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PATIENCE through **CHANGE**



THE LAND BETWEEN

Land: TRANSITION

Square: SPARKLY PINK

Candy: ROCK CANDY



Greetings from Louie, world traveler and explorer extraordinaire! I'm reporting today from an unfamiliar place...sort of a land between. All I see so far is this box. Hmmm...I wonder what's in it. I'll take a quick peek. Maybe the contents will help us find the owner.



Hola! My name is Ella Cressman. I'm ten. I'm almost finished with fourth grade. Who are you? Where have you been? Where are you going? Would you like to see what's in my box?

Louie: Oh, there you are! I'm Louie...Africa...I don't know yet...and yes! By the way, where are we?

Candy: We are in “Transition”—that’s a big word that means change. My family used to live in Honduras, but we are moving a long way from there...to Spain! That’s why my stuff is in a box. Mommy said my brother Carter and I could pack our favorite things in it so they are easy to find.

Louie: Ah, I see. Tell me about some of them.

Candy: I’ve packed my Bible, of course, with a marker at my favorite verse—John 3:16. And I love my Wingfeather books and Adventures in Odyssey CDs, so they are right here on top of Carter’s roller skates. I wonder...what will Christmas be like in Spain? I love Christmas! Did you know that in Spain they serve pop with lemon wedges? So fun! Would you like to see a picture of my Honduran friend Elia? I’m going to miss her. Maybe I can write to her.

Louie: I’m sure she would like that. What is one thing you will ALWAYS remember about your time in Honduras?

Candy: That’s easy! I’ll always remember the day mommy killed a snake. Yup, she did! I found a small one in our bathroom. Mommy took it outside and smacked it with a hammer. She was SO brave! Speaking of snakes, is that one I see by that tree?

Louie: Yipes! Hand me those skates...I’m OUTTA here! It’s been nice meeting you, Miss Ella!



How Different ARE They?

We can help Ella and Carter prepare for their big move by exploring the similarities and differences between their former home in Honduras and their new home in Spain.

Where Honduras is in the tropics of Central America, Spain is on the continent of Europe and has a slightly cooler climate. Honduras is about the size of Pennsylvania while Spain is 4.5 times that size.

The time difference between Honduras and Spain is eight hours. Noon in Spain is 4 a.m. in Honduras. Spanish is the official language of both countries, but Ella and Carter may notice slight differences, sort of like the differences between British, Australian, and American English. It is the same language spoken with different accents and unique phrases.

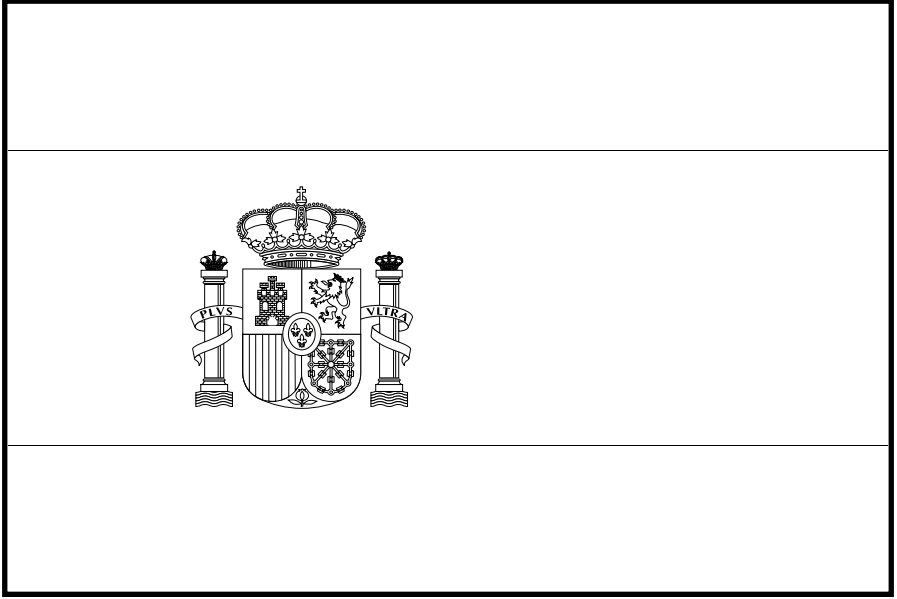
The Kingdom of Spain, once the most powerful country in the world, was officially formed in 1479 A.D.—over 350 years before Honduras became a country. Honduras is known for its natural resources—minerals, tropical fruit, sugar cane, and coffee. Spain is known for bullfighting and soccer as well as for its art, literature, and beautiful architecture inspired by its colorful history.

Both countries are blessed with much natural beauty. Most importantly, both contain people who are precious in God's sight.



INSTRUCTIONS

Look up the flag of Spain and color it according to the correct colors.



MEMORY VERSE

I will lift up my eyes to the hills—
From whence comes my help?
Psalm 121:1

OLD FRIENDS, NEW FRIENDS



Land: TRANSITION

Square: SKY BLUE

Candy: PEANUT BUTTER CUP



Help! Help! There's a snake after me! Saaaaave me!



Hi, Louie! I'm Carter. Come sit by me. You'll be fine. There are no snakes here. Do you want some peanut butter pretzels?

Louie: Ah, yes! Thank you. And thank you for the use of your skates. I hear you are preparing for a move. How are you feeling about that?

PB Cup: I'm excited! Maybe I will get to start kindergarten in Spain this fall! I will miss my friends in Honduras though.

Louie: Tell me about them.

PB Cup: Sure! Adan was our family's friend. He came to our house often, and one time we cleaned the benches and

windows in the church together. I like him. The neighbor girl was my good friend too. I'm excited to make more friends in Spain!

Louie: I'm sure you'll make many new friends. You're such a kind young man. Do you speak Spanish?

PB Cup: Si, un poco.* Not as much as my sister, Ella, does, but yes, I do.

Louie: Awesome! So what are some of your jobs as a missionary kid?

PB Cup: Both of us kids help with lots of things! We give out food, help with kid's ministry, talk in deputation services, make friends...and eat ice cream.

Louie: Wait...eating ice cream is part of the job? I think I like that idea!

PB Cup: Of course! And I've heard Spain has lots of it. Yum!

Louie: Well, Carter, I hope you can get to Spain soon. Before I leave, why don't you give us your favorite verse?

PB Cup: Sure! It is Psalm 121:1 – "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." I am excited to go to Spain because I know God will help me there just like He did in Honduras.

Louie: Yes, Carter, He surely will! May God bless you and your family as you begin this new adventure. See you later! Save me some ice cream!

* Yes, a little.





Louie's treehouse Lain

Promises

Times of major change can sometimes cause uneasiness or fear. To fight those feelings, we can remind ourselves of God's promises of care and protection. Look up these verses and write out your favorite parts on paper. Decorate them and place them where you can see them when you need them most.

- Psalm 46: 1
- Deuteronomy 31:6
- Joshua 1:9
- 1 Peter 5:7
- Isaiah 41:10
- Hebrews 13:8
- Psalm 29:11
- John 14:27



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