**JFF just for fun**

- Draw a pyramid in Egypt. An angel told Joseph to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape death by Herod. Check out Matthew 2:13-14!

- Draw a drum in West Africa where some people use what they call “talking drums,” like the one you see below, to pass important messages.
  —The sun compass will point you in the right direction.

- Draw a camel in the deserts of northern Africa. Jesus talked about swallowing a camel in Matthew 23:23-24. Look it up!

**FYI for your info**

- More than 2,000 languages are spoken in Africa.
- Only about 350 African languages have the Bible.
- The continent of Africa is three times larger than the U.S.
- HIV/AIDS is a major problem around the world. Churches in East Africa are banding together to help children whose parents have died from the disease.
- In Tanzania, people went to classes to develop writing systems for eight Bantu languages. After waiting so long, these people can now read in their own languages!
In a large skillet, combine these ingredients:
2 large bouillon cubes or 2 tablespoons of bouillon
2 medium onions, thinly sliced
4 heaping teaspoons of mustard
2 large lemons, squeezed juice only
2 cloves garlic, crushed
Cook for 10 minutes.
Add one chicken cut into pieces.
Add enough water to completely cover the chicken.
Salt and pepper to taste.
Simmer for 1–1½ hours.
Serve chicken and sauce over hot rice.

Yasa—A West African dish

In the Koonzime (Koon-zee-may) language of Cameroon (this country is on the map on the front), there is no word for forgiveness. The people who speak Koonzime do not have a way to say “I forgive you.” Instead, they keep careful records of the wrong things others do to them by using stones or sticks as counters. To settle an argument, a Koonzime person would tell each hurtful thing another person did to him or her and then lay down a counter to remind them of it.

Bible translators writing God’s Word in Koonzime struggled with how to write Colossians 3:13 (NL T): “…forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

The translators thought about this for a long time. They decided to write the verse in Colossians this way: “Habitually remove the counters of evil between yourselves, as our Ruler (God) removed those which He counted out against us.”

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A dragonfly only lives for 24 hours.

A cheetah is the only cat that can’t retract its claws.

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• Draw a large sailing ship, like the Dayspring mentioned below, near the islands of Vanuatu.

• Draw a musical note next to Papua New Guinea where the Madak people love to sing the truths they read in God’s Word.

• Connect the numbered dots 1–9 with a red crayon. This is part of what is known as the Ring of Fire. It goes up from New Zealand, across Alaska’s islands and back down the western coast of North and South America, making an arc around the Pacific Ocean.

FYI for your info

• The Pacific Ocean covers almost one-third of the whole earth’s surface.

• There are 25,000 islands in the Pacific area.

• Sunday school children in the late 1800s raised most of the funds for building and running missionary John G. Paton’s ship, Dayspring. Children gave so that the gospel could reach Vanuatu and surrounding islands!

• There are 1,362 different languages in the Pacific area; 820 of them are in Papua New Guinea.

• 149 language groups in the Pacific have the Bible or the New Testament written down. 354 have some part of the Bible or are working on translating it right now.

• 414 languages in the Pacific area are still waiting for God’s Word.

• The Ring of Fire is an arc of earthquakes and volcanoes around the edges of the Pacific Ocean. Around 75 percent of the world’s active and dormant volcanoes form this ridge.

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INGREDIENTS:
- 2 cans of coconut milk, 1 teaspoon of salt,
- 6 green cooking bananas, 1 cup of flour,
- ½ cup chopped green onions

DICTIONS:
Peel and grate the bananas. Mix with the other ingredients. Press balls of dough into little patties and bake them in the oven at 350°F until browned.

Wallaby

Banana Patties

Time To Get Cookin’

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8. “The_____. of the Lord is perfect,” Psalm 18:11
10. “The truth shall make you_____. John 8:32
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Verses taken from New American Standard Bible

Muna bugs (pronounced “moon-ah”) are like candy to Papua New Guinean children. During “bug season” kids run around, batting the large black bugs out of the sky and saving them in pockets and cans. When the kids get hungry, they just pop off the wings and legs of a muna, toss it into the fire to roast it and then... crunch, munch...they gobble ‘em up!

