

# ADVENTURE TO Europe



IT'S ME, KATE,  
WITH MY BEST FRIEND,  
MACK. TOGETHER WE TRAVEL  
AROUND THE WORLD LEARNING  
ABOUT DIFFERENT PEOPLE,  
LANGUAGES AND CULTURES. AND  
TODAY WE'RE INVITING YOU  
TO TRAVEL WITH US TO  
EUROPE!

Throughout our Adventure to Europe, you and your family will get to talk about the Bible, pray together, laugh and have fun! You'll learn fun facts about different countries, discover how to say "hello" in Romanian, learn about famous German composers and so much more. There will even be some activities that your family can do together!

We hope that your adventure with us is exciting and that, most importantly, it's a chance to learn about how much God loves all of his kids around the world, no matter where they live or what language they speak.

## Did You Know?

### Around the world ...

About **1.5 billion people** do not have the full Bible in their language.

At least **7,000 languages** are spoken or signed around the world.

At least **1,600 languages** still need a Bible translation started.

More than **700 languages** have a full Bible.

At least **1,600 languages** have a New Testament.



### In the Americas ...

There are more than **300** total languages across the **45** countries.

Approximately **60 languages** are waiting for Bible translation to begin.

These languages represent around **2.3 million** people waiting to meet Jesus!

## Family Focus

Europe is where Bible translation first began back in the 14th century when a man named John Wycliffe decided that people like you and me should be able to read the Bible for ourselves. He translated the Bible from Latin

into English, and as a result, you and I can now read the Bible in a language that speaks to our hearts.

Stop and read the following verses, then discuss what they mean to you and why it's important for everyone to have the Bible! Write below what stuck out to you the most.

**1 John 14:19 • Matthew 28:19-20 • Isaiah 52:7**

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### “Hello” in Romanian:

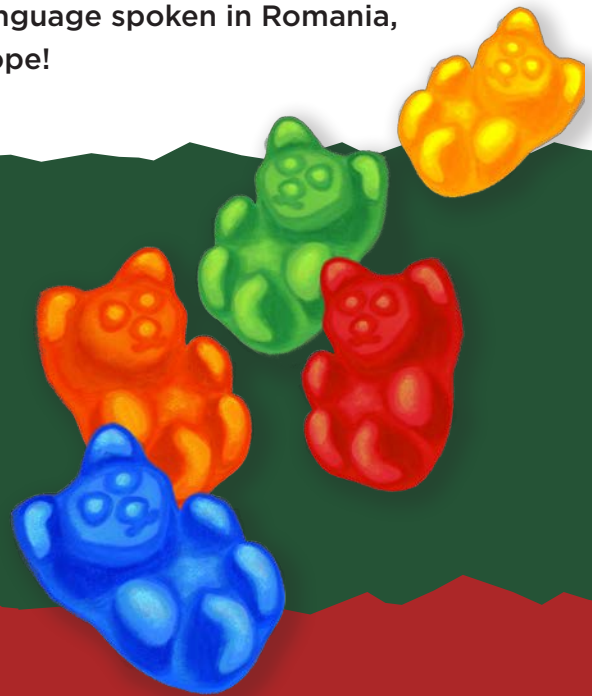
**Salut**

Romanian is a language spoken in Romania, a country in Europe!



### Prayer Point

There are around 60 languages left in Europe that still need the Bible translated. That's really awesome because most languages do have at least part of the Bible! Pray that translation would begin in these languages, and ask God to help people all across Europe to read and engage with the Bible when it's in a language they can understand.



### Fun Facts!

- 🌐 The gummy bear was invented in Germany and was first named “Gummibar.”
- 🌐 The word “Spain” comes from the word Ispania, which means “the land of the rabbits.”
- 🌐 Russia is the biggest country in the world. It's so big that it takes up one-tenth of all the land on the planet, covers 11 different time zones and has coasts on three oceans (the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Arctic)!



