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COLORFUL ADVENTURES



SEE THE "CUT CORNERS" IN BARCELONA, SPAIN?

BIKES, BASILICAS, & BARCELONA!

Louie and Margot stepped out of the airport and got their first sight of Barcelona, Spain. They scanned the crowd for familiar faces. Louie felt a little overwhelmed at the constant Spanish filling his ears.

"Oh!" Margot brightened. "There they are!"

The Cressmans had come: Mr. Wesley and his wife, Ms. Janna, and their two children—Ella and Carter.

"Hello!" Louie enthusiastically shook all their hands.

"I hope your flight went well." Mrs. Cressman smiled.

"Yes," Margot replied. "Though I was sad to part ways with the Durhams. They flew back to Hungary."

Louie agreed. "Traveling with them was so much fun. We are now good friends."

"Well, I hope you can have fun with us too." Carter grinned. "We have some adventures planned."

"Oh?" Louie perked up. He loved adventure.

Mr. Cressman patted Louie's shoulder. "I hope you can ride bikes."

"I ride very well!" Louie exclaimed a little too loudly.

A few strangers turned their heads.

"No monkeying around, Louie," Margot hissed softly. "Remember you're in another country. Try to not bring chaos."

He calmed down a little. "Good reminder. No handstands on a bike."

As their group walked, the Cressmans explained the day's activities.

"First," Mr. Cressman said, "we will rent bikes and visit the Sagrada Família basilica, which is a large, special church. It's been under construction for over 140 years, but it's still a stunning sight. That is our main focus this morning because it takes time to appreciate masterpieces."

Before long Louie was staring at dozens of bikes for rent, which is how some people get around the city. Mr. Cressman paid a smiling Spaniard, and off the group rode down the streets of Barcelona.

Louie began to notice new things around him. "What happened to all the street corners?"

“They are called *chaflares*. They are octagons,” Carter explained. “Originally the streets were built this way so carriages could turn more easily, but they let in more light and fresh air too.”

“Everything is also colorful,” Margot observed.

“Color is very important.” Ella smiled. “You’ll see.”

And they did. The Sagrada Família rose from the city like a magnificent crown. Louie and Margot’s jaws dropped as they saw the white towers reaching high into the sky.

Inside the church they felt swallowed by a deep silence. Louie spun in a circle, his neck back to take in the huge pillars that supported the religious structure. “They look like tree trunks,” he whispered. Margot nodded in agreement.

The stained glass windows spilled rainbows of light across the church, splashing the white pillars and shining on the hushed people below.

Margot nudged Louie. “Isn’t it amazing how people find ways to worship God?”



Can You Solve the Magic Square?

Engraved in the Basilica de la Sagrada Família is the *Magic Square*. Here's what makes it magic: the numbers in every row, every column, both diagonals, and even the four numbers in the middle all add up to the same number!

1	14	14	4
11	7	6	9
8	10	10	5
13	2	3	15

Your turn!

Add the numbers in each column.

Add the numbers in each row.

Add the numbers going diagonally.

Add the four numbers in the middle.

Do they all equal the same number?

What number do they all equal? _____

Here's a clue: This number represents the age of Jesus when He was crucified and gave His life for the sins of all people. What an amazing reminder of how much Jesus loves us!

