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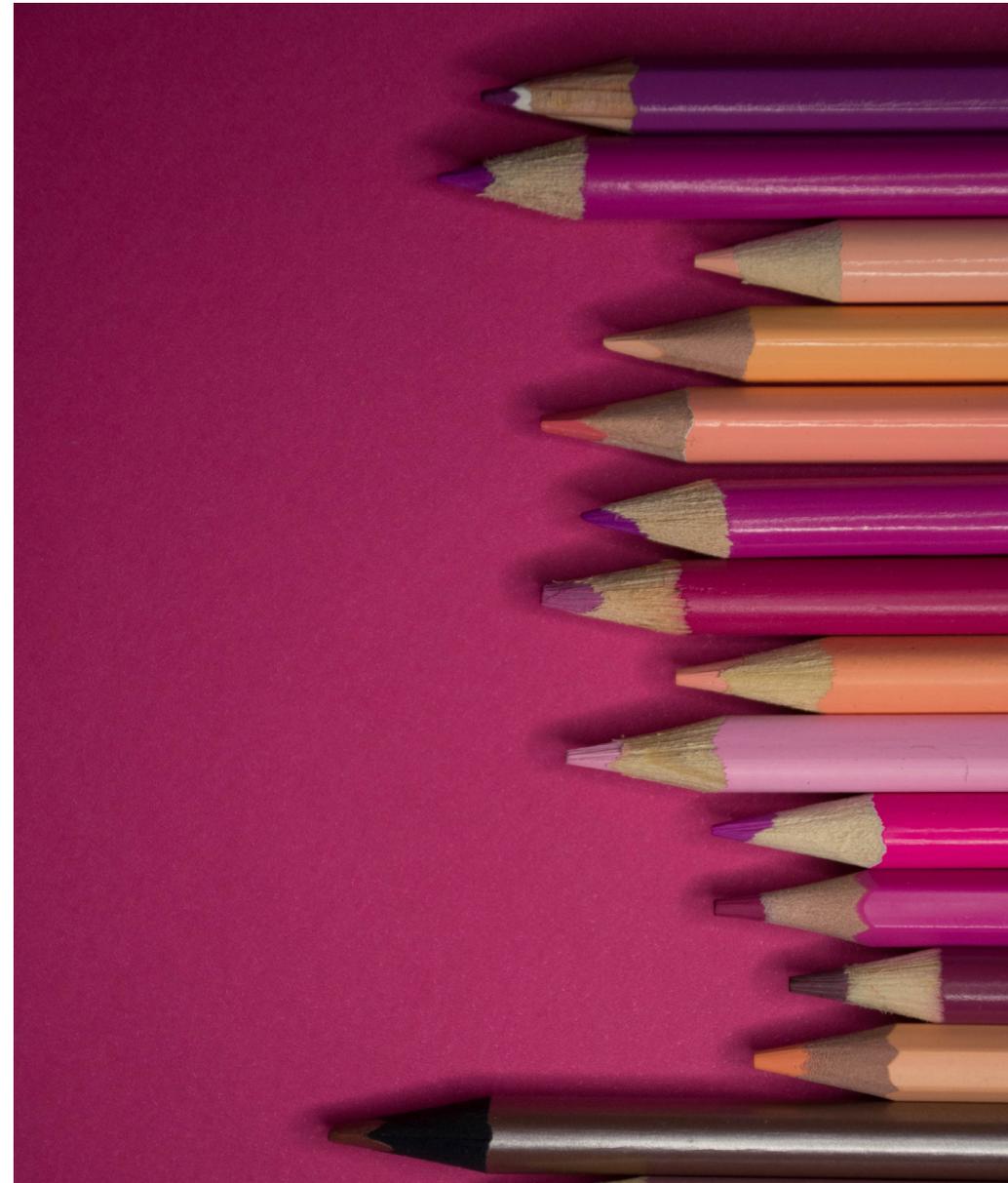
CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM

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WHY WE DO MISSIONS...

In a sermon entitled, “Our Trust,” A.B. Simpson articulated in simple yet powerful terms, God’s specific call to The Christian and Missionary Alliance. One of the defining markers of this movement was our commitment to go to the most difficult places of the world to reach the most neglected.

Simpson declared, “This movement stands for a commitment to reach the most neglected fields, to avoid the beaten tracks of other labourers, to press on to the regions beyond and instead of building upon another man’s foundation, to preach the Gospel where Christ has not been named.”

Today that passion still beats in our hearts. Whether to the nations of the Muslim world or the most neglected in our own neighbourhoods, we are called to be a fearless people on mission with an unstoppable God! Simpson’s desire to “give Jesus speedily to a lost world” inspires our imagination and innovation as a mission-focused movement.

This is our DNA as an Alliance movement. Simpson stated it this way, “This movement stands for a spirit of self-sacrifice, adjustment, adaptation and single-hearted love for people. We are called to a spirit so possessed with one supreme object to gain men and women for Christ that it sweeps over every other consideration in its over-mastering purpose of love.”

My prayer is that you will be captivated once again with a “single-hearted love for people” that will compel you to risk it all for a needy world.

Dave Hearn, President

CARIBBEAN SUN

Estimate Least Reached Population : 15.9 million

Engaged Least Reached People Groups: 10



WHERE IS THE CARIBBEAN SUN?

The Caribbean Sun is also called Latin America. On the map, it includes Mexico and all the countries towards the south. This region has rain forests, deserts, mountains and beaches. The two main languages spoken are Spanish and Portuguese. International workers are living in Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, and some Caribbean islands.

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

The main religion in Latin America is Roman Catholicism. However, many people mix their Catholic beliefs with practices from their indigenous traditions. There are some people in the region who say they have no religion at all. The number of people who follow Jesus is growing in Latin America.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THEM?

