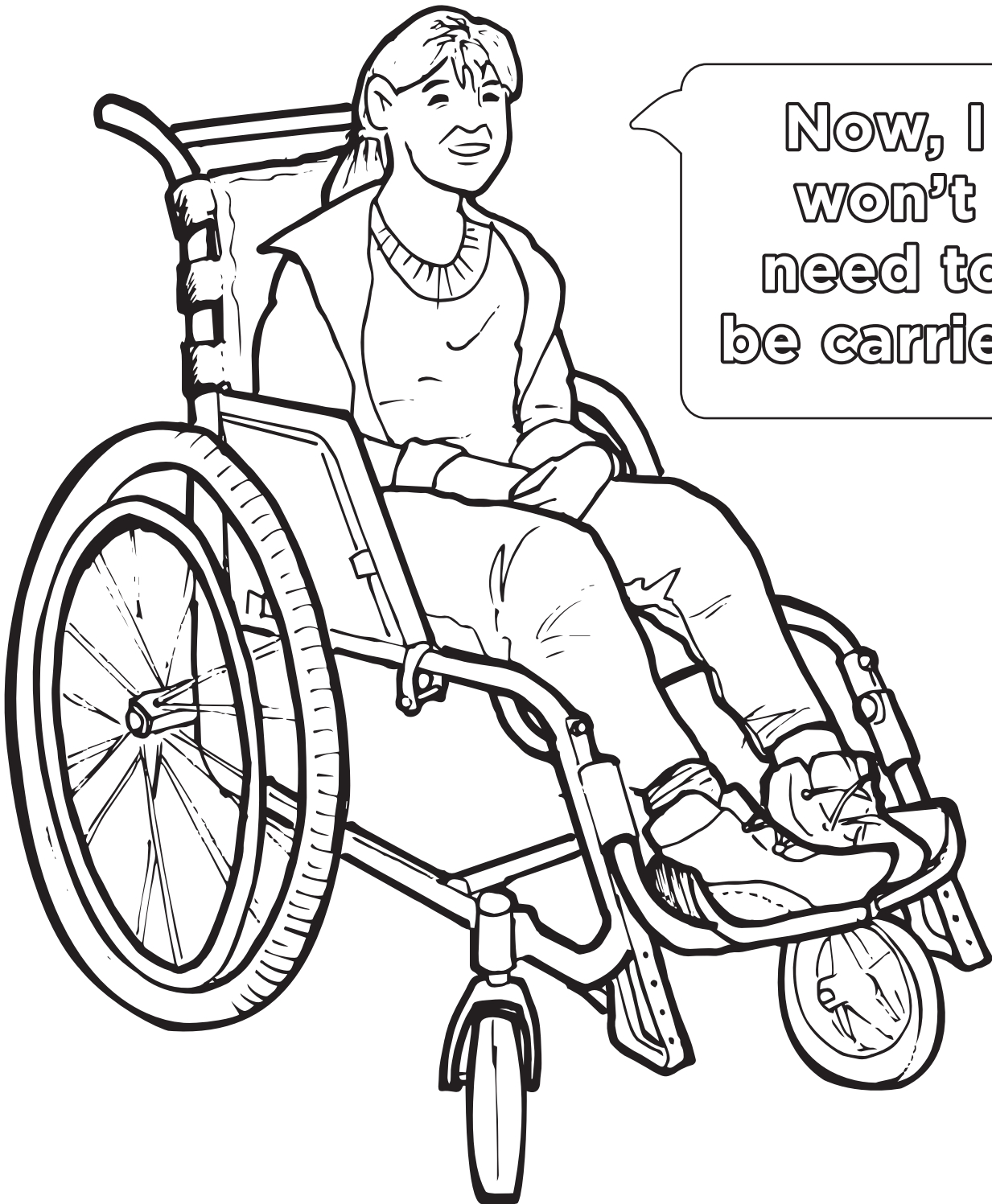
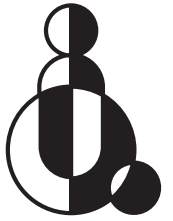


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# Where in the world is Peru?

## Peru is a mountainous, forested country on the continent of South America.

It has an area of 496,224 square miles, making it slightly larger than the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi combined!

Peru is bound by the countries of Ecuador and Columbia in the north, Brazil in the east, Bolivia in the southeast, and Chile in the south. Peru's western coast runs along the Pacific Ocean.

### Now that we know a bit more about the land, let's learn more about the people:

- There are **32.5 million people** who call Peru their home.
- If you lived in Peru, you would eat a lot of **potatoes**. Its national dish is **ceviche**, a cold dish with fish marinated in lime juice, onion, salt, and hot chili peppers.
- If you went to church in Peru, you would most likely go to a **Catholic Mass**.
- To talk to your friends in Peru, you would speak **Spanish**.
- To greet someone in Spanish you would say, "**Hola**" (*pronounced OLA—the H is silent*).

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

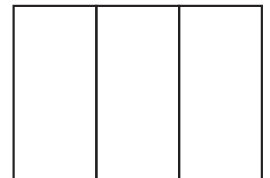
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### Just the facts:

**Population**  
32.5 million

**Language**  
Spanish

**Religion**  
72.9% Roman Catholic  
17.4 % Protestant  
9.7% Other or none



National Flag  
of Peru



Peruvian Alpaca



### Did you know:

About three out of four Peruvians who live with disabilities do not earn any money.