The Papua New Guinean kids say muna bugs taste delicious, and some people think they may even be healthy for you. But they don’t sound like a yummy snack to most American children. Why do you think kids in America would politely decline eating roasted bugs with a glass of milk after school? Because we don’t usually do that in our country—we’re not accustomed to eating bugs, and we don’t see a really good reason why we should try!

Reading the Bible for many Papua New Guineans is the same as eating bugs for Americans. It’s not something Papua New Guineans do because it hasn’t been available in the language they understand best. So why should they want to “eat” it? The Bible may contain wonderful spiritual food, but if Papua New Guineans have never had it before, they don’t see why they should start reading it now.

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**Fun Facts**

**Just for fun**

- Draw a pair of eyes in Guatemala where Cameron Townsend's vision first began: to see the Bible translated into every language.
- Put an X where you were born, if you were born in the Americas.
- Draw a hand in Argentina, to represent one of the video-taped, sign language Bible translation projects going on there!
- Color yellow the country which you think gets its name from the equator.
- Draw a large school in Southwest Canada (Trinity Western University) where students can learn about languages, Bible translation and teaching people to read.
- Draw a soccer ball in Brazil. Brazil won soccer's World Cup five times—more than any other country.

**FYI for your info**

- Canada is the second largest country in the world.
- There are 1,002 languages in the Americas. Only 279 of those have a Bible in their language.
- Sugar with your coffee? Brazil produces more coffee and sugarcane than any other country in the world.
- The Atacama Desert in Chile is the driest place in the world; it only rains once or twice every 100 years!
- Wild things! There is more wildlife in the Amazon Basin than in any other part of our planet.
  - 1,500 species of birds and more than 3,000 species of fish.
  - A single tree may be home to as many as 400 animals.
- Lake Superior is the largest body of freshwater in the world.
- More than half of the entire U.S. coastline is in Alaska. That tells you how big Alaska really is!
- 23 of the 25 highest, most active volcanoes are found in Central and South America.

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FIRST complete the maze... then go back and fill in the blanks to the verse below. Use the letters in the order you came across them in the maze.

START A E I L N Y E E A
FINISH

...fill in the totem pole with faces, eyes, feet, hands and designs.

This word search is in the shape of what animal?

eel usa haiti jungle jaguar
manatee argentina costa rica
guatemala totem pole giant otter vampire bat river dolphin three toed sloth

rain forest howler monkey parrot cactus piranha amazon volcano catfish

gold canyon brazil panama amazon

MEAT FILLING: Combine and brown 1–2 tablespoons oil (15–30 ml); 1 medium onion, minced; 1 cup ground beef (250 ml); 1 teaspoon chili powder (5 ml); ¼ teaspoon each cumin seeds and cayenne pepper (1 ml); salt and pepper.

DIRECTIONS: Roll dough very thin. Cut into 4- to 5-inch circles (10–13 cm). Use any of the fillings listed above. Always thicken and cook the filling so that only the crust needs to cook. Place a large spoonful on each square and fold to close. Press edges together with a floured fork. Bake at 400°F (205˚C) for 20 minutes and serve warm.

Fruit pies may be sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon.

Time To Get Cookin’ Empanadas—Mexican Meat Pies

For crust, BLEND: 2 cups flour; 2 teaspoons baking powder, ¾ teaspoon salt. CUT IN: ½ cup shortening. ADD: ½ cup milk.

FRUIT FILLING: Any sweetened, cooked or canned fruit thickened with cornstarch. Stewed apple slices with sugar, cinnamon and cheese bits. Mincemeat, preserves and cottage cheese. Sliced bananas and jelly. Pineapple and brown sugar.

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You be the artist!

Dive In!

Whenever a man from the Tzutujil language group of Guatemala went to church, he heard the Bible read in Spanish. But after God’s Word was translated into his own language, he said, “Before the translation, God’s Word to us was like looking at a lake from far away—we had no idea of what lay beneath the surface. But now that we have the New Testament in our tongue, we can explore its depths.”

Psalm 117:1 (NLT)
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Ris à la Malta
Swedish for “rice with orange”

INGREDIENTS: 4 cups cooked white rice, cold and soft; 2 cups whipping cream; 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice; 1 tablespoon sugar; 3 slices of pineapple and/or 1 orange, peeled and cut into pieces.