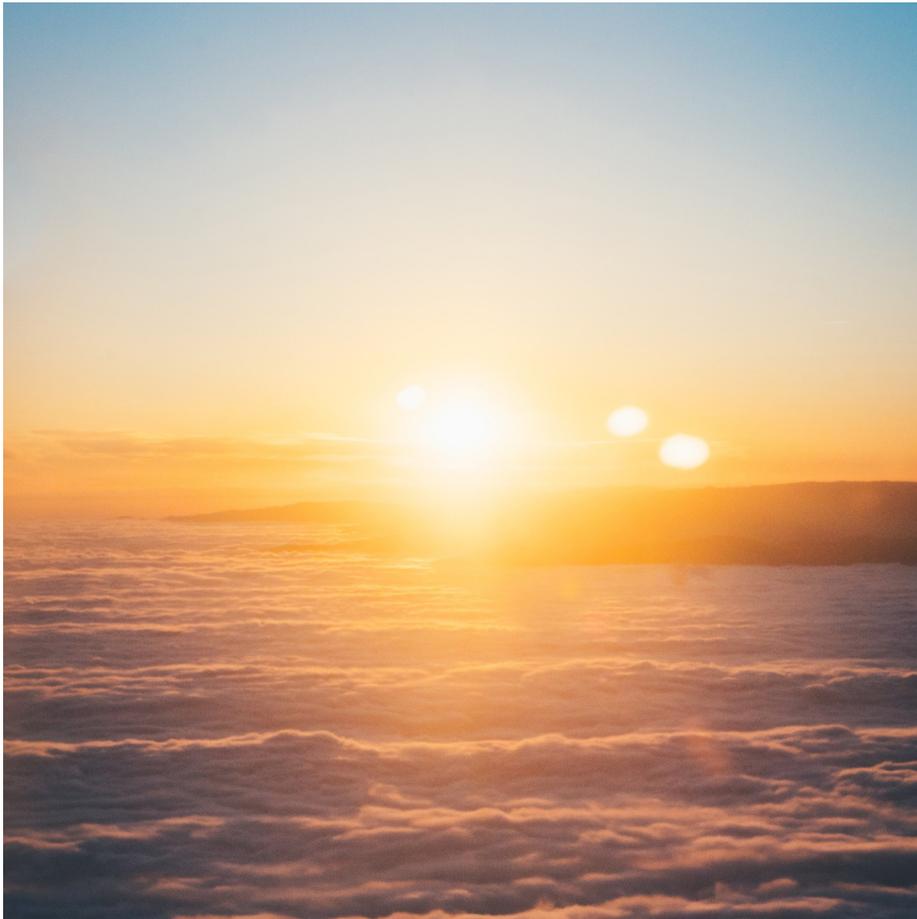
Latin America has a large variety of foods and flavours. Some common foods are tortillas, tamales, pupusas, empanadas, rice, beans, and meat, eaten with different salsas and spices.

People in Latin America love to celebrate. Their fiestas are filled with singing, dancing, fireworks, food, and drinks. A child's birthday party in Mexico usually has a piñata filled with candy. Each country celebrates special holidays with colorful costumes and unique traditions.

The most popular sport is soccer (called football). In Venezuela and the Caribbean islands, people prefer to play baseball. Basketball and volleyball are also played.

Modern Latin clothing is typically colorful, using colors like red, orange, yellow and bright blue. People love to dress elegantly. In many countries, people who live in the rural areas continue to wear their traditional costumes made with bright colors and embroidery.

WHAT ARE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DOING IN THE CARIBBEAN SUN?



Most of the Caribbean Sun international workers live in large cities that are filled with traffic, noise and violence. They build friendships with the people around them and introduce them to Jesus. Some IWs start projects to show the love of Jesus to people who are poor or neglected. Each international worker prays and looks for ways to share the love of Jesus with groups of people who have never heard about Jesus. International workers are also helping to train and prepare Latin American Christians to become international workers in other parts of the world.



HOW CAN WE PRAY?

Pray that God will lead people who need Jesus into the path of the IWs who live in the huge cities in the Caribbean Sun.

Pray that the IWs will discover creative and practical ways to serve those people.

Pray for the groups of people in the region who have never heard about Jesus. Pray that IWs will discover how to be involved with those groups and also know how to help Latin Americans to reach these groups of people.

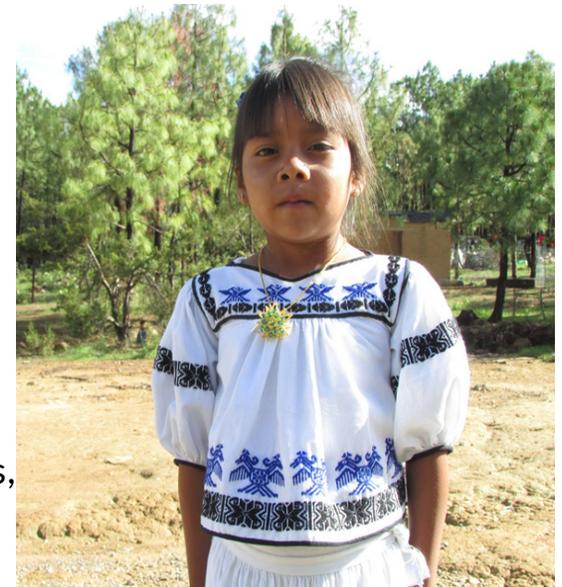
Pray for the many children, teens and university students in Latin America. Pray that they will discover that Jesus is the only answer to a joyful and meaningful life. Pray that they will be hungry to know Jesus.

STORY OF A CHILD

Yucaima is a young girl who belongs to the Huichol people in Mexico. They live in the mountains in small villages far away from other towns or cities. Yucaima and her cousins are used to walking and running long distances. Her older cousins who are allowed to study run two hours to school in the morning and then two hours in the evening to get to a small high school for learning.

The Huichol people eat tortillas as the staple of their diet. Because the corn they grow is pink, purple and blue the tortillas are very pretty and unique colors. Yucaima and her siblings pick the corn and then churn it through a mill so that they can work it into a dough to cook over the open fire. They also eat eggs and beans.

Yucaima's mom and aunts do beadwork and make bracelets, necklaces, and wall-hangings which they sell when they travel to big cities. They always include the important animals from the community in their designs, like the jaguar, the armadillo, and the deer.



Yucaima heard about Jesus when a schoolteacher visited her community and taught her how to read and write over candlelight at nighttime. She learned how to read through the book of John. The people in Yucaima's town do not believe in Jesus and do not want their people learning about his stories. Yucaima was so excited to learn that Jesus is God and that He came to tell all people that He loves them. In her community the people believe that sometimes a blue deer will come in dreams to the older men as a messenger of their gods' words. They do not know when he will come, and the messages are not filled with love. Yucaima felt so much peace when she learned that Jesus loves her!

Yucaima does not go to church or Sunday school because there is no church in her community. The schoolteacher who originally told her about Jesus was only there for a few months and she no longer hears from her. Pray that Yucaima, her cousins and all her community would know how much Jesus loves them. Pray that they would grow in His Word and that they would be able to meet together as the church in the future Christians to become international workers in other parts of the world. Pray that these new workers will become well-prepared and understand how to live in another culture.

Pray for the many children, teens and university students in Latin America. Pray that they will discover that Jesus is the only answer to a joyful and meaningful life. Pray that they will be hungry to know Jesus.

ACTIVITY SECTION

Balero Craft

What is a balero?

A balero is a children's game from Mexico. It consists of a ball on a string and a cup. The object of the game is to swing the ball into the air and catch it with the cup. Traditional baleros are made of wood and are very colorful. Read more about baleros at ConnectingCultures.us

Supplies: Pencils, Dixie cups, large wooden beads (with holes), glue, string, markers

How to make a balero:

Start by cutting a hole in the bottom of a Dixie cup. The hole should be large enough for a pencil to fit through, but it should be a tight fit.



Next cut a one foot piece of string and tie one end to the eraser on the pencil. Knot the string so it is secured tightly. Then, hold the string close to the pencil, and stick the eraser end of the pencil and the string through the hole in the bottom of the cup. Push it through until the eraser is about halfway up the cup.

The string should be hanging out the bottom of the cup. Tie a bead to the end of the string. You now have a functional balero.

Decorate with markers, stickers, and any other items you may have on hand. Remember traditional baleros are very colorful.

How to use a balero

Hold the pencil in one hand, with the bead hanging down swing the string and try to catch the ead in the cup. See how many times in a row you can catch the bead it the cup!

