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# BILLIONS

## kids' edition 2024




- 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 second '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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Explore East Asia and discover more about this fascinating part of the world in our new kids' episodes of the **Serve Asia Podcast**.

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# Seeing Prayer Work

**Revelation 7 tells us that one day a great number of people from every nation, tribe and people will worship Jesus. One of the tribes who will be there are the Lisu people of China. Here's how a British missionary called James Fraser helped them meet Jesus (with a little help from his friends!):**

Father God, we pray for missionaries to be able to keep telling people about Jesus, even when it's hard. Help us encourage them by praying for them.



James lived with the Lisu tribe in the mountains of Southwest China. When he arrived, they followed their traditional religions. They'd never heard of Jesus before. Hardly anyone wanted to hear about him either, and the few people who listened to James soon lost interest.

James was sad and thought about giving up, but instead he wrote to his mum back in the UK. He asked her to get people praying for the Lisu.

James' mum and her friends prayed lots and lots. James sent them letters and maps so they could get to know the Lisu. They kept on praying.

A few years later, loads of Lisu families started believing in Jesus. Soon there were whole Lisu churches! Then these new Christians began sharing Jesus with other tribes nearby. Today, eight out of ten Lisu are Christians!

God worked through James and other missionaries, answering the prayers of the prayer group in the UK. Isn't it great that we can do the same? We can pray for people we've never met, in places we've never been to, and God answers to change their lives! Wow!

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

# Colour This Scene

This is an image of a Sundanese lady and local birds from the west of Java island in Indonesia.



# Bible Time



**One of the wonderful things about being a follower of Jesus is that we can pray. Jesus teaches us that when we pray we are talking to our heavenly Father. He says we should ask him for things because he knows how to give good gifts!**

There are all sorts of things we can talk to God about. Praying is one of the ways we can be part of making Jesus known around the world.

In Matthew chapter 9, Jesus shows his disciples how many people there are who need to hear about him. He also knows this is a job for more than one person, so he says:

**God owns the harvest. Pray to him that he will send more workers to help gather his harvest.**
**Matthew 9:38**

What is the picture language that Jesus uses here?

H___V____

When we see how many people still don't know about Jesus what does he say we should do?

P____ F___ M____ W_____

Which country do you know where many people still don't know about Jesus?

Write a prayer asking God to send workers to that country to tell people all about Jesus:

# Oriental Country Name

## Code breaker

Can you decode these 'Land of' names and guess the country using the keys?



| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
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**2**



**3**



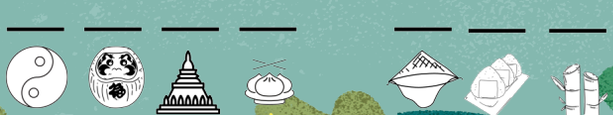
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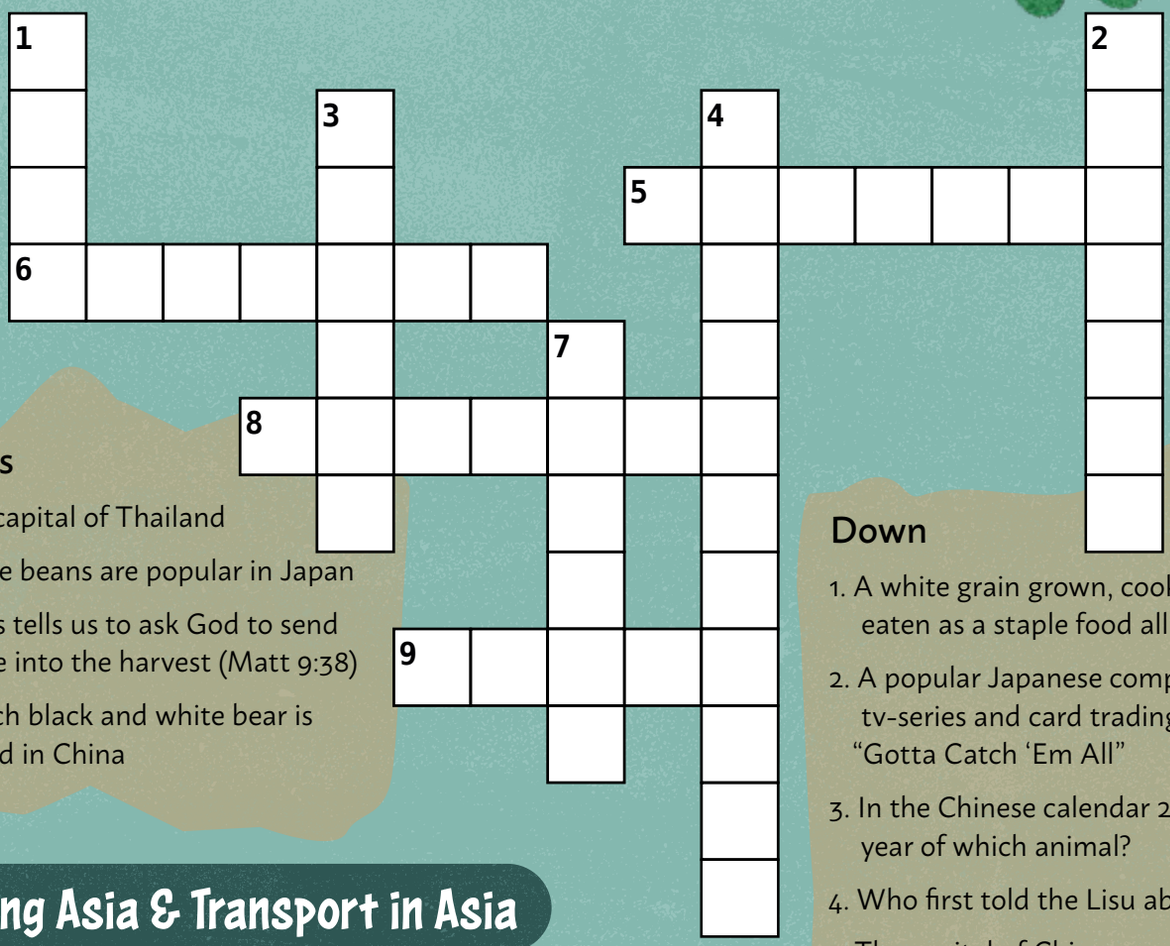
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1.Rising Sun (Japan) 2.Million Elephants (Laos) 3.Smiles (Thailand)
4.Thunder Dragon (Bhutan) 5.Morning Calm (Korea) 6.Blue Sky (Mongolia)

