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## A NOTE FOR TEACHERS:

Depending on your situation, you may want to combine the passport pages into a book for students to take home at the end or you may prefer to send each page home individually. If you make a combined passport, we have included a cover page for you (see Page 7 of Lesson 1).

Use a copy of Rio Toucan throughout your lessons (see Page 9 of Lesson 1). In most of the lessons, Rio Toucan is speaking directly to the children.



Good day to you, amigos! I'm here from South America and want to invite you to come along with me as we go across the world to find out more about IM Global Partners. These partners, or *parceiros* as we call them in Portuguese, serve in countries where we don't have missionaries, and they are doing some wonderful and exciting things. Are you ready? Do you have your passport? *Let's go!*

# Lesson One

## RIO TOUCAN SAYS YOU CAN LEARN!

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### SCRIPTURE—ACTS 17:11

**“...searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”** (1st–3rd grades, abbreviated)

**“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”** (4th–6th grades, entire verse)



Our Global Partners (*parceiros*, in the Portuguese language) down south are doing great things. Let's look at our passport page today. Can you find Cuba and Panama?

Although we've had many missionaries serving in these two countries at one time, they were able to train up Cuban and Panamanian pastors and leaders to take over the churches. That is the goal of missionaries—to turn the work over to people of their own country. Right now you can pray for the preachers and their families and for those serving in Bible Institutes (like colleges) to help more people come to know Jesus.

In fact, at the IM office, Dr. Kenneth Eagleton got an email saying that 24 students from Bethania FWB Church in Panama City, Panama, completed an Old Testament course and received their certificates back in November of 2024. What's so amazing is that their parents and grandparents received their Bible education the same way. Because our former missionaries serving in Cuba and Panama established Bible Institutes many, many years ago, we're CONTINUING THE MISSION by training pastors and teachers who will lead others to Christ! Every dollar you give to our World Missions Offering goes for projects like our Bible Institutes.

### RIO TOUCAN SAYS YOU CAN LEARN!

In countries where they have Bible Institutes, it reminds me of a Bible story found in Acts 17:10-12 (KJV) that reads:

*And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.*

These Bereans were located in Macedonia, where Paul and Silas preached to them during Paul's 2nd missionary journey. Verse 11 tells us that they were ready to hear God's Word and that they searched the Old Testament Scriptures daily. They wanted to know if what they were hearing was true. They were

learning! Later on in the chapter, they continued to learn and grow in their faith under the preaching and teaching of Silas and Timothy.

How are you learning? Are you examining Scripture? That’s why it’s so important to talk with your family or a trusted adult about what you learn at church. As you **LEARN** and look at other Scripture, you too will grow in your faith.

## ACTIVITY

**Teacher note:** Hide several items around the room, providing pictures of those items—you can draw these. Once they find each item, they can match it up with the picture. Example: a red crayon, a blue feather, etc. Team up older children to help the younger children. If you have only older children, hide their items slightly harder.

Just as we matched up the found item with the picture, so the Bereans searched the Scriptures to see if the teachings were real.

## SCRIPTURE WRITING

Let’s write out our Scripture for today.

### **Acts 17:11**

Grades 1-3 write: “...searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”

Grades 4-6 write: “**These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.**”

## SONG

<https://bit.ly/4aSICWU>

## COLORING ACTIVITY

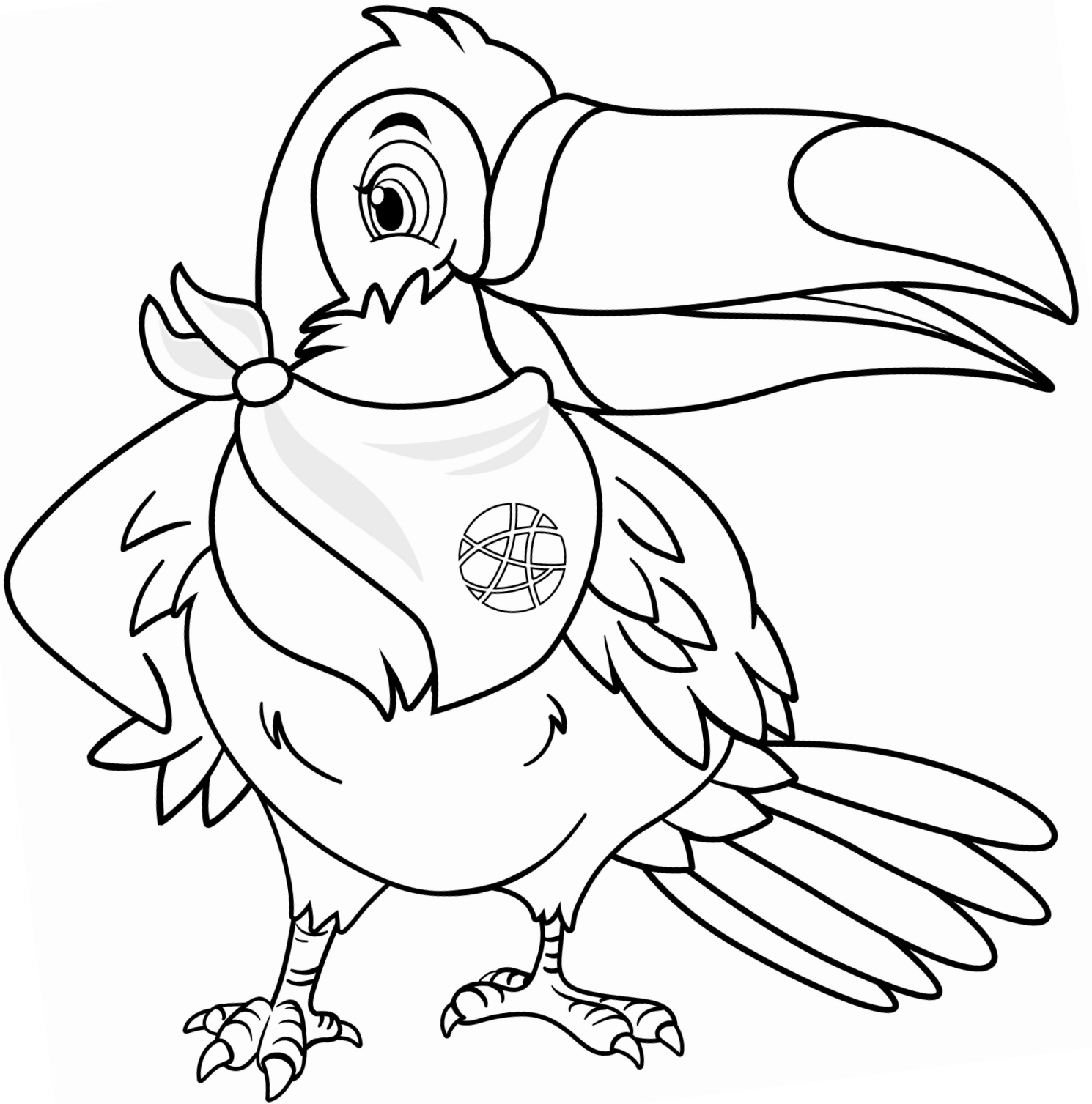
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## ONLINE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

<https://bit.ly/4gEI35F>



Thanks for hanging out with me today! I can’t wait for our next time together. Let’s fly back home!













# PASSPORT







# Rio Toucan