Maracas Craft

What are maracas?

Maracas is Spanish for rattles. Traditional maracas are made from hollow gourds filled with seeds, beans, or sand and mounted on wooden handles. Maracas are often used when making music by shaking them.

Maracas Supplies: Plastic Spoons (colourful spoons can be fun), plastic eggs, rice/beans, washi tape (regular tape works too).

Instructions:

1. Pour rice into an empty plastic egg and close the egg.
2. Tape around the seam of the egg.
3. Place the egg between the heads of two plastic spoons, and wrap tape around it to hold the spoons in place.
4. Tape the handles of the two spoons to hold them together.
5. Shake your homemade maraca!



"La Estatua de Marfil" or "The Ivory Statue" Game

Supplies: CD player or use your own voices

Instructions: Everyone stands in a circle holding hands (they sing a song but you can play a song or sing a song of your choosing) when the song stops then everyone has to make a statue. The person who moves first is out. Then start again, until you have a winner!

Video reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2cmLhOf1Wc>



DESERT SAND

Estimate Least Reached Population : 95.5 million

Engaged Least Reached People Groups: 12



WHERE IS THE DESERT SAND?

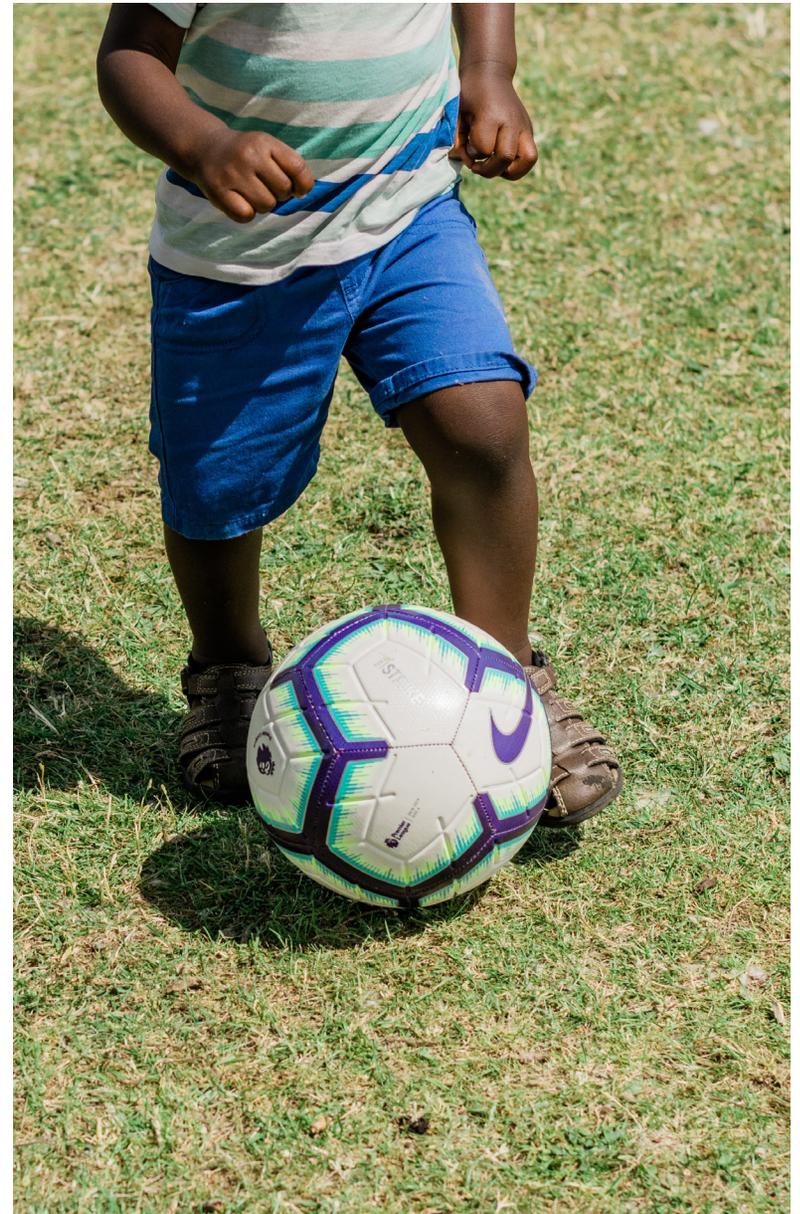
The Desert Sand region covers the continent of Africa. There are 54 countries in Africa, and we have international workers in West and North Africa. The Sahara Desert covers a space bigger than the United States but there are also some areas of green tropical places with palm trees and forests.

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

Most of the least-reached people in the Desert Sand region are Muslim and pray to Allah 5 times a day. Other people worship spirits that they believe are all around them. They work very hard to do good things and not to make the spirits angry so that their good actions will be more than their bad actions. Then maybe the spirits will be happy with them.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THEM?

Africa is a very large continent and the way people live and the things that are important to them is very different from one place to the next. It is sad that in many places children are not always given many opportunities like education so when there is a chance for them to go to school this is very important for them. In many places soccer, or football as they call it here, is a favourite sport. Girls will help their moms with cooking and boys will help with fishing or sometimes gardens. Favourite foods are rice with different kinds of sauces, sometimes with fish and something similar to spinach. The girls will often wear dresses and the boys wear shorts and t-shirts although at school they often wear uniforms.



WHAT ARE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DOING IN THE DESERT SAND?



International workers (IWs) have many ways to help children and families to share the love of Jesus. Nurses and doctors help them when they are sick. IWs tell Bible stories to the children and adults in their language. Sometimes they help the moms and dads to find ways to start a small business to earn money for their family. And when there is no harvest because of lack of rain there are times IWs will give them rice and oil and other food so the families can eat. People need to both hear and see the love of Jesus so they will want to follow Him.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

Pray for the children who have to work very hard both at home and for their school lessons.

Pray for IWs to show and tell children and adults how they can know that Jesus loves them.

Pray for God to protect children as they often live in very poor situations where their parents cannot care as well for them as they would like to.

Pray for courage for children, young people, and adults who decide to follow Jesus because sometimes their family and friends are angry that they are now Christians.

Pray for IWs to be creative and know the best way to tell people about Jesus. Pray that God would make the people curious and want to know about Jesus who wants to give them His love and joy and peace.



STORY OF A CHILD

Ahmed is a Tuareg boy who lives in the desert city of Niamey. There are two seasons: the hot season and the cool season. The air is always very dry, and it only rains in July/August. There is very little water in the desert. The city of Niamey is close to the Niger river—which is very good for Ahmed and his family.

During the cool season, it is often very windy, and there is a lot of sand and dust in the air. People have to stay inside their houses when sandstorms come and if they don't close their "windows" they would have to shovel out lots of sand that comes with the storm. The Tuareg men wear turbans to keep the sand out of their hair and face.

Life in the desert is very hard. Ahmed's father had to move his family into the big city because he could not grow anything there, so there was not much food. In the old days, Ahmed's relatives were rich traders. They used camels to carry goods like salt, dates, and tea from North Africa to West Africa. They would then travel from West Africa back to North Africa with sugar and Kola nuts. But nowadays there are new roads, big trucks, and planes. A truck can carry more goods than a camel.