## Crossword

Find hints on the cover, p.3, 8 and 9, answers on page 9.




### Across

5. The capital of Thailand
6. These beans are popular in Japan
8. Jesus tells us to ask God to send these into the harvest (Matt 9:38)
9. Which black and white bear is found in China

### Down

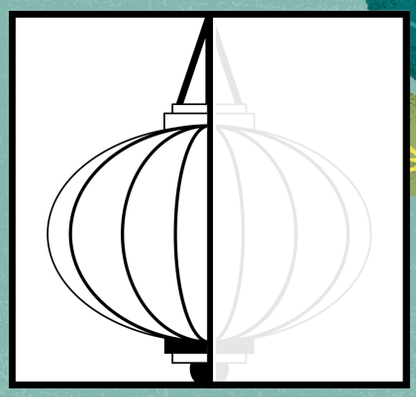
1. A white grain grown, cooked and eaten as a staple food all over Asia
2. A popular Japanese computer game, tv-series and card trading game. "Gotta Catch 'Em All"
3. In the Chinese calendar 2024 is the year of which animal?
4. Who first told the Lisu about Jesus?
7. The capital of China

## Tracing Asia & Transport in Asia

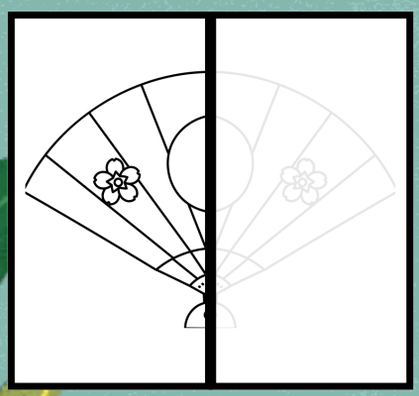
Trace and color the other halves of the pictures. Then, trace the words. Match each country person to their transport.



