

Before the Story:

Say: We've been learning about CBF field personnel Matt and Michelle Norman in Spain. The Normans are sharing God's love through their actions. This photo shows Matt grilling some food with friends. (Show picture.)

Share the Story:

Good News for All

Liam's mom and dad cooked an awesome dinner. Liam sat down at the table and put a huge spoonful of noodles on his plate. He sniffed. The food smelled so good! Liam put his hands together while his little sister said the prayer. "Amen!" he shouted and took a big bite. "Yum!" Liam loved to eat dinner with his family. They talked about their days and ate delicious food. "Let's do highs and lows!" Liam's sister said. In Liam's family, they took turns telling about the best and hardest parts of the day. They called it "highs and lows." Liam wanted to go first.

Liam said his high and low were about the same thing. Liam said his high, the best part of his day, was having a new friend in his class. "Her seat is close to mine. I'm so glad to have a new friend in the class!" He thought about how fun it was to have a new friend in class. He hoped she would play with him at recess the next day. "Then, what is your low, Liam?" his mom asked. "I can't talk to her! She only speaks Spanish, and I don't know enough Spanish words!" Liam's dad said, "Liam, that's really cool that you have a new friend who speaks a different language! It's hard to start going to a new school, especially when you don't speak the same language. You are a good friend, and I know you will be kind to her and help her get used to your school." Liam smiled and nodded. He started thinking about some ways he could help his new friend.

Liam's mom said, "Let's learn a few Spanish words, so you can help her feel more welcome tomorrow." Liam thought that was a great idea! When he finished eating dinner, Liam helped put the dishes in the sink. Then, his mom got out a new book. The book had some words he didn't recognize. The book was in English and Spanish! Liam and his mom read the book together. Liam learned how to say a few new words, "¡Hola! Buenos días!" [oh lah! Bwe naws thee ahs] "Hello! Good morning!" Liam practiced saying the Spanish words as he went to bed. He was excited to greet his new friend in the morning!

After the Story:

- Ask:** What happened in this story? What would you do if you were Liam? How would you feel if you were the new kid in the class? How do you think she felt when Liam spoke to her in Spanish?
- Liam shared God's love by being kind to his new friend. How can you share God's love?
- Pray:** Thank you, God, for new friends. Help us think of ways to share God's love with everyone that we meet.



Learning Activity:

Learn Spanish Words

Items needed: assortment of coffees and teas; zip-top bags; coffee cups and saucers; spoons; hot chocolate

- Ask:** What language do we speak? Do you know words in another language?
- Say:** In Spain, the people speak a variety of languages. Matt and Michelle's son Aaron goes to a school where classes are taught in Spanish, Catalan, and English.
- Say:** Let's practice saying some words in Spanish.
- Pronounce each of the words in both English and Spanish.

Friend	Amigo
Church	Iglesia
God	Dios
Bible	Biblia

Meet the Field Personnel:



Matt and Michelle Norman are CBF field personnel in Barcelona, Spain, where they train churches and pastors, host Bible studies, and partner with local organizations to address community needs.