Ahmed's family does not cross the desert anymore. They now live in the city. But they are poor, and Ahmed

lives in a grass hut like they did in the desert. His daddy is lucky; he has a job as a guard, so Ahmed has enough food to eat. Many Tuareg people find it very hard to find jobs in the city because they have never been to school. Ahmed is going to school and learning how to read and write so that he can find a better job when he is older.

The international workers here have started a program called “Brighter Future” to help Tuareg students go to school whose parents do not have jobs. They help them buy their school supplies and uniforms. They also pay for tutors to help them with their lessons. Will you pray that many Tuareg children will learn to read and be able to read a Bible and hear about Jesus. Pray that they will learn to love Jesus.

STORY OF A CHILD

Mamata is a young girl born in a village in Niger called Tondociere (tonne-doe-chi-ray) – the meaning of her village name is: “below the mountains,” for the huts of her family are built in-between some rocky hills.

Mamata is a girl who brought joy to her family – because she was born to her parents after her mother had been barren for 23 years! Just like Hannah in the Bible, her mother, Zongo, longed to have a child but none was born ...and then when finally, Mamata was born, her mother and father smiled in joy for all to see!

When International Worker, Kristi, visited the family following Mamata’s birth, Zongo asked her to pray for her daughter – to pray that: Mamata would be healthy and live, that Mamata could go to school, and that Mamata would become a doctor.

The first prayer request was easy to pray for... prayers for the health of children is one that Kristi prays often, as many children in Niger die before they turn five because of diseases like malaria, and there are no clinics or hospitals in the village. Kristi prayed for the next two requests as well, but she didn’t know how God could answer this prayer because Mamata’s family lives in a small village of 60 people, too far from any school for Mamata to walk to each day.

However, four years later, God answered this prayer by showing the team in Niger how to request the government to open a village school – and the letter was written to the government. It takes many years though for the government to open a school; so until then, the team started a weekend school in Mamata's village. A teacher from the city teaches the children to read and write and do math – all in their small straw hut!

When not in school, Mamata and the girls of the village help their mothers by drawing water from the wells, herding goats, and preparing the family meals of millet and leaf sauce.

Would you pray that the government would open a school in this village?

ACTIVITY SECTION

African Djembe Craft

Djembe means 'to Gather in Peace', and these drums are usually used to spread some peace and happiness among the people. Mainly from West Africa, this drum is shaped like a goblet.



Supplies Needed: Plastic cups or yogurt containers, Sharpie markers, beads, masking tape, yarn, balloon, and elastics

Instructions:

1. Decorate your cups / containers with markers and tape
2. Attach the two bottoms of your cup
3. Cut the neck of the balloon and stretch your balloon over one cup and attach it with an elastic. Play your drum!

Ampe Game

Instructions: The leader and another player jump up at the same time, clap, and thrust one foot forward when they jump up. If the leader and the other player have the same foot forward, the leader wins a point. If they are different from the other player becomes "it" and plays against the remaining players. If the players are in a circle, the leader moves along the inside of the circle, playing against others in turn. If they are in a line, the leader moves on down the line. If only two players are playing, they keep score until a certain number of points determines a winner.



Mancala Craft

Supplies Needed: Acrylic paint, cardboard egg carton, glue, two paper cups, game pieces (rice or pebbles)

Instructions:

1. Cut the lid off the egg carton and turn it upside down. Glue the egg holder part on top of the upside down lid.
2. Paint the game and the two paper cups with bright colors using geometric shapes as found in African art.

How to Play:

2 Players, Mancala Game Board (or egg carton & 2 small bowls), 48 Game Pieces or Stones

Video Instruction : <https://youtu.be/b5UiPrjIPq>



Set Up: Place the Mancala Board length-wise between 2 players, place 4 game pieces (stones) in each hole, place the small bowls at each end of the Mancala board (empty at the beginning), the six holes are the playing holes, the large ones at each end are the Mancala

Objective: To have the most tokens in your mandala at the end of the game.

Play:

1. Pick up the stones in any one of your playing cups
2. Drop your stones one by one into the sequential playing cups, moving counter clockwise around the board. Include your Mancala but not your opponents Mancala.
3. Take turns moving the pieces around the board. If your last one falls into your Mancala you get another turn.
4. If your last stone falls in an empty cup on your side, take all the pieces from the player's cup directly opposite
5. Hoard all the pieces you can on your side of the board

End of the Game:

Whoever runs out of pieces on their side of the board loses the game

The player with remaining stones puts them in their Mancala

The player with the most stones in their Mancala wins the game

SILK ROAD

Estimate Least Reached Population : 232.5 million

Engaged Least Reached People Groups: 18





WHERE IS THE SILK ROAD?

The Silk Road Region is made-up of Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East. The temperatures can range from +50 C in the summer in the Middle East to -10 C in the winter in Northern Europe. The landscape goes from desert and sand dunes in the Middle East, to tall mountains and thick forests in Europe, to wide open plains and rolling hills in Central Asia.

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

In the Middle East and Central Asia, the people are primarily Muslims. Muslims believe that God will possibly let them into heaven if they closely observe the 5 pillars of Islam which include the following:

1. Daily reciting that there is no God but Allah and Mohammad is his prophet.
2. Praying in the direction of Mecca, 5 times a day.
3. Fasting during the Holy Month of Ramadan.
4. Going on the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once.
5. Giving alms

Muslims believe that while Jesus is a prophet, but that He is not the Son of God nor did He die on the cross. They also believe that the Bible is corrupted. Their holy book is called the Qur'an and they follow the teachings and "traditions" of their holiest prophet, Mohammad.

In Europe, even though most of the people are from a Christian background, the majority are now "atheists" or people who do not believe in God.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THEM?

Europe used to be the centre of Christianity where many missionaries came from. Europeans are very organized and disciplined—they like to follow the rules. They like to spend time outdoors walking and hiking. Europe is also a very popular destination for many tourists. Their clothes are very modern and similar to what we wear in Canada. Their food is very similar too, like potatoes, pasta, lots of vegetables and fruit. Europeans especially like to eat breads and cheeses. The most popular sport in all of Europe is soccer.

The people of Central Asia are very family focused. In this region, multi-generations of families will often live in the same house. They are very friendly people. While many who





live in the villages will still wear national attires, especially in the big cities, they will typically dress like Europeans. Central Asians primarily eat bread. Their main meat is lamb which is often cooked barbecue style. They also are typically not as rich as the Europeans.

