

True story! This is a true story about a young boy who lived in London over 150 years ago. His name was Tom, but they called him Crippled Tom, because he became ill and soon couldn't walk and had to stay in bed all the time. He lived in a tiny room in the roof of his grandma's house, and could only see a tiny patch of sky through the little window that overlooked the busy street below. Before he became unable to walk, he had one day gone inside a building to shelter from the rain, and found himself in a church service. His heart leapt when he learned about Jesus and His love, and there he gave his heart to Jesus. When he became unable to leave his room, he prayed for a way to continue to serve Jesus. He never saw anyone other than his old Grandma, who didn't want to even feed him, as she knew he was dying! But one day a friend came to visit him and asked him if he could get him anything. Tom said all he wanted was a bible, some paper and a pencil! His young friend was finally able to get these items, and even though he was so weak, Tom



began to copy verses of scripture onto scraps of paper, which he then let fall out of the tiny window. Months passed and he continued to work hard, although he never knew if those passing far below read even ONE of the papers! One day a rich man came up the stairs to meet Tom - he explained that he had been very sad one day as he passed below the window, as his own young son was dying. Suddenly something fell onto his hat - a scripture verse that told him of Jesus love! He found a bible and began to read more of God, and gave his life to Jesus! When he heard of who was writing the verses, he came to offer help to Tom. But Tom refused to move from his room, knowing that soon he would die and go to be forever with Jesus, so he continued to write verses until that time.

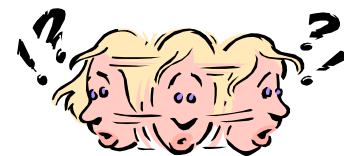
Jesus wants children to love and serve Him too! He can show us ways to serve Him even if we think we are too young or cannot do much. We can tell you several ways you can do YOUR part. Let us hear from you! Til next time, love Shirley.

(Answers: Abbey A; Bobby B; Double Decker D; Kiosk A; Busby B; Big Ben C)
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Do you know which country is known by **FOUR** different names?

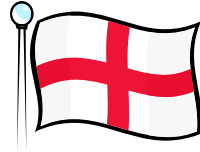


Even many adults are confused about exactly where this country is and why it is known by so many different names! We are talking about **England**. England consists of the majority of a large island off the northwest coast of mainland Europe. The western part of that island was for many years the separate country of **Wales** (still many older people speak the Welsh language, which is totally different from English!) and the two countries together make up **Britain**. The northern part of the island was also a separate country for centuries, and is known as **Scotland**, and when included with England and Wales, makes up **Great Britain**. There is a smaller island (called **Ireland**) to the west of the main one, and the northern part of that island, when included with **Great Britain**, is known as the **United Kingdom!** So people who live in England actually live in four "countries"!

If YOU aren't confused, see if your parents know this!!



The flag of the United Kingdom is actually made up of the flags of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. These are each different crosses on different colored backgrounds. Here is the English flag, a red cross on white, that is called the Cross of St. George:



Now, can you find it in the combined flag, which is called the Union Jack?



The whole of the United Kingdom (or UK) is about the size of the state of Oregon and has a population of about 60 million, making it one of the larger countries in Europe. However,



because it is not part of mainland Europe, the UK has always had a very different history through the centuries, and most British people are not willing to become totally absorbed into Continental Europe's affairs.

The UK has a rich history which has left many reminders that can still be seen all around the country to this day - walls and houses from Roman times (over 2,000 years ago!); castles from 1066, when the Normans, from France, conquered the land; and thousands of well-preserved houses and relics from the past 1,000 years of its fascinating growth and development into a country that once ruled all around the world.



During the past 500 years, there have been several huge revivals around the UK that completely changed the course of history. As people in whole areas of the country repented and turned to God, there were sweeping social

reforms - conditions in prisons and slums (very poor areas) were improved; Sunday school was started to teach children; and hundreds of Christians became missionaries to take the Gospel around the world. The whole country was divided into "parishes" each under the care of a local church and pastor (called a vicar). Laws and the government developed, based on Biblical principles, and these have become the foundation of hundreds of later governments in countries around the world.

But, sadly today, Christianity is not so apparent in England or the UK. This is because it is not enough to just grow up in a Christian family and live in a "Christian" country! Every individual, and every generation, needs a PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST!









Read what happened to the Israelites in Judges 2:7-12

Today in many towns in the UK, there may be 10,000 people but only 5 or 6 churches! In many cities, old church buildings are no longer used for church services - some are used as clubs or as Hindu temples! Some new church groups cannot afford to buy even old buildings to use as churches, they have to rent a school building on Sundays!

British Name Game

See if you can match up each picture with its English name!

A	B	C	ABBEY
			BOBBY
			DOUBLE-DECKER
D	E	F	KIOSK
			BUSBY
			BIG BEN