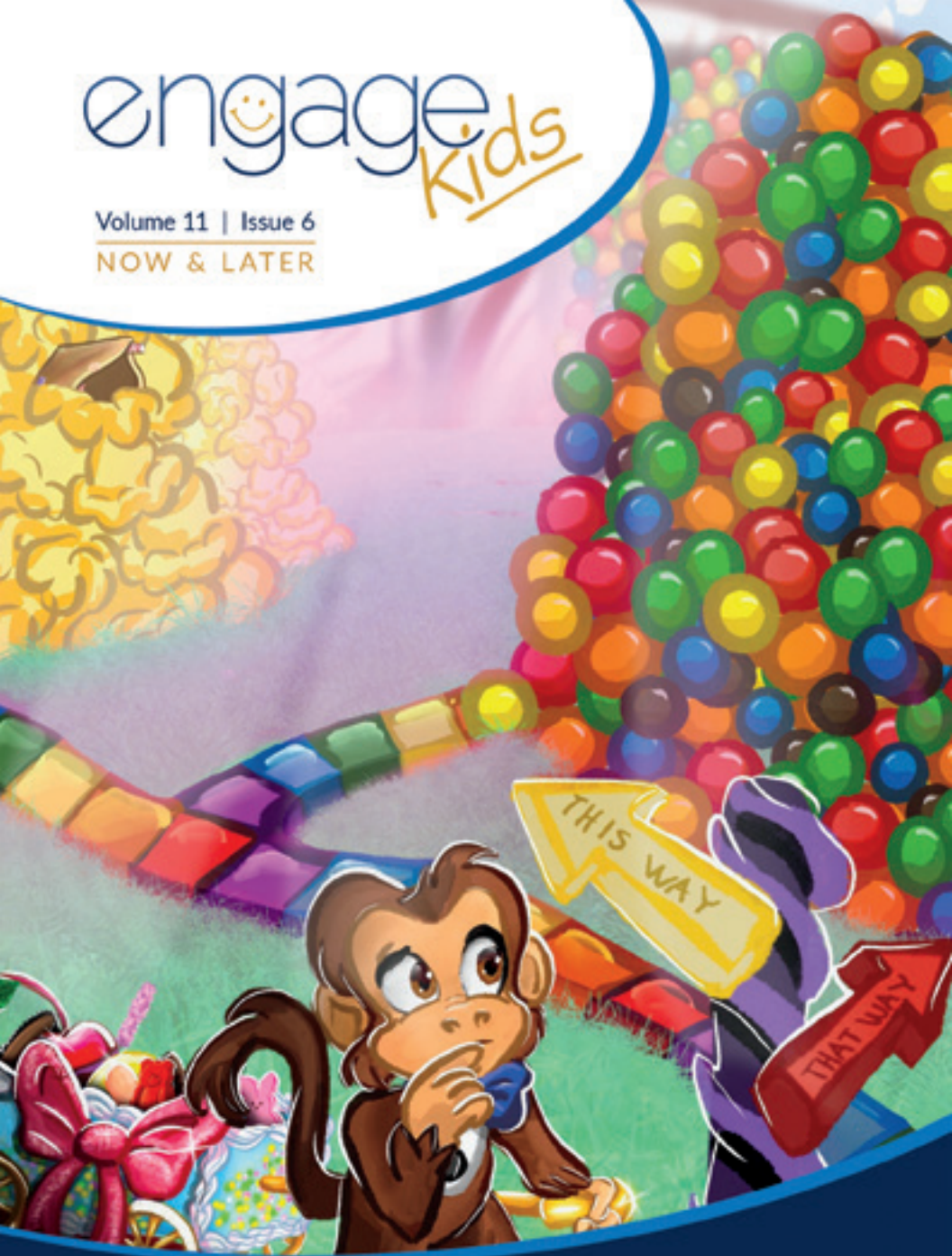


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THE **BENEFITS** OF SERVICE



JOY IN SERVING

Land: LESOTHO, AFRICA

Square: CORAL

Candy: CANDY-COATED CHOCOLATES



Hello! I'm SO glad you are here. Maybe you can help me decide which of these paths to take. One leads to more delicious-looking candy, but the other leads to another awesome snack—POPcorn! Decisions, decisions...hmm. Wait. I've got it! Let's grab some chocolate first. Then we can eat it with our popcorn later! I wonder who we will meet along the way.



Louie! It's good to finally meet you. I'm Courtney Peterson. We just got back from visiting *Ouma Hessie van der Merwe. I think one of her South African pancakes made it home with us if you'd like to try it—that is if my brother didn't get to it first. The hour-long drive gives him plenty of time to get hungry again.

Louie: Sounds delightful. I'll take it with cinnamon and sugar, please. How are you, Miss Peterson?

Chocolate: I'm good! I got to read all the way home.

Louie: I'm always looking for good book recommendations. What do you like?

Chocolate: Animal adventures are fun! I especially like the Poppy books and the Green Ember series.

Louie: A question for you: do you like being a missionary kid in Africa?