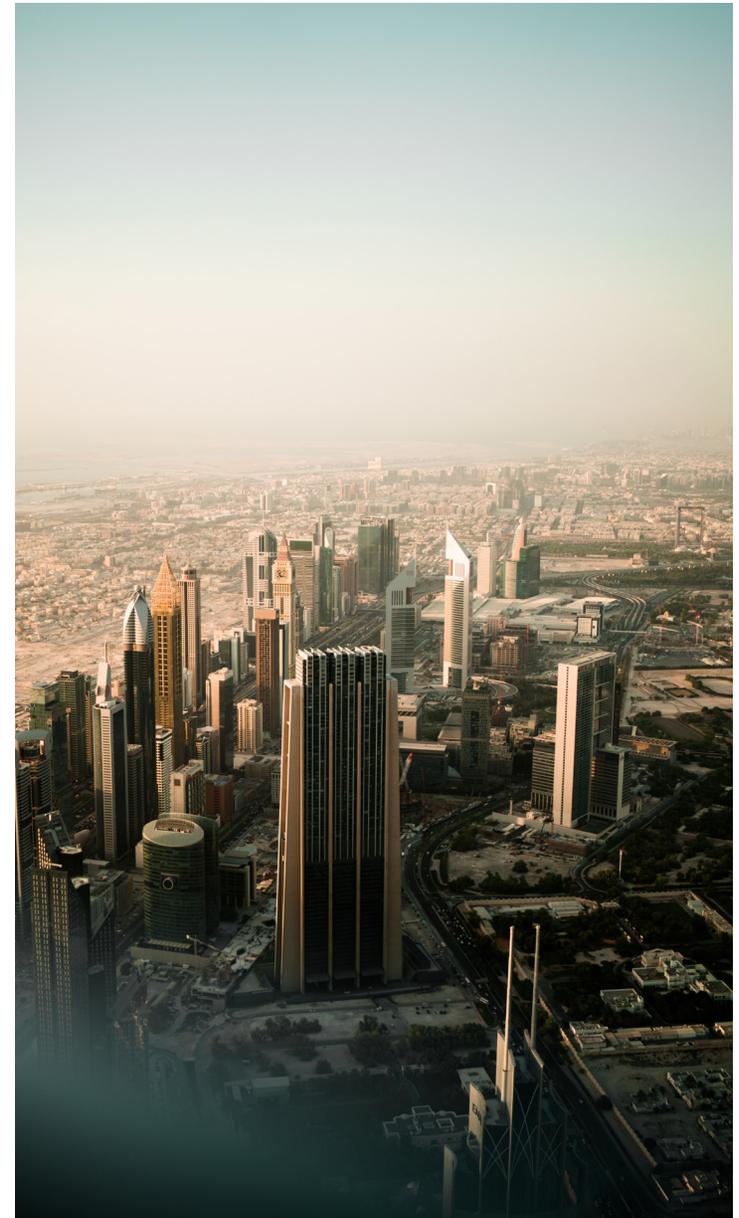
The Middle Eastern people are primarily of Arab and Persian background. They are very loyal to their families, their clans (group of families), and their tribes (group of clans). They are very hospitable people, ready and willing to invite and host strangers into their homes. They are also very respectful of their elders. Because the Middle East is mostly desert, they love

to spend time—camping and playing. Historically, many Middle Easterners are shepherds just like King David in the Bible. Today, the Middle East is home to some of the poorest people as well as some of the richest countries with beautiful tall buildings and gleaming cities that are more modern than any city in Europe, the US, or Canada. Most Middle Easterners still wear their traditional clothes everyday which is a robe for the men and the abaya for the women. Because it is typically hot in the Middle East, most of their food is usually grilled. Some of their most famous and delicious dishes are the shawarma, humous, and kebabs.



WHAT ARE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DOING IN THE SILK ROAD?

The greatest spiritual need in the Silk Road is for people to hear about, know about, and be invited into a relationship with Jesus. Because of their Muslim and atheistic background, many do not believe in Jesus and are not open to the message of Christianity. Especially in Central Asia and the Middle East, it is illegal to try to convince people to join another faith. In fact, in these places, if someone is caught telling people about Jesus, they can be arrested, thrown in jail, and eventually “kicked-out” of the country. For the “locals” or nationals, if it is discovered that they have “converted” to another religion, they can also be arrested





and imprisoned by the authorities, or worse, killed by their own families. In Europe, many are so resistant to Christianity that they will refuse to have any relationship or listen to anyone who speaks to them of what they believe in.

In all the Silk Road, all our IWs are pursuing friendships with the people in the countries they live and serve in so they can tell them about Jesus. In the poorer countries, our IWs are engaged in providing physical, financial, and medical support. They also want to open the door to relationship so they can tell these people about Jesus. In other countries in the Silk Road, our IWs are there working as professionals (e.g. teachers, doctors, business owners) because this is the only way they can live and minister in these countries. Our goal is to make Jesus famous by introducing Him to the many who have never even heard of him, and then inviting these people to come into relationship with Jesus. Our goal is to also form communities of faith or churches among those who choose to become followers of Jesus.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

Pray that God will open the hearts and minds of the people of the Silk Road so that they can understand who Jesus is, and be willing to receive Jesus into their hearts.

Pray the God will grant our IWs courage and boldness to speak about Jesus to everyone they meet.

Pray that God will provide enough funds so that our IWs and their families can continue to live and proclaim Jesus to the people God has called them to serve and that the C&MA has tasked them to reach.

Pray that our IWs will spend time with Jesus daily so that they may love God with all of their heart.

Pray that God will allow our IWs to get along with each other and work well together in the teams God has put them in, and that they will truly and deeply love and care for each other.



STORY OF A CHILD

Karl is ten years old and along with his brothers and parents, they are IWs in the Silk Road. Their whole family live and serve in Central Asia among their Muslim friends and neighbors.

One day, Karl found out that his mom and her friend were going to pray around a local hospital. When Karl heard about this, he asked if he could join. When they arrived at the hospital, Karl asked his mom if he could pray for the head doctor. His mom said, "Why not? Let's go ask to see if they will let us do this."

They went into the hospital and asked to speak to the head doctor. To their surprise, this man agreed to meet with them and when Karl asked if he could pray for him and the hospital, this doctor agreed!

Karl had learned the language of this country, so he prayed in this man's language and asked God to bless him for his work and care for the patients and to bless him and his family. This doctor was so touched by Karl's prayer that he thanked him and told him he was welcome to come anytime and pray.

So, what about you? Who is God asking you to pray for today? Why not?

ACTIVITY SECTION

Fan Craft

Supplies Needed: Coloured or white paper, scissors, string, ribbon, stickers, markers

Steps:

1. Trim your paper to the correct size for your fan - in a rectangle or square.
2. Fold your paper into pleats like and accordian.
3. Cut a piece of string as long as your fan, tie the string twice at the end of the fan firmly.
4. Decoate the handle of your fan with stickers
5. Cut a longer piece of ribbon, and tie it at the end of your fan in a bow.
6. Enjoy your fan!



Spanish Castanets Craft

Supplies Needed: Two bottle lids / buttons, cardboard, glue, markers or paint

Steps:

1. Cut cardboard into (skate-board) shape
2. Fold the card board in two
3. Use glue to attach the bottle lids / buttons
4. Make two for each kids for each hand
5. Begin your click-clack

Note: For younger children - pre cut the cardboard and glue the lids, then have the children just colour the cardboard.



Rayuela (Hopscotch)

Kids in Spain play Rayuela just like in Canada! They practice their numbers and their counting with this game.

