

*In memory of my grandmothers,
Joanne Evans and Donna Wheatley,
who followed Jesus to the end and
prayed that I would do the same.*

*UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA*

*Become a birdwatcher by
finding eight varieties of
birds hidden in this story!
Turn to page 32 to identify
the birds you spot.*

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For more on the life and legacy of Elisabeth Elliot, visit elisabethelliott.org.



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Hello from Ecuador!


I'm Mintaka, and I'm going to tell you about a woman named Elisabeth Elliot who came from far away to live here in the jungle. Elisabeth expected God to give her hard things to do for Him. And He sure did!

GUAYAQUIL,
ECUADOR



Before Elisabeth was a year old, her family moved back to the United States, and eventually she had four brothers and a sister! Her large family lived in a house they named “Birdsong.”



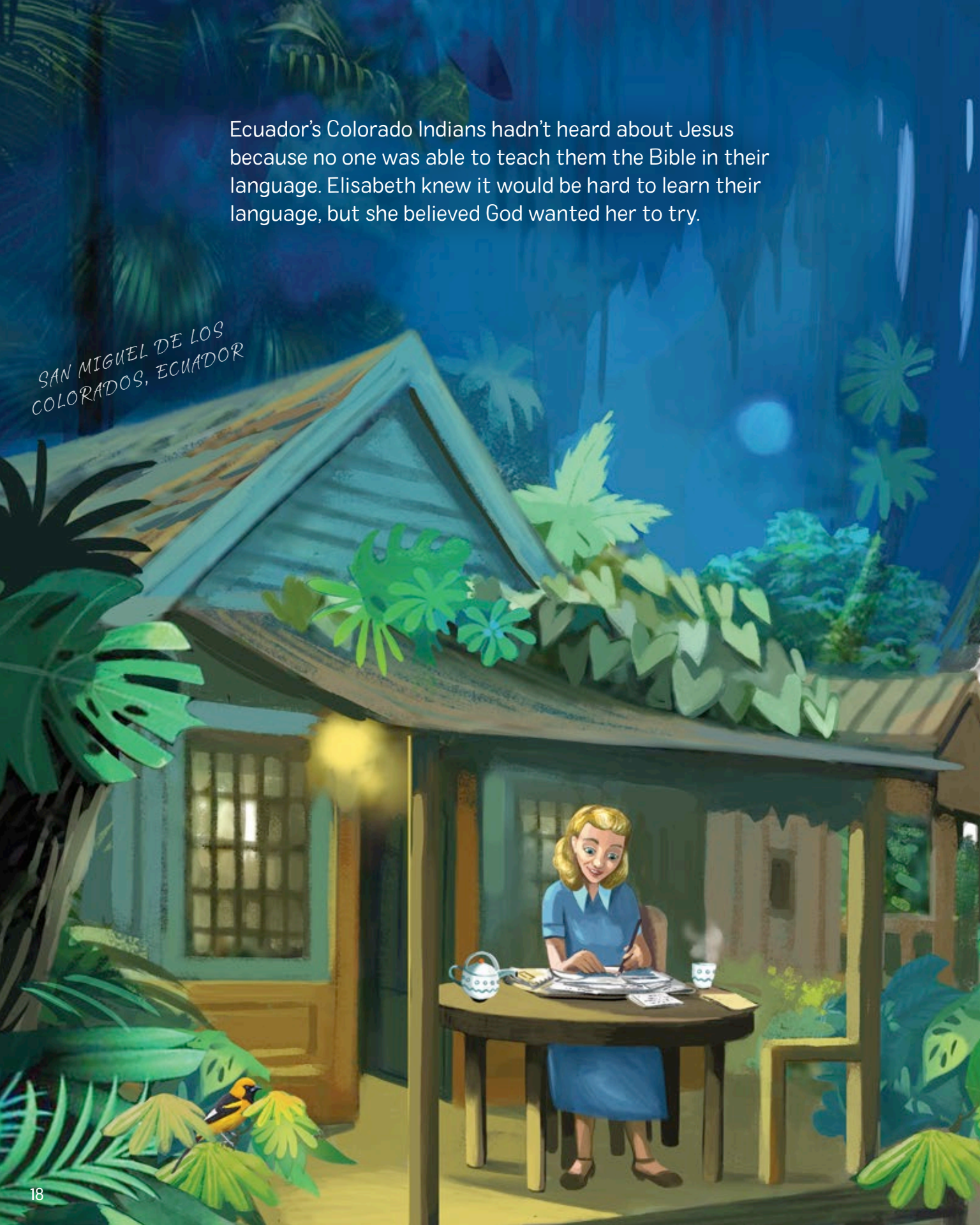


Elisabeth's father enjoyed birds and taught his children about them. Walking through the woods with her dad, Elisabeth learned to notice God's world around her and to listen carefully to sounds she heard.

Elisabeth's father assigned each of his children a bird call. Hers was the song of the Eastern wood pewee. When her dad wanted her attention, he'd whistle pe-a-wee.

Ecuador's Colorado Indians hadn't heard about Jesus because no one was able to teach them the Bible in their language. Elisabeth knew it would be hard to learn their language, but she believed God wanted her to try.

SAN MIGUEL DE LOS
COLORADOS, ECUADOR





She listened to the Colorado people and took notes. After almost a year of work, she packed her language notes into her suitcase and left it with a missionary friend.

While she was away on a trip, Elisabeth received a letter saying that the suitcase had been stolen—everything she had written was lost! If the Colorado Indians were going to hear about Jesus, someone would have to start from the beginning.



To get to where the Colorado people lived, Elisabeth had to ride through the jungle in the back of a pickup truck for a whole day and then on the back of a horse for another day!