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- Exciting stories
- Puzzles
- Colouring sheets
- Bible activities



Hello!

God has a big plan for the world. There's an exciting part for you and me to play in his plan today, whatever age we are.

We've packed these pages with real-life stories from kids in East Asia, activities, mini-Bible studies and colouring pages too.

We hope this 'Billions: Kids Edition' shows you the amazing things God is doing around the world, some ways you can join in right now and how to have lots of fun along the way!

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If you enjoy this mini magazine, we have a whole book to help you keep exploring. **'A Taste of Asia'** takes you and your family on a devotional adventure to see why Jesus is good news for the people and places of East Asia.

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We are OMF International, founded by James Hudson Taylor in 1865 as the China Inland Mission. We serve the Church and share the good news of Jesus Christ in all its fullness with the people of East Asia.

'Billions' magazine started life as 'China's Millions' in 1875, the title highlighted the numbers of people without the hope of Christ. In 2000 we changed the name to reflect East Asia's growing population. Today we still want to help all Christians get involved in God's global plan and to pursue every avenue to reach East Asians for Jesus.

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Meet Riku, a boy from Japan

On weekday mornings, before Riku is up, his dad hurries off to the office. It is still dark then! His dad doesn't come home until after Riku's bedtime.

On Saturdays, his dad works again or sleeps. The Japanese work long hours. So Riku's favourite day is Sunday. That is the only day Dad, Mum and Riku are all together.

Jesus reminded people that they needed to find true rest with him. Sadly, few people in Japan have ever heard Jesus' words. Most of Japan's busy offices have no Christians working in them. So how will these busy people hear about Jesus' invitation?

Most people in Japan are unlikely to meet a Christian in their lifetime. In fact, Japanese people are the second largest unreached people group in the world.

Did you know...?

In Japan, slurping your noodles is considered a sign that you're enjoying the meal.



Officially named Rokuon-ji (鹿苑寺, "Deer Garden Temple"), it is also called Kinkaku-ji (金閣寺, "Temple of the Golden Pavilion"), as the top two storeys of the pavilion are covered with pure gold leaf. It is a Zen Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan



This story is from 'A Taste of Asia', find out more on the back cover

Colour this garden

East Asia is home to some of the world's most beautiful gardens.



Bible Time

Challenge time:
Can you memorise these verses?

1. Fill in the blanks using the list of words below:

witnesses

disciples

power

earth

nations

teaching

1 Chronicles 16:24

Declare his glory among the _____.
His marvellous deeds among all peoples.

Matthew 28:19 - 20

Therefore go and make _____ of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, _____ them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my _____ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the _____."

2. What do these verses teach you?

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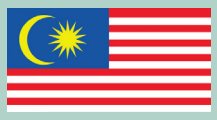
3. Can you draw something that represents these Bible verses?



Flag Match Challenge

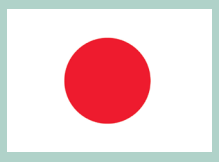
Can you match the East Asian country with their flag?

A 

B 

C 

D 

E 

Japan

Malaysia

Laos

China

Thailand

Cambodia

Philippines

Mongolia

Vietnam

F 

G 

H 

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Where can I see that?

See if you can connect the city with its famous landmark.

Taipei	Kuala Lumpur	Vientiane	Kyoto	Ulaanbaatar	Macau
Taiwan, China	Malaysia	Laos	Japan	Mongolia	China