Supplies: Tape for hopscotch frame, rocks/game pieces, display chart of numbers in Spanish (1 – Uno, 2 – Dos, 3 – Tres, 4 – Cuatro, 5 – Cinco, 6 – Seis, 7 – Siete, 8 – Ocho, 9 – Nueve, 10 – Diez)

Instructions:

Tape out the Hopscotch frame on a floor

Display numbers chart

Practice numbers and counting in Spanish while hopping from spot to spot.



An aerial photograph of a vast, undulating desert landscape, likely the sand dunes of the Rub' al Khali. The dunes are characterized by their smooth, rhythmic curves and are bathed in a warm, golden light. In the upper right quadrant, a small, simple structure with a flat roof and four legs stands isolated on a dune. The overall scene conveys a sense of vastness and isolation.

ASIAN SPICE

Estimate Least Reached Population : 311 million

Engaged Least Reached People Groups: 23



WHERE IS THE ASIAN SPICE REGION?

Asian Spice includes such countries as Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Phillipines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Earthquakes are common in many places in Asian Spice. Big storms called typhoons and cyclones are also common. Almost all the people have some sort of belief in God because they're experienced natural disasters. After a disaster, many people remember to pray to God, but many will pray to other gods. They do not believe in the God who created the world and provides care for it.

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

Asia is the world's largest and most populated continent. There are millions of different people following many different religions. Many of the world's religions began in Asia. The main religions of Asia are Animism, Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Sikhism, Taoism, various folk religions, as well as many others.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THEM?

The Asian Spice countries are mainly located in a tropical climate. They have warm weather year-round and enjoy hot humid temperatures. These areas experience monsoon season which consists of high winds, lots of rain, and rapidly changing weather.

Countries within Asian Spice vary in their traditional clothing. People in Taiwan, for example, often wear clothing like us, in Canada. However, on special occasions women may wear a Qipao (pronounced: Chee-Pow). The Qipao style may be a full dress or just a fancy looking top. People whose heritage is from one of the 16 indigenous tribes may wear brightly patterned clothing.



HOW CAN WE PRAY?

Pray that people will want to listen to stories about Jesus.

Pray that families and friends will not prevent people from believing in Jesus.

Pray that Asian Spice workers will know when to go visit the people they know and that they will know what to talk about.

Pray that Asian Spice workers will be able to learn new languages so that they can tell many more people about Jesus.



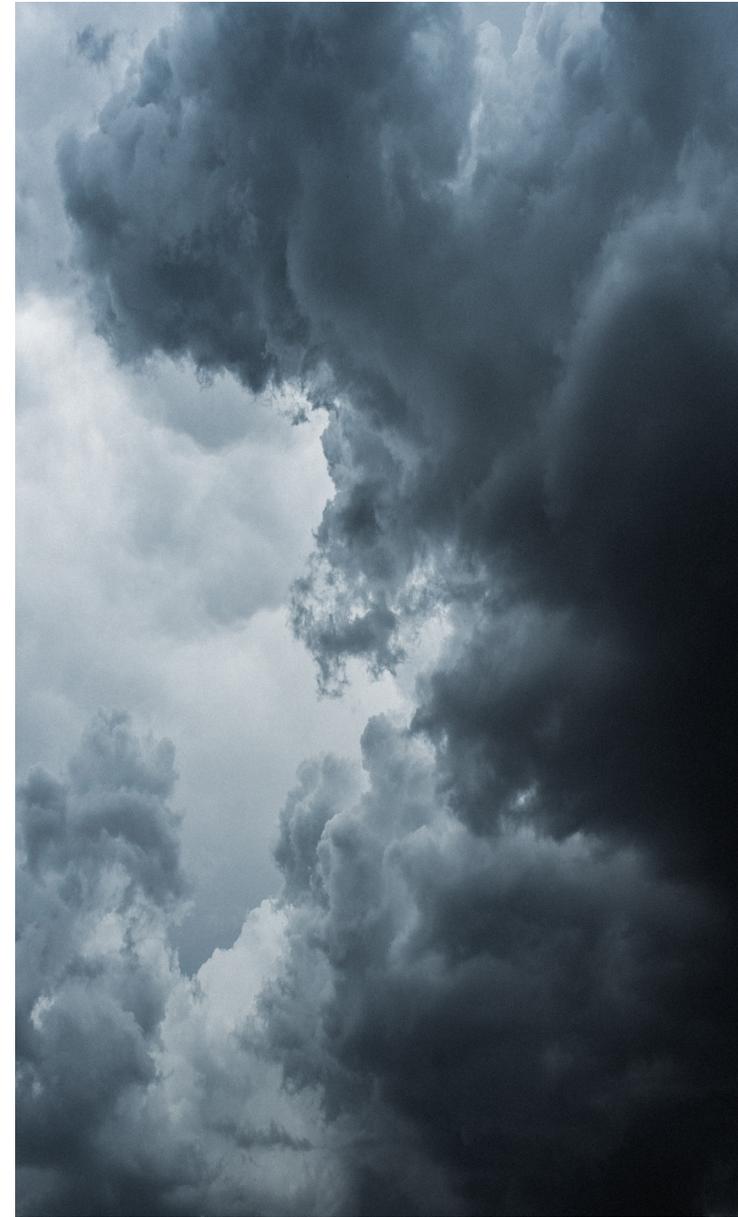
STORY OF A CHILD

A student entered the class. When Mrs. White asked how she was doing, she answered, "I was so scared during last night's thunderstorm."

Some of the weather in Taiwan is like tropical countries. Sometimes it rains hard, with the raindrops bouncing up to a person's knees. The previous night was one of those storms. And there was thunder and lightning too!

Poor Anne! When the power went off, her house was dark. She felt all alone. She did not have a flashlight. She did not have a candle. It was very, very dark. It was very, very noisy from the storm outside.

So, Mrs. White reminded Anne that when she feels afraid like that, she can pray and ask Jesus to help her. Jesus loves her very much and He will listen to her prayer. Jesus can help her not be afraid.



Anne responded: “I am not allowed to pray to Jesus. I can only pray and ask my dead grandfather to help me.” That is what the traditional religion in Taiwan tells people. They are told to pray to their ancestors. They do not know that Jesus loves them more than their ancestors. They do not know that Jesus can do more to help them than their ancestors.

That is why missionaries need to go and tell the boys and girls about Jesus. That is why churches send short-term missionaries to tell people about Jesus.

You can pray that the children will be brave and be willing to pray to Jesus when they are afraid.



STORY OF A CHILD

We met Kai when he was finishing grade one. We already knew his older sisters because they attended an elementary school where we were helping children practice English. A part of the English practice time includes telling stories from the Bible.

In the summer a group came from a church in Canada and helped to run a summer day camp which Kai and his sisters attended. The next year, a group from a church in Taipei came to run the camp. It included singing, Bible stories, English practice, games, and handcrafts.

At home, Kai's family practices the local traditional religions, worshipping idol gods and ancestors. The grandma does not want anyone in the family to not follow the traditional ways. Special packets (amulets) or images are purchased from the temples for the children to wear around their necks in hopes that they can be safe.



As part of the English class one week, one of our teachers encouraged the students to come to our church and be part of the Sunday School. Many of the activities at Sunday School would be similar to those that the students did at the camps. Kai and one of his sisters decided to come. For a few weeks, that teacher would drive every Sunday morning to pick them up and bring them to Sunday school.