# Meet Finn

**Language:**

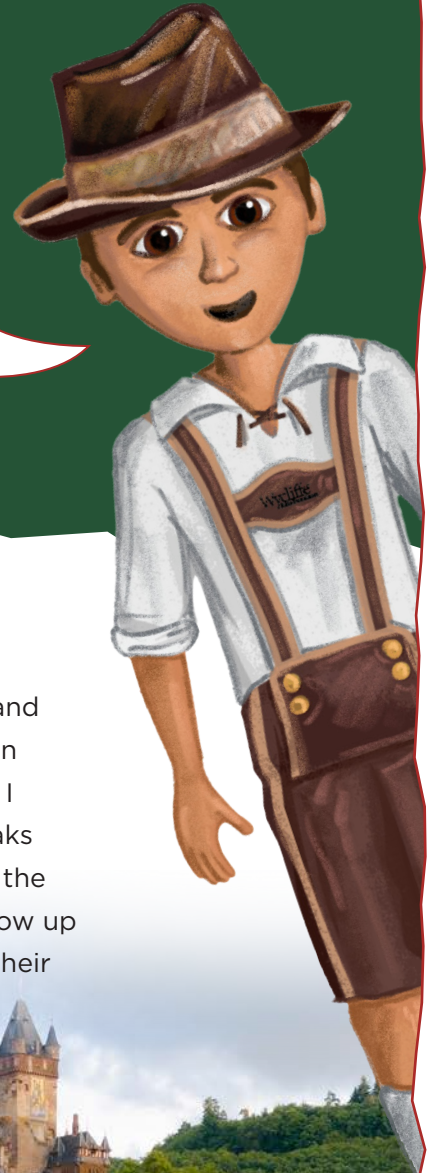
**Swabian**

**Country:**

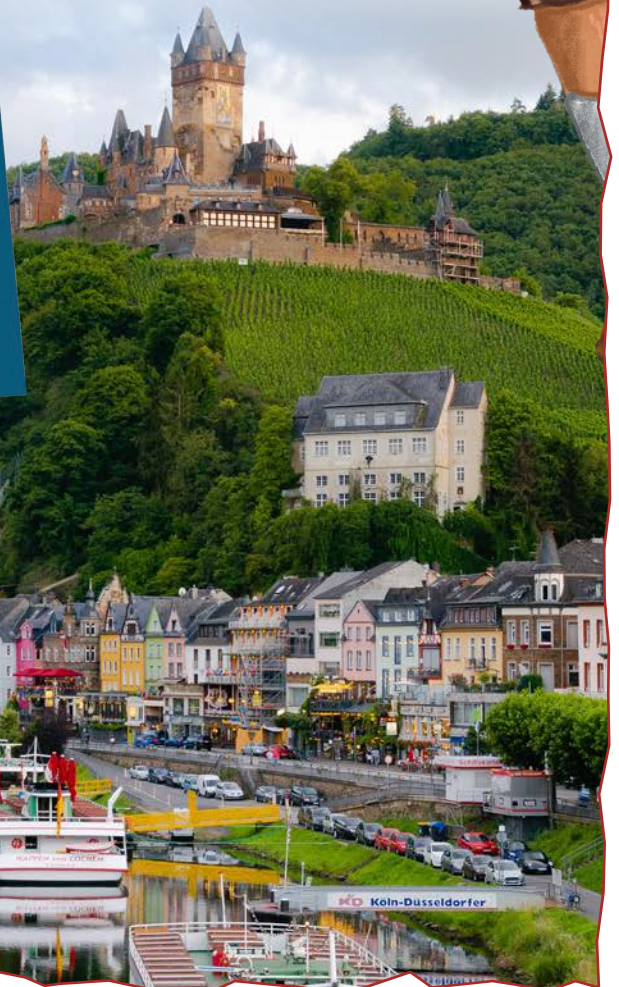
**Germany**



HI, KIDS! MY NAME IS FINN, AND I LIVE IN GERMANY. MY LANGUAGE IS CALLED SWABIAN, AND WE HAVE THE FULL BIBLE!



You might think that most languages in Europe would have the Bible already, and while many do, there are still languages that are waiting. The complete Swabian Bible was finished in 2009 when I was only a small boy. I'm really thankful that I get to grow up with God's Word in my own language. Now everyone who speaks Swabian can learn about God in a way that makes sense to them! When I read the Bible, it's like God is speaking directly to me and that's really cool. I want to grow up to be a missionary so that more and more people can hear the Good News in their language just like I can!



