEIDOSCOPE PAGE

Tejo is the National game of Colombia; it brings people together as they try to hit the exploding target. The tejo or metal disk that is thrown in this game is the base of our Kaleidoscope. But, besides a fun game, do you know what else brings people together? A mission or a challenge, and that is what we heard about in our story. Colombia is united for missions through the Alabaster Offering, World Evangelism Fund, and Prayer.

The other symbols on our Kaleidoscope are the icons for Alabaster, Prayer, and the World Evangelism Fund (WEF). When the people from all of Colombia's regions came together to give and pray, God moved in a special way. Lives were changed and more people came to know the love of Jesus Christ. There was a new feeling of being part of something greater, being part of God's mission in making Christlike Disciples in the Nations.

As you color the Kaleidoscope, think about ways your church participates in God's mission. Do you and your church give to the World Evangelism Fund? Does your church receive an Alabaster Offering? Do you and your church pray for missionaries, their work, and for those who don't know Jesus? Maybe you don't know the answers to these questions. Maybe you can ask your Sunday school teacher or your pastor. If so, celebrate the fact that you are united with other Nazarenes around the world in God's mission. If not, start by choosing one of these areas to participate in God's mission! God is doing great things!

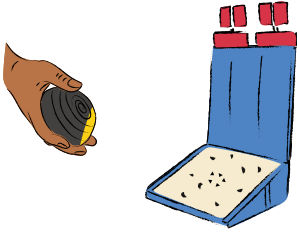
Don't miss out on being part of His team!



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

KIDS KALEIDOSCOPE GAME



Tejo



Tejo or Turmequé is the national sport of Colombia. This traditional throwing game is known for its use of small targets containing gunpowder, which explode on impact. Many say the sport began with the native aborigines from Central Colombia.

To play this game, each player takes turns throwing a metal puck or disk, called a Tejo, at a clay – covered board about 18.5 meters or 20.2 yards away. In the center of the board, there is a metal pipe, and around the metal pipe are triangle-shaped envelopes called mechas that are filled with gunpowder and explode when they are hit. The goal is to hit the pipe in the center, kind of like trying to hit a bullseye on a dart board.

For our game, we aren't going to use gunpowder; instead, we will use flour! Here is the Kids Kaleidoscope version of Tejo! Have fun playing!

Supplies:

- Pie Pans or flat non-breakable dishes
- Flour
- Tablecloth or plastic tarp
- small balls like a golf ball or tennis ball



Directions:

- Put a few cups of flour in each pie pan or flat non-breakable dish. You want to have a big mound in the middle so that you can see the “explosion” better.
- Place the pie pans or flat non-breakable dishes on a large tablecloth.
- Kids need to get in line behind each pie pan or dish. They should be about 5–6 feet or 1.5 meters back (or closer if they're young!)
- The first person in line should toss the ball underhand to try and get it in the pie pan. If they make it, boom! They'll see the explosion of flour!
- Each person gets one toss. If they make the explosion, they go on to the second round. Continue until you have only one person; they are the winner!

This is such a fun Colombian activity for kids that you can do at home. Would you like to see how real tejo is played, with the gunpowder explosion? Watch Juan David show his skills at playing Tejo! This video is in Spanish with English Subtitles. You might not understand what is being said, but you can see how the game is played!

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