Kai is very smart. He remembers many things. He likes to answer questions. Sometimes he likes to tease his sisters or his classmates.

One Sunday, when the story was about Jesus feeding thousands of people with only 5 loaves and 2 fish, the teacher asked, “Do you think 5 little loaves, and 2 fish are enough to feed thousands of people?”

Kai quickly answered, “YES!!! Enough, enough! It will be enough!” The teacher thought he was teasing and responded, “How could it be enough?”

Kai told the class, “When Jesus is there, it is always enough.” He was right.

There is pressure from his family for the Kai and his sister to not come to Sunday school anymore. Please pray that the things they have heard about Jesus will help them to remember how much Jesus loves them and that the help that Jesus gives us is always enough.

ACTIVITY SECTION

Fan Craft

Supplies Needed: A piece of paper about 1m by 20cm, two wide craft sticks, white glue, sticky tape, colouring markers, and pencil crayons.

Steps:

1. Decorate your paper.
2. Pleat the paper into folds about 1 1/2cm wide.
3. Glue a craft stick onto each end of the paper. The craft sticks should stick out about 2cm above the top of the paper.
4. Tape the bottom of the fan together.
5. To open your fan, bring the popsicle sticks all the way round so that they meet.
6. Use your fan to cool yourself!



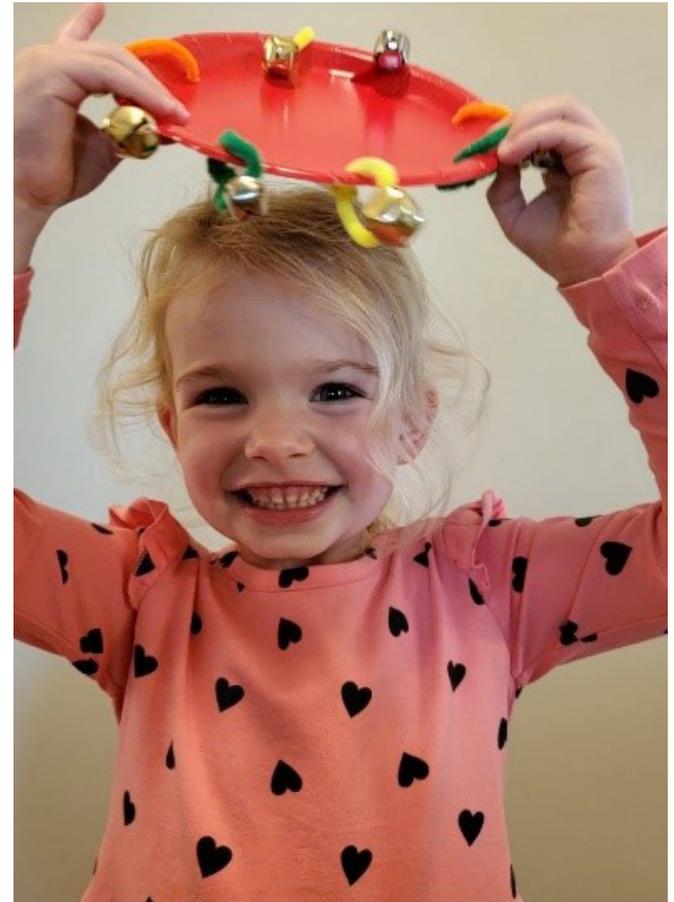
Tambourine Craft

Tambourine Supplies: Paper plate, paint and paintbrush / colourful markers, 1/8 inch hole puncher, pipe cleaners cut into 2 1/2 inch pieces, 1-1 1/8 inch bells

Instructions:

1. Decorate the bottom of the paper plate using paint or markers.
2. Punch holes a 1/4 inch from the rim and about 1 1/2 inch from each other; create holes about three-fourths around the plate.
3. Tie a bell to each pipe cleaner, insert a pipe cleaner through each hole around the plate , and twist to close.

Have fun and make some music! Make in a bunch of sizes and start your very own tambourine band!



Game - Kick the Jianzi

This game is for 2 or more people, a ball can be used, players kick the Jianzi (or ball) back and forth to each other and during the entire time of the game, they must keep the Jianzi up in the air. If the Jianzi hits the ground, it is time to start over.

Game - Eagle Catches the Chicks

Group game: the more chicks the better. 1 person being the eagle; 1 person being the hen and as many little chicks as you like

The chicks gather behind the hen and the eagle tries to catch them. The hen tries to protect her baby chicks and when the eagle catches a chick (i.e. able to touch the shoulder, the arm or hand), the game ends.

The next game's eagle will be the chick that was caught during the previous game.

A blue-tinted landscape photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the surrounding mountains and forest. The middle ground shows a valley floor with a dense forest of evergreen trees. In the background, several jagged mountain peaks rise against a clear sky. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue gradient.

SEA TO SEA



WHERE IS THE SEA TO SEA REGION?

Sea to Sea includes the entire country of Canada. The nation is broken down into six districts. The Canadian Pacific District includes British Columbia and Yukon. The Western Canadian District includes Alberta and the Northwest Territories. Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nunavut, and the northern part of Ontario make up the Canadian Midwest Territory. The Central Canadian District is the western area of Ontario. The Eastern Canadian District includes Eastern Ontario and the Atlantic Provinces. The St. Lawrence District includes the Province of Quebec.

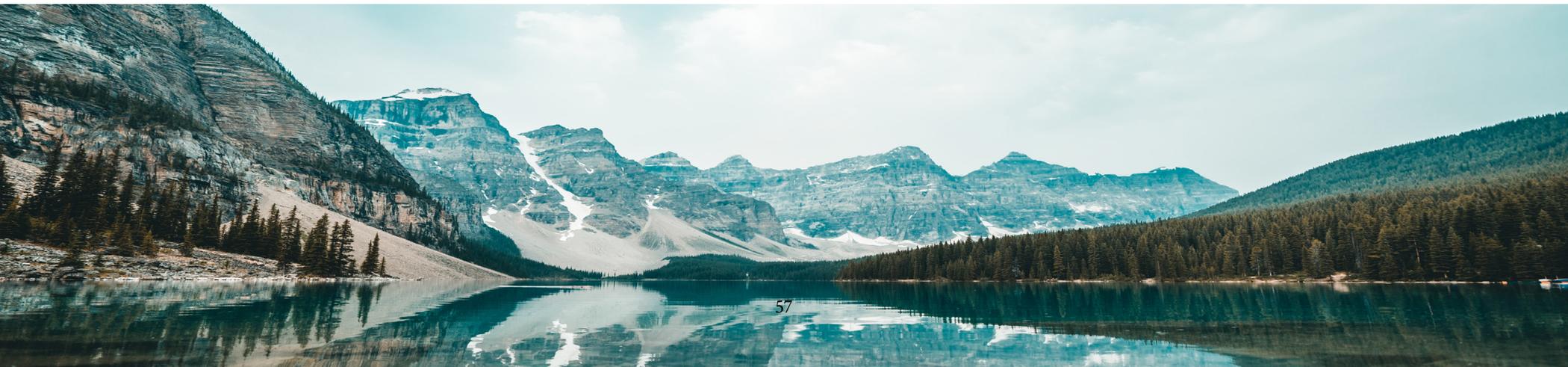
WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

Because of the fact that Canada is a multicultural country and people come from many religious backgrounds, Christianity is no longer the central religion to Canadian culture and daily life. There are a variety of religions within Canada including Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THEM?