## Prayer Points

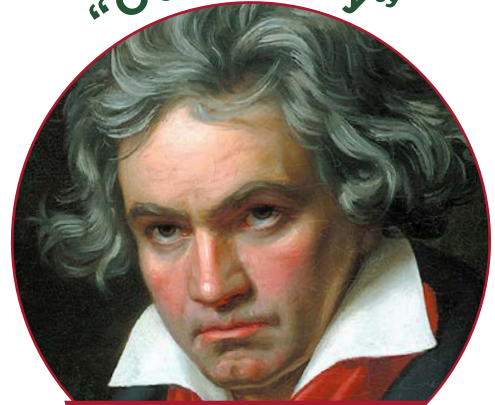
- 🌐 Pray that the Swabian people would read the Bible in their language and understand how much God loves them.
- 🌐 Pray that Swabians would want to help other communities get the Bible too.

# Meet the Famous Musicians of Germany!

Did you know that Germany has been called the “Land of Poets and Thinkers”? Germans are famous in many different kinds of art, with classical music at the top of their list!

Some of Germany’s famous composers include Bach, Brahms, Schumann, Wagner and Beethoven. Have you ever heard of them? If not, your parents or grandparents likely have! Grab a grown up and listen to the following songs on the internet.

“Ode to Joy”



**Beethoven**

“Toccatina and Fugue”



**Bach**

“Cello Sonata No. 1”



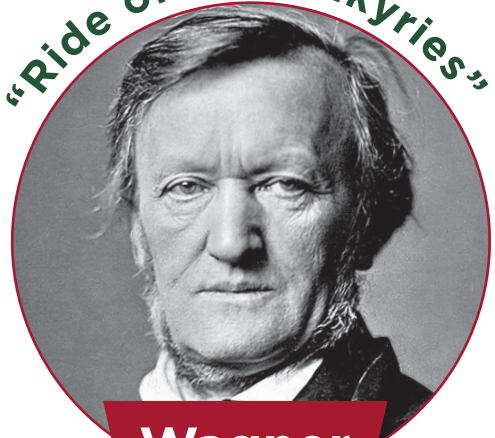
**Schumann**

“Piano Quartet No. 2”



**Brahms**

“Ride of the Valkyries”



**Wagner**



# Meet Sofia

**Language:**  
Estonian Sign Language

**Country:**  
Estonia

HI,  
FRIENDS! MY  
NAME IS SOFIA, AND  
I'M A CODA. CODA  
STANDS FOR "CHILD  
OF DEAF ADULTS." THAT  
MEANS THAT BOTH OF  
MY PARENTS ARE DEAF  
BUT THAT I CAN  
HEAR.



I speak Estonian and also use Estonian Sign Language. Even though you might think they're the same language, they're very different! Sign languages are unique; they're a completely different language than a spoken language.

For many years, the Deaf community in Estonia was forgotten by hearing people. But in 2007, Estonian Sign Language became an independent language, and it's now being used in schools, TV and more. It's really exciting!

But Deaf Estonians still need the Bible. Reading a written language doesn't make sense the same way that Estonian Sign Language does. That's the language Deaf Estonians think in, dream in and pray in, and it's why translation is happening in Estonian Sign Language.



So far the Gospel of Mark is done, and now work is happening in Genesis, the Gospel of Luke and Acts. As more verses get translated, Deaf Estonians just like my parents will be able to understand how much God loves them!

I'm so excited that my parents are beginning to have the Bible in a language that makes sense to them. I hope and pray that they will have more and more of the Bible in Estonian Sign Language so that they can understand all about Jesus in their hearts too.



## Prayer Points

- 🌐 Pray that more Deaf people across the world would meet Jesus through Bible sign language videos.
- 🌐 Pray that Deaf Bible translation teams — like the Estonian Sign Language team — will be able to bring the Bible to life for their communities.