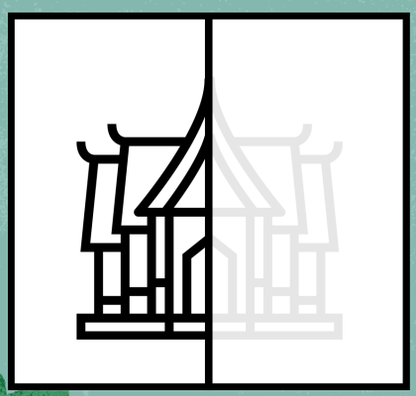
Bubble tea



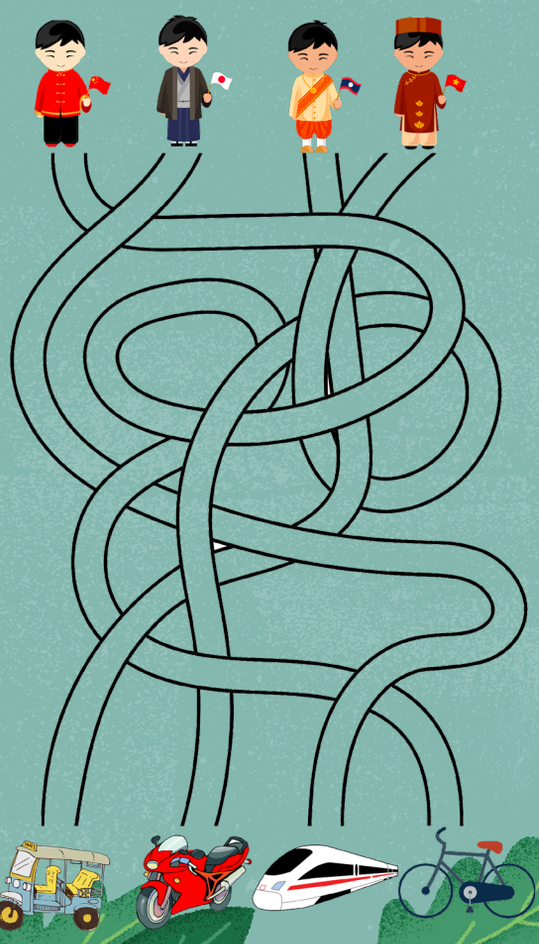
Lantern



Fan



Temple



# Missionary Maltesers

**Ed looked at the sweet counter and thought hard. He wondered what they could send to Cambodia for Jonathan's birthday. 'What about Maltesers?', he suggested to his mum. 'They're light and should travel to Cambodia okay.'**

Opening the package a few weeks later, Jonathan was delighted. Maltesers were a massive family favourite! Ed and his mum Ali had no idea!

Ed and Jonathan's families went to the same church in Sheffield. When the Norgates moved to Cambodia with OMF to share Jesus' love they kept in touch. But they did much more than that.

Ed's mum and dad also helped their church to pray for the Norgates and the people of Cambodia. They ran a prayer meeting for them every half term. The coffee and cake at the start of the prayer meeting was always popular! Jonathan's grandparents often came to the prayer meeting too and shared news from the family. But the best part? That was praying for the Norgates and seeing God answer!

How could you love a family serving God overseas? Maybe the sweet counter is a good place to start...?

## Send a "missionary care package"

Why not send a tasty treat to someone you know who's serving overseas? You might find that something like a few Maltesers is exactly what they miss while they're away!

## Naming Asian Fruits & Vegetables

Try matching the fruit to their names!

**Lychee**

**Mangosteen**

**Papaya**

**Edamame beans**








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1.Edamame beans 2.Lychee 3.Mangosteen 4.Papaya

# Colour in this Thai School!

In Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, many government-built preschools and primary schools are located on monastery grounds.







Across : 5.Bangkok 6. Edamame 8.Workers 9.Panda Down: 1.Rice 2.Pokemon 3.Dragon 4.James Fraser 7.Beijing

# Buddhism

**The Bible tells us about God, the good world he made and how we can be with him forever.**

In East Asia, though, lots of people have very different ideas about the world. Buddhism is one of the main religions in Asia. It was started by a man called Siddhartha Gautama (later known as the Buddha), who lived in India around 600 years before Jesus was born. He thought there was no God and that the world around us doesn't really matter. Buddha said it was important to do the right things so that we escape our sufferings and find what he thought was everlasting peace.

So when Hiro, the son of a Japanese Buddhist priest, read Genesis 1, he was amazed! Hiro says,

**"I felt I'd caught a glimpse of a new world."**

Yet Hiro had a problem as he continued to read the Bible. It says people are "sinners", which is the Japanese word for "criminals". Hiro had spent his whole life trying to be good! How could God say he was a criminal?

After a lot of Bible reading, prayer and talking to Christians, Hiro realised he was a sinner because he rejected God. He said sorry and was forgiven. Now Hiro tells everyone about the new life he will enjoy with God forever.



### Did you know...?

Buddhist priests, monks and nuns must shave all their hair off. They believe that it is a way of showing they are seeking to follow the Buddha's teachings.






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# Dream Mission Trip



**You've won a ticket to anywhere in the world!**
Complete the following questions
as you plan your trip:

I am going to:

Why I chose this location:



How I will get there:



Who is coming with me:

What I will pack with me:

Activities I want to do:



# Word Search

LANTERNS
JESUS
CHINA
DURIAN
THAILAND
NOODLES
BUDDHISM
LISU
TEMPLES
GOSPEL

X R L A N T E R N S F Z Q C R H
U W Q G F N Y B X X G T R E J J
G C H B Z E B K W F J M T V W T
Q B B I R L P T E M P L E S D A
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Y J G L O U J V B U G U R A A W
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