



Section	Scouts	Last Updated	25 June 2012
Theme / Month		Length of Activity	Up to 40 mins
Programme Zone	Global		
Title	Country chain		
Summary	Scouts get to practise country names and to learn that SOS Children cares for orphaned and abandoned children in some unexpected places they may never have heard of.		
Details	<p><u>Resources and preparation:</u> 3 sets of country name cards (supplied), 1 e one country name card for every scout participating.</p> <p>Divide Scouts into groups of 8. A maximum of 3 groups (1 e maximum participation is 24 Scouts) can take part.</p> <p><u>Activity:</u> Tell Scouts that they will receive a card with the name of a country on. They must not show it to anyone but read the card quietly and memorise the country.</p> <p>Hand out the cards and then collect them again when each Scout has memorised their card. Help with pronunciation if necessary.</p> <p>Tell Scouts that they will now represent the country they have memorised. On 'go', each group must form a line where the last letter of each country is the first of the next one. When they are finished, tell them so sit down so it is clear which group finishes first.</p> <p>If you like, repeat the game three times letting each group try each set of cards.</p> <p>Optional: see how many countries the Scouts can place on the right continent.</p> <p>Highlight that SOS Children runs SOS Children's Villages for children who have nobody to look after them in all the countries on the cards. If you like, stimulate a discussion around why it may be that parents have nobody to look after them in those countries.</p>		



Possible answers include:

For countries in Sub-Saharan Africa: disease, poverty, war

For countries in Europe: parental alcohol/drug misuse, poor mental health

Key

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
1	Albania	Haiti	Zimbabwe
2	Azerbaijan	Israel	Egypt
3	Nepal	Luxembourg	Thailand
4	Lebanon	Guinea Bissau	Dominican Republic
5	Niger	Ukraine	Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
6	Russia	El Salvador	Ecuador
7	Algeria	Rwanda	Romania
8	Angola	Armenia	Argentina