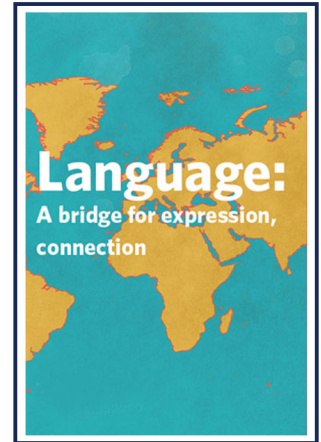


# MANY LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD

Often people don't realize how many languages there are in the world. Even within a single country, there can be multiple languages, both indigenous and those brought by people who emigrated there. This activity helps students appreciate that wealth of languages.



## SUGGESTED USE

This could either be used as a rainy-day activity or could be a short, fun exercise at the end of a language arts lesson. Show the students each country on a map or globe and get volunteers to take turns trying to say the names of the different languages. A good question for discussion is, "Why do you think different languages developed in the same parts of the world?" (Distance, isolation, immigration, war and colonization are some but not all of the reasons.)

## Prayer

*Wondrous Holy Spirit, on Pentecost you gave those who heard the Apostles the ability to understand them despite their different languages. Help us to understand others with our hearts even when we can't understand their words. Teach us to be patient, kind and respectful as we listen to those who speak differently from us. Grant this, we pray. Amen.*