Memory Verse

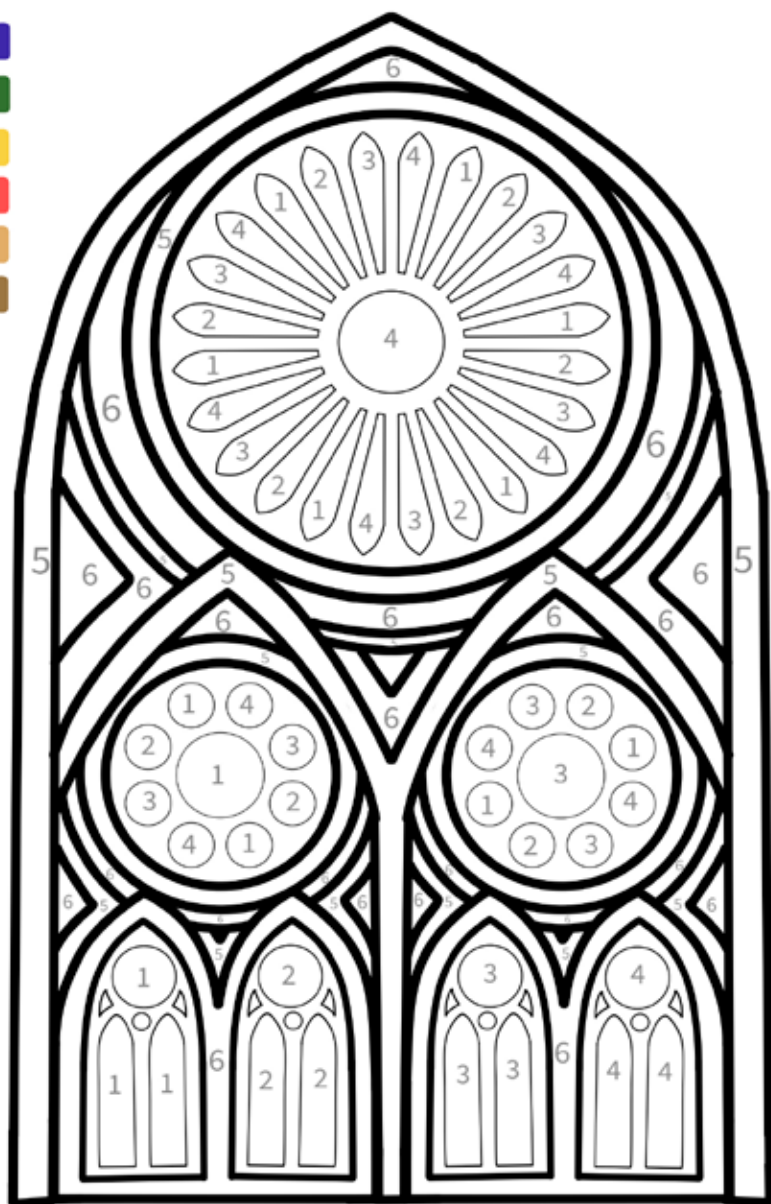
For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

Coloring Page

Color by Number: Match each number to its color, then color the spaces to reveal a colorful stained glass window.

- 1 
- 2 
- 3 
- 4 
- 5 
- 6 





ROSES ARE USED TO DECORATE FOR SANT JORDI DAY (APRIL 23). HAVE YOUR PARENTS HELP YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS HOLIDAY.

MORE THAN JUST COLORS

Louie sighed contentedly after a delicious lunch of empanadas. “Mmm... Those empanadas were DELICIOUS!”

Margot agreed. “Everything we’ve seen and done so far has been great!”

“Which is another thing...” Louie started, looking a little embarrassed. “Well, so far everything has been amazing, and this city is very warm and colorful! Which is why I’m wondering, well, why are *you* here? Everyone we’ve seen so far has looked happy, and...” His face reddened.

Mrs. Cressman smiled warmly. “That’s a good question, Louie. Don’t be embarrassed. While it may look bright and colorful on the outside, Barcelona has a lot of hurting people who need the light of Jesus in their lives underneath the colorful flags and stained glass windows.”

Mr. Cressman leaned back in his chair. “I work with a small ministry here that helps homeless men in the area, doing what I can to share the love of Jesus. We give them coffee and breakfast and share the good news with them.”

“What do you do, Mrs. Cressman?” Margot asked curiously.

Mrs. Cressman laughed. “Well, a little bit of everything. On Sundays I teach Sunday school, I teach language classes on Mondays, and on Fridays we have the kids club. We like to do it

in the park after school, as it's the hangout for a lot of children in the neighborhood. Ella and Carter enjoy playing with the kids and sharing the good news with them."

"A kids club sounds great! Can I come the next time you have it?" Louie bounced up and down energetically.

"Of course, Louie!" Carter laughed.

"I have just one more question," Louie began. "I notice you guys have LOTS of books."

And that was all it took before Ella and Carter were showing Louie and Margot the stacks and stacks of books around their house. Before long they'd decided to take Louie and Margot to the Arus Library, where they would get to see a miniature Statue of Liberty!

Margot pedaled alongside Mrs. Cressman and Ella, looking up to see the beautiful fall colors that hung above their heads. "This must be the most colorful time of the year for Barcelona!"

Ella grinned. "Actually, there's a day I think is even more colorful than this! April 23 is Sant Jordi Day (Saint George's Day) or National Book Day, and it's tradition for women to receive roses and men to receive books. The whole city is decked out in colorful roses and book stands! Barcelona is truly a vibrant and festive city."

MRS. CRESSMAN PASSES OUT CANDY DURING A KIDS CLUB IN THE PARK.



Louie's Treehouse Lain



WHERE ARE LOUIE AND MARGOT?



Louie and Margot flew from Czechia to Barcelona, Spain, where the Cressman family are ministering. Many people in Barcelona either ride public transportation, walk, or ride bicycles or scooters around the city.



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