

Valentina's Story

Colombia

In a house church in the western part of Bogotá, Colombia, you'll find a six-year-old girl named Valentina. Though she lives primarily with her parents and two-year-old sister, her grandma cares for her and her sister when her parents are working. Every two weeks she stays with her aunt, who takes them to church. She explains, "I like my home because my sister and I enjoy living there with my parents, but I love when I visit my aunt because she takes us to church, and we learn a lot about the love of God there."

As far back as Valentina's memory goes, she remembers her aunt taking her to church. She says, "I have many friends there, and together we study the Bible. Right now, I'm studying the first booklet of the *Project Philip* Bible study for children. My teacher taught us that we are all God's creation, and it doesn't matter how we look because He loves us as we are. After all, He created us!"

Not only are the children learning about God's love for them, they are seeing the need for their parents to know Christ as well. Valentina notes, "I know that God sent His Son to die for my sins, and I have accepted Him in my heart. Now, I want Him to guide my life. I pray for my parents to get to know the Lord and for them to go to the church with me."



Questions:

How is Valentina's life different than yours? _____

Do you go to church with your parents or with someone else? Who in your family goes to church?

How has studying the Bible helped Valentina? _____
