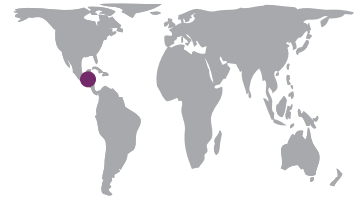


for children

hello

GUATEMALA

How do you say hello in Tz'utujil (an Indigenous language)?



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(Say "OOTZ ah-watch")

My name is Justo Antonio de León de la Cruz.

Age: 9

Lives in: Chukmuk, Guatemala

I live near a big lake, Lake Atitlán, and I can see two volcanoes from my house. Someday I would like to travel across the lake to towns on the other side.

I live with my three sisters and my mom. My father died when I was young. I help my mother by feeding the chickens and pigeons. My mother taught me how to sew a star with beads for a keychain.

I'm in Grade 2. After school I go to tutoring (supported by MCC), where teachers show me how to do my homework. I learn computers and math there and read books.

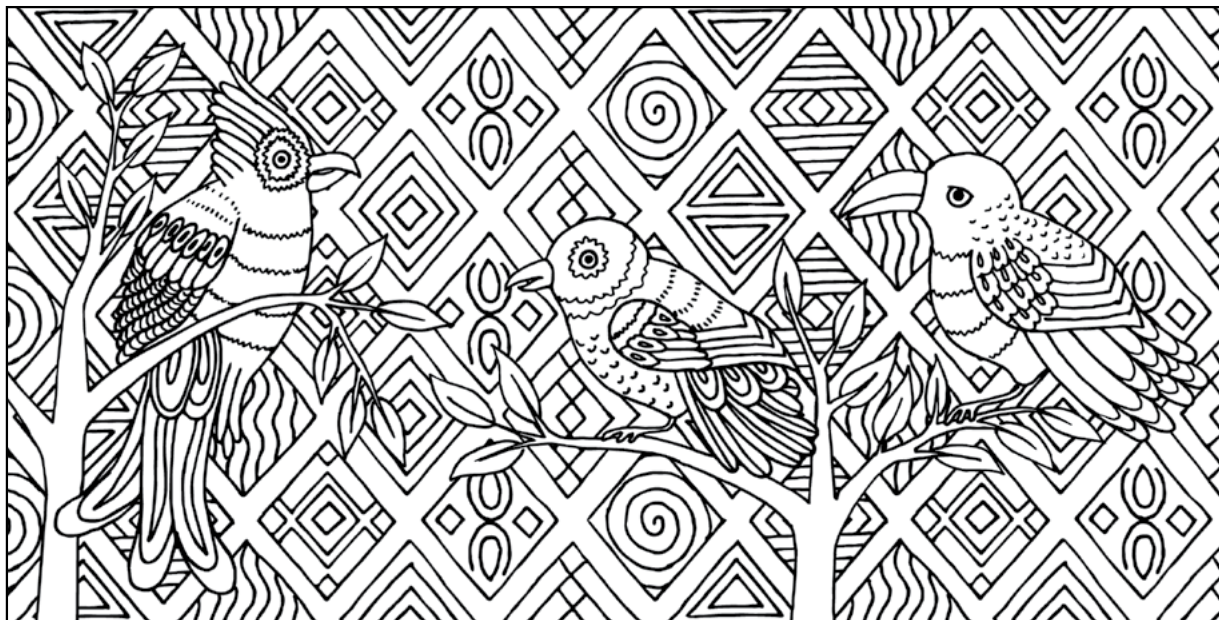
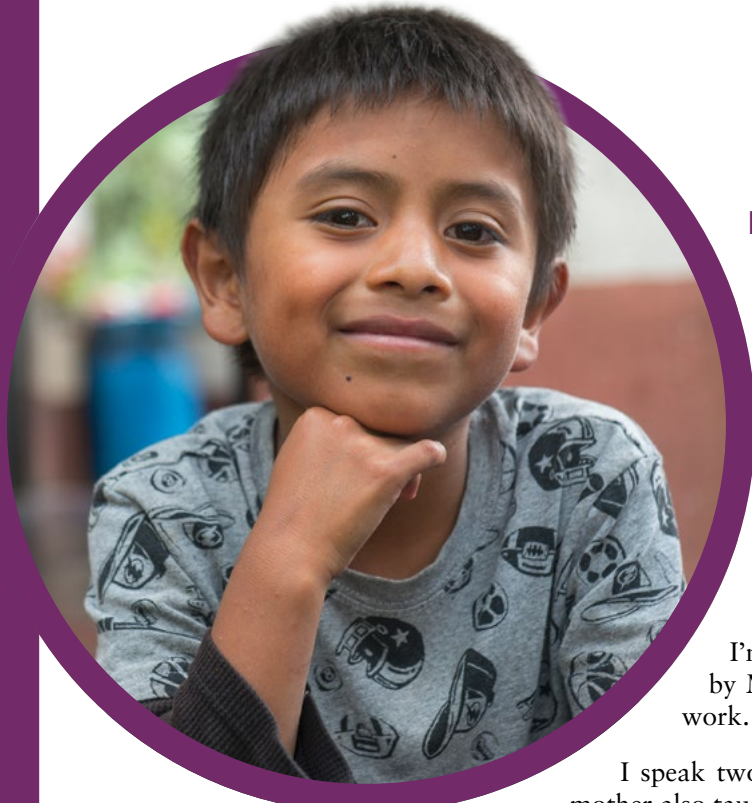
I speak two languages. We speak Tz'utujil (sue-to-heel) and my mother also taught me Spanish.

My favourite food: chicken

My favourite subject: math

What I want to be: lawyer

When I am not studying or doing chores, I like to play soccer with the kids at school, and I go to church in the city of Santiago Atitlán. I pray every night when I go to bed.



◀ In Guatemala, brightly coloured birds and designs often are sewn onto bags, clothing and other items. Choose colours to make your own design.

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