Canada is very big – though for how big it is there are not a lot of people who live in the country. Many Canadians enjoy playing or watching sports like hockey, soccer, and baseball.

Canada is made up of many different cultures, and for this reason Canadians eat food from all different countries. Foods that are known to be Canadian include poutine and maple syrup.



WHAT ARE WORKERS DOING IN THE SEA TO SEA REGION?

Many local Alliance churches in Canada are reaching out to people in their communities. Coffee houses, special Christian services, day camps for kids, partnering with the local food bank, clothing exchanges, English as a second language classes and compassion ministries are some of the ways churches are seeking to make a difference where they live. The Christian and Missionary Alliance runs several summer camps across Canada.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance has more than 430 churches across Canada. There are more than 1600 licensed workers who serve in the local churches in Canada.

The Sea to Sea initiative includes many ministries to reach the people of Canada. Ministries to women, men, children and youth are strategically placed in the local church to share the message of Jesus. Chaplains and Parish Nurse Ministries are also at work within local communities. Many multicultural ministries to the people of First Nations, Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipino, Spanish and Korean communities exist across Canada. Most of our churches are missionally-based.



HOW CAN WE PRAY?

Pray for the new church plants that are seeking to reach new immigrants to Canada.

Pray for local churches as they seek to reach out into their communities.

Pray for the least-reached people groups that are migrating to Canada.

Pray specifically for the Koreans and Persians as they are two of the newer people groups who are arriving in Canada.

Pray for the people groups that are difficult to reach, such as Muslim, Buddhists, Hindus and Sikhs.

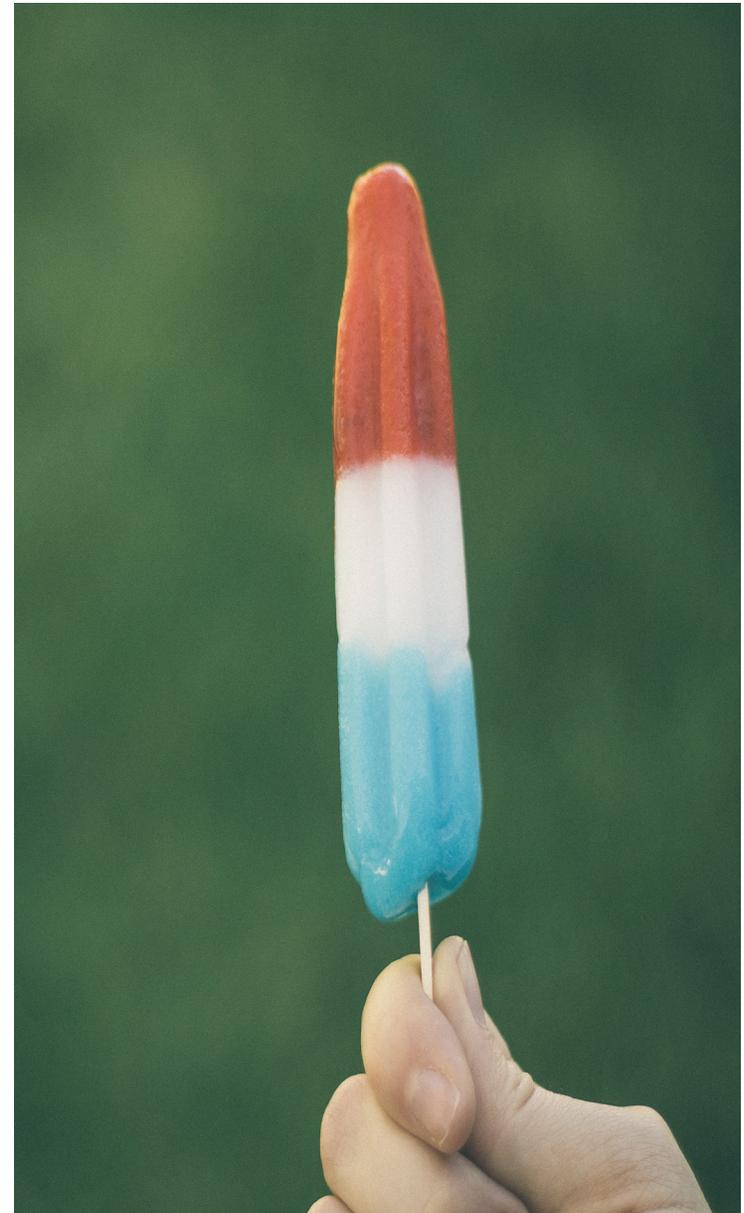


STORY OF A CHILD

Binbrook is a town in Ontario, Canada that has lots and lots of kids! They have the biggest schools in the whole city so you can imagine how their streets are always busy with hockey games, bike rides, hopscotch, and kids of every age playing!

Every summer, a church in Binbrook, “The Well Community Church”, has an event in the park where they give out crafts for the kids to do and popsicles for them to enjoy. They always hope that when the kids do the crafts and meet at the park, they will realize that God loves them and that there is a church in their community that cares about them.

One summer, they had a family come to the park and the family asked what they were doing. The group told them





about how they are from a church in the community and that they wanted to provide fun activities for kids to do every Friday morning.

The three kids that were part of this family explained that they had just moved here from Africa. They had been feeling really lonely. They were thankful to be in Canada, because the community of Binbrook is safer than where they had been living. But they hadn't made any friends yet. The family stayed with the group all morning doing the craft and they all got to know each other. Then, the next week, the whole family came to church! The oldest daughter, who was 12, said she never had been to church before and she loved it SO much!

Isn't God so good? He was the one who helped give the church this creative idea so that kids in their community and their families would know how much God loves them! This family had never been to church but because they met the group in the park, they felt comfortable going to an unknown place! Hopefully this story encourages you to use your creativity to get to know your neighbours so that you can also help them know how much God loves them.

ACTIVITY SECTION

Painted Rocks

Supplies Needed: Smooth rocks, paint, paint brushes, paint pens, paper plate or container for paint, wipes.

Instructions:

Have kids paint their rocks with one or more colours. Using the paint pens, write or draw a message about Jesus. Kids can take them home and be reminded of this truth, or place it on a walking path for others to see.



Game - Classic Spin Variations

Supplies Needed: Hula Hoops

You can play this game inside or out. Grab some hoops and have a contest with the kids to see who can keep the hula hoop spinning around their waist the longest. You can move on to other tricks like around the neck, arm, leg, or even see who can spin one on each arm at the same time!

Game - Roll Along

Supplies Needed: Hula Hoops, sticks, pylons, boxes, chairs, etc.

This game has been around for many years. Have each child grab a hula hoop and a stick, or they can just use their hand. Have them see how far they can roll the hoop with a stick or their hand before it falls over.

For an added challenge, set out an obstacle course. Have kids try to roll their hoop through the course without the hoop falling over.