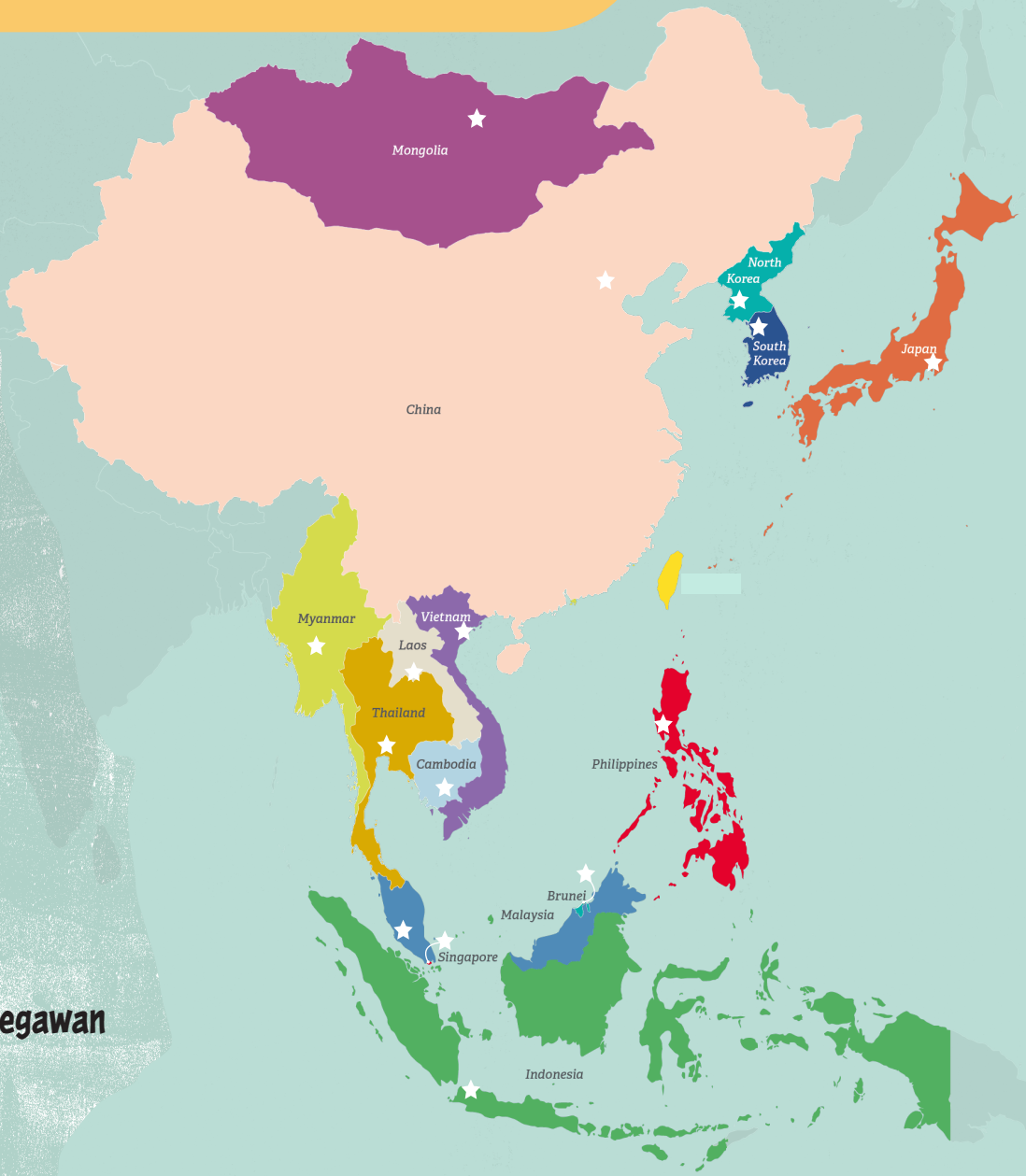
Patuxay Monument | Kinkaku-ji | Nalaikh-Chinggis Khaan Statue | Ruins of St. Paul's | Petronas Towers | Taipei 101

Top: A. China B. Malaysia C.Mongolia D. Philippines E. Japan F.Thailand G.Cambodia H.Vietnam I.Laos | Bottom: (from left to right) Patuxay Monument, Vientiane; Kinkaku-ji, Kyoto; Nalaikh-Chinggis Khaan Statue, Ulaanbaatar; Ruins of St. Paul's, Macau; Petronas Towers, Kuala Lumpur; Taipei 101

Where's the city?

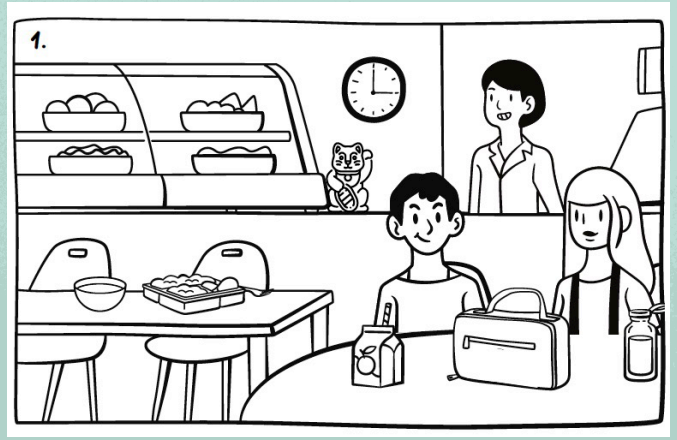
Can you label the capital cities on this map of East Asia?

