

THE AMERICAS

Chile: Corre, Corre la Guaraca (5 or more players)

The fun-to-say game name translates as 'Run, Run, la Guraca.' La Guaraca is a thick string used to spin a wooden top toy.

How to play: Players sit in a circle while a selected child runs around the outer rim with a hankerchief. The seated players are not allowed to watch the runner. Instead they sing 'Corre, Corre, la Guaraca, don't look round or you'll be bopped on the head!'

Trying not be noticed, the runner must drop the hankerchief on a player's back as they run past. If he makes it around the circle before the player realises the hankerchief is on their back, the seated player is out.

If the seated player catches on, they must tig the runner. If they succeed, the runner is out. If they fail to tig them, they play again, but this time, player two is the runner.

"Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people."

St Paul's letter to Philemon 1:7

Brazil: Luta de Galo (2 players)

Luta de Galo is Portuguese for 'fight the roosters.' For this game you will need a hankerchief or a cloth. Imitation rooster crowing and movements are fun additions to the game too.

How to play: Each player will need a hankerchief or a piece of cloth tucked into a pocket or a waistband with enough of it hanging out so the other person can grab it.

Both players need to cross their right arm across their chest since they are not allowed to use it. Then, hoping on one leg, each player must try to capture the hankerchief from their opponent using only their left hand.

If the child puts the other leg down or unfolds their right arm they are disqualified.

Our prayer for Americas

Let us pray for the people of the Americas and missionaries who deliver God's love there.

May we all be inspired by the Holy Spirit to find new ways to help others; showing the world that, as children of God, we are all brothers and sisters.

Amen.



Projects we support in the Americas

Thanks to financial contributions given to Missio Scotland by Scottish Catholics, we were able to support a feeding programme for disabled children in the Sicuani Prelature in Southern Peru!