DIRECTIONS: Add the sugar to the cream and whip until reasonably firm. Add the lemon juice and the fruit pieces. Mix carefully with the cooked rice. Fill a large bowl with the rice/cream mixture, press to remove any trapped air, and refrigerate at least one hour. Remove the bowl from the refrigerator and turn out the rice/cream mixture onto a serving dish. Garnish with thin slices of orange and/or pineapple.

Many Swedes love to serve Ris à la Malta with “saftsås,” a fruit syrup like the kind you pour on pancakes.

Wooden matryoshka dolls (nesting dolls) were first made in Russia for fun. They come apart in the middle, and a smaller figure fits inside each one. Some show a whole family. Others tell of historical events, Russian noblemen, legendary heroes or book characters. Artists use bright colors and expressive faces to tell their stories. Use your colored matryoshka characters below to tell (not read) a Bible story to someone. Then you can pass along part of the Bible with your matryoshkas! (You can find some ideas for stories in Luke 1:26-28, 2:1-20 and Genesis 18:1-15, 22:1-18.)

Who writes “Jesus” like this? Ena

Europe has many different kinds of historic architecture. This is a drawing of Notre Dame in Paris, France. This Gothic building uses something called “flying buttresses” to hold up the weight of the building. Look how small a person would be standing next to this building!

Mystery Snapshot

Can you guess what these kids are riding?

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Code Breaker! Can you break this code using the decoder keys below?

Paint by Number
Color each part of the picture of the nesting doll below by using this color guide:
1=Blue, 2=Green, 3=Red, 4=Yellow, 5=Tan, 6=Purple.

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- Draw a star in Israel, where Jesus was born.
- Draw a rainbow in Turkey. That’s where Noah’s ark landed.
- Draw a small tree in the middle of Indonesia. Banda Aceh, one of the Spice Islands, provides cinnamon from the inner bark of a tree there.
- Draw a pencil in Iraq, since the first writing system may have been invented there.

**FYI for your info**

- More than 60 percent of the world’s population lives in Asia.
- Jesus and His disciples lived in Asia!
- The Thai alphabet has five symbols for the sound made by the English letter “k,” so learning that language can be difficult for newcomers.
- There are between 500 and 1,000 varieties of bananas in the world; it’s the world’s most popular fruit, and many of them grow in Asia.
- The average panda spends about 10-12 hours each day eating, but pandas don’t like bananas. Instead, they eat up to 33 pounds of bamboo leaves, stems and shoots per day!
- People used to believe that nothing could live in the Dead Sea, but now scientists have discovered God’s little secret: the *Halobacterium* microbe lives in the Dead Sea. It repairs itself even in very salty water!
**Fun Words** Since rice is the staple food of Asia, do you think it would make more sense to an Asian to read Luke 4:4 this way?

-KE

-FH

WR+W-M

m+o-f

-O+V+E+L-L

N+P

L+L-h

LSB

260

R+P-m

-P-I+i

**Time To Get Cookin’**

Asian Fried Rice—A fantastic Filipino or Korean dish

**Create a Paper Whale**

**Mystery Snapshot**

Can you guess what these kids are doing?

Who writes “Jesus” like this? Jisas

**Answer from the front:** The Chinese writing says, “Jesus loves all children.”

**Time To Get Cookin’**

Asian Fried Rice—A fantastic Filipino or Korean dish

STEP 1—In a large skillet or wok, scramble 2 eggs and set aside.

STEP 2—Combine and cook these ingredients for 4 minutes in a large skillet:
- 1/2 cup diced ham, pork, beef, chicken or shrimp
- 1/2 cup chopped mushrooms (optional)
- 3 tablespoons chopped onions
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1–2 teaspoons oil

STEP 3—Stir in 4 cups cooked rice. Garnish with the scrambled eggs and serve.

**ORIGAMI** is Japanese in origin.

Oru means “to fold,” and Kami (gami) means “paper.”

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Did you know that just one tiny seed of rice yields more than 3,000 grains? It is the world’s highest yielding cereal grain! Rice grows well in the climates and soils of many countries. In China, instead of saying, “How are you?” people often ask, “Have you had your rice today?” The Japanese use the very same word for “cooked rice” and “meal!” In India, a new bride offers rice as the first food to her new husband and to a newborn. Talk about this famous saying: “Grains of rice should be like two brothers, close but not stuck together.” Then try the tasty Asian fried rice recipe on this page!