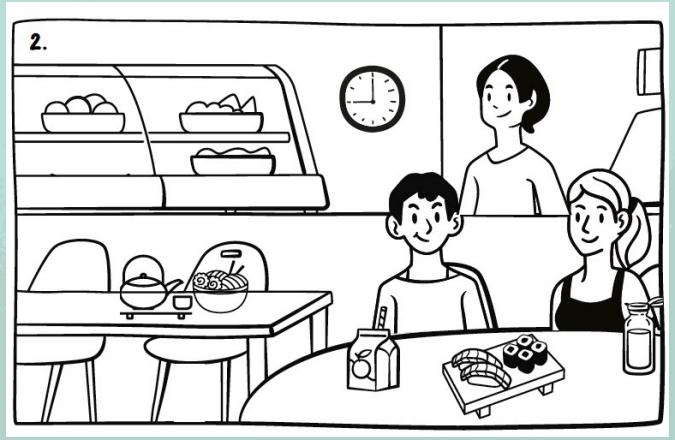
1. Tokyo
2. Hanoi
3. Vientiane
4. Beijing
5. Naypyidaw
6. Jakarta
7. Kuala Lumpur
8. Bangkok
9. Seoul
10. Phnom Penh
11. Manila
12. Ulaanbaatar
13. Bandar Seri Begawan
14. Pyongyang
15. Singapore



Spot the Difference

See if you can find all the differences in these two scenes.





Top : 1. Tokyo, Japan 2. Hanoi, Vietnam 3. Vientiane, Laos 4. Beijing, China 5. Naypyidaw, Myanmar 6. Jakarta, Indonesia 7. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 8. Bangkok, Thailand 9. Seoul, South Korea 10. Phnom Penh, Cambodia 11. Manila, Philippines 12. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia 13. Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei 14. Pyongyang, North Korea 15. Singapore, Singapore

School for Liang

How can the good things Christians do help people meet Jesus? Let me tell you about a boy called Liang, who belongs to the Hani people group. He lives in a village next to the mighty Mekong River.

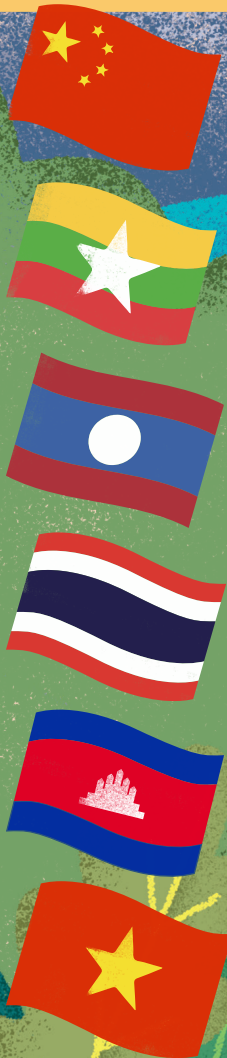
Liang's village doesn't have a school, so his parents sent him to school in other villages for a few years. However, they ran out of money to keep paying for Liang to go to school.

Wonderfully, a Christian charity helped pay Liang's school fees. That meant Liang could take the exams he needed to get a good job. Now Liang is doing well at work.

He wanted to say "thank you". So, a few years later, when he heard the charity had sent a team from the UK to visit his old school, Liang went to visit them. Liang couldn't wait to tell them how going to school had helped him get a great job! He even took the team out for dinner.

Over the food, one of the group introduced Liang to Jesus. By the end of the evening, Liang had decided to follow Jesus. Now Liang has something even better than a good job because of the kindness of those Christians!

Countries that the Mekong River flows through:



Lord, we praise you for how the kindness of Christians can help people meet Jesus. Please would people such as Liang want to find out what makes Christians do lovely things for them.



Patuxai (ປະຕູໄຊ, "Victory Gate or Gate of Triumph") is a war monument in the centre of Vientiane, Laos, built between 1957 - 1968. The Patuxai was dedicated to those who fought in the struggle for independence from France.

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Bible Time

Challenge time:

Can you memorise these verses?

Matthew 6:9-13

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Ephesians 6:19

"Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

Philippians 1:3-5

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now"

Using ideas from the verses above **write a prayer** for a country that's in the news, or for someone you know who is living in another country.



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Send a "missionary care package"

What do you love about home, and miss when you are away?

Christians living for Jesus overseas often miss home and love to hear from those who are praying for them and supporting them. Could you send them a card, or maybe even a small package of things that might encourage them as they live and speak for Jesus.

Colour in these delicious noodles

All across East Asia people enjoy noodles for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.



Saying hello

Match the greeting with the country where you'd hear it

你好
(Nǐ hǎo)

ស្ួស្ដី
(suostei)

Kamusta

สวัสดี
(Sawạsdee)

こんにちは
(Kon'nichiwa)

Japan

Cambodia

China

Thailand

Philippines





Top: 你好, China; ស្ួស្ដី, Cambodia; Kamusta, Philippines; สวัสดี, Thailand; こんにちは, Japan

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