Chocolate: Oh, yes! My parents let my siblings and me be part of the decision to come here. Even though I miss some things about America, this experience has been worth any of the challenges we've faced. I love Lesotho's mountains, my new friends, and the many opportunities to serve God and people.

Louie: When we focus on serving others, we don't think as much about what we miss, right?

Chocolate: Right! I find putting together care packages for the orphan ministry an excellent reminder of why we are here.

Louie: And "different" can often be very good, can't it?

Chocolate: Exactly. For instance decorating Christmas cookies with my cousins was something I loved in America, but I also look forward each year to decorating and exchanging Christmas cookies with other African missionary families.

Louie: What else should we know about you?

Chocolate: Hmm...well, I'm twelve, and I love art, crafts, books, my family...and chocolate chip cookies. How's that?

Louie: Perfect. Thank you! Now I'm off to see about some popcorn. Have a wonderful afternoon!

Chocolate: Bye, Louie!

**Ouma—Aunt*



South African Pannekoek

Ingredients

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| 4 | Eggs |
| 4 Cups | Flour |
| 4 Cups | Water, separated |
| 4 tsp | Baking Powder |
| 1 Cup | Oil |
| 2 tsp | Salt |
| 3 Tbsp | Vinegar |

Directions

1: Separate egg yolks and whites, placing yolks in a medium bowl and whites in a large bowl. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water to the egg yolks and beat together. Add oil and vinegar and blend.

2: In a separate large bowl, mix flour, baking powder, and salt. Add these dry ingredients and the remaining water to the egg yolk mixture. Blend together.

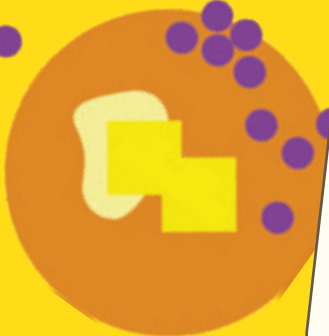
3: Beat the egg whites separately, then fold them gently into the batter.

4: Put a little oil in a 6"-8" skillet and heat. For each pancake, pour about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup batter into the skillet. Rotate skillet until batter covers the bottom to make a very thin pancake. Cook until light brown. Run a wide spatula around the edge to loosen; flip, then cook the other side until light brown. Stack pancakes with wax paper between the layers and keep covered.

Pannekoek can be either sweet or savory, depending on your choice of filling:

- Ground beef with spaghetti sauce and grated cheese
- Ham or bacon bits
- Cheesy chicken sauce
- Yogurt and diced fruit
- Cinnamon and sugar with a dash of lemon juice
- Chocolate spread and whipped cream

After adding your filling, roll up your pancake and enjoy!





This is a “rondavel,” a kind of house found in Lesotho.
Drawn by Courtney Peterson

MEMORY VERSE

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”
Psalm 91:1

If we “dwell in” God by spending time with Him each day, He will take good care of us. He will help us as we face challenges, make decisions, and serve others.



PEACE WHEN TRUSTING

Land: LESOTHO, AFRICA

Square: LIME GREEN

Candy: POPCORN



Heads up, Louie! The soccer ball is heading your way!



I got it! I got it! Oops. I don't "got it." Sorry, buddy. Hey...you look a LOT like someone I just met. Do you have a twin, perhaps?

Popcorn: Why, yes, I do! I'm Clayton Peterson. You must have talked to my sister Courtney.

Louie: I did! Wow, oh, wow! A real live set of twins! That's awesome! So...do you do everything together? Are you EXACTLY alike?

Popcorn: (laughing) No, not exactly. She's a girl, and I'm a boy for starters. Then she likes to read and draw while I like camping and playing soccer with my friends. Do you

want to come play? Since these fellas live nearby, we get to play a lot. We're pretty good.

Louie: Actually I am curious about your dog over there. Is he as scary as he looks?

Popcorn: Duke? Oh he's a wonderful dog. Come meet him! You'll love him!

Louie: Okay...if you say so...hey! Wait up! You're so fast! Do you ever stop running?

Popcorn: Sometimes I come inside long enough to play LEGO® or a game of chess. But I really prefer the outdoors. Do you like camping? You'd love a camping trip in the mountains of Lesotho. It's beautiful up there.

Louie: So you like it here, do you?

Popcorn: I do! I know God led us here. My favorite Scripture says to "trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." That's Proverbs 3:5-6. I had to lean hard on Jesus for His help not long ago when I had some problems inside my ear. With doctor visits and surgery and all, it was easy to feel a little scared.

Louie: I can imagine so! What helped you in those moments?

Popcorn: Time with family and friends, calm music, talking to Jesus about it all of course, and plenty of my favorite snacks!

Louie: You are definitely all boy! Thank you for telling us your story, Clayton. Now go enjoy that soccer game!





Louie's treehouse Lain

Your Turn

The Peterson family oversees the Orphan and Vulnerable Children's Ministry, also known as OVC. Generous monthly donations to the ministry allow the Petersons to provide supplies and care for young people who desperately need it. If your family is interested in financially sponsoring a young person through OVC, scan the QR code or go to <https://1.ead.me/ovc23> for more information.



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