# The Gospel of Mark in Estonian Sign Language

Bible translation is really just beginning in Estonian Sign Language, but you can see what it's like! Visit **deaf.bible** with your family. Look up Estonian Sign Language and play your favorite verse or passage from the Gospel of Mark. As you watch, thank God that Deaf Estonians are beginning to learn about Jesus in their own language, and pray for the many sign languages around the world that still need Bible translation.



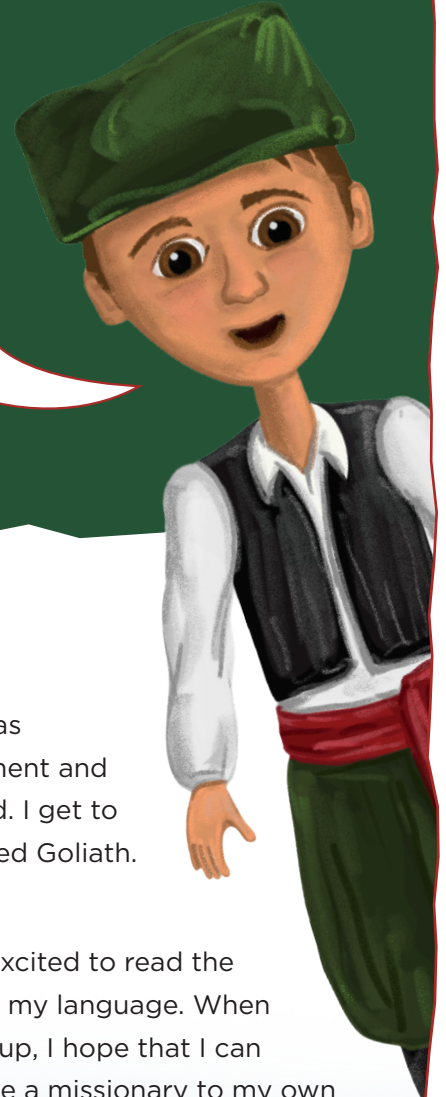
# Meet Luca

**Language:**  
Sinte Romani

**Country:**  
Serbia



HELLO!  
MY NAME IS  
LUCA, AND I SPEAK  
SINTE ROMANI. I LIVE IN  
A COUNTRY CALLED SERBIA,  
BUT PEOPLE WHO SPEAK MY  
LANGUAGE LIVE ALL ACROSS  
EUROPE. WHENEVER THEY  
MOVE TO NEW COUNTRIES,  
THEY TAKE THE LANGUAGE  
WITH THEM.



And guess what? My people now have the whole Bible! In 2021 the full Bible was completed. Thank you, Jesus! Most of my life I've been reading the New Testament and learning all about Jesus. But now, I get to learn about how God made the world. I get to read awesome stories like how Moses parted the Red Sea or how David defeated Goliath. I even get to learn the story of how Jonah was swallowed by a big fish!



I'm so excited to read the Bible in my language. When I grow up, I hope that I can become a missionary to my own people. I'll travel all over and tell people who speak Sinte Somani that Jesus speaks their language too. When they read the Bible in Sinte Romani, they might want to become missionaries too!



## Prayer Points

- 🌐 Pray that people who speak Sinte Romani would learn about Jesus in their own language.
- 🌐 Pray that more people would believe in Jesus and would tell their families, friends and neighbors about his love too.



# Let's Make a Raspberry Cake!

Did you know that Serbia is one the largest raspberry producers in the world? Next time you buy a container of fresh raspberries or a bag of frozen raspberries, take a look at the box to see where they came from.

Raspberries are delicious in many things — jams, sorbets or ice creams, cakes and more. Today, let's make a one-bowl raspberry cake.

## Ingredients

- ✓ 2 cups flour
- ✓ 1 cup sugar
- ✓ 1 ½ cup water
- ✓ ½ cup oil
- ✓ 2 cups fresh or frozen raspberries
- ✓ 1 tsp baking powder

## Here's how you make it

- ✓ Preheat oven to 365°F.
- ✓ Mix all ingredients, except raspberries, together in a bowl.
- ✓ Pour the mix into a greased baking pan.
- ✓ Add the raspberries on top, gently pushing them partly into the batter.
- ✓ Bake for about 40 minutes or until a toothpick in the center comes out clean.
- ✓ Let it cool, then enjoy!

