

30 DAYS OF PRAYER

FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

MARCH 10 - APRIL 8 • 2024

GUIDE FOR KIDS

**HERE, THERE
AND
EVERYWHERE.**

WELCOME TO THE 2024 “30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD” PRAYER GUIDE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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Thank you for joining us this year and praying for Muslims during Ramadan. Here, you will find information and creative ideas to help you pray this month and through the year.

Your prayers can make a difference! God loves to hear and answer children's prayers! That's awesome, isn't it? Hundreds of thousands of Christians are praying together around the world in many languages, so you are not alone.

This year our aim is to pray here, there and everywhere. We will find out about good things that God is doing around the world, and we will pray for more good things in the lives of Muslim people.

On the last page you can find the correct solutions to the puzzles in the guide.

~ Your 30 Days Prayer Team





WHAT IS ISLAM?

The word, “Islam” means “submission” - submission to God. A Muslim is a person who follows the teachings of Islam. Muslims worship one God, whom they call Allah, and believe that Muhammad is His most important prophet. Muhammad lived from 570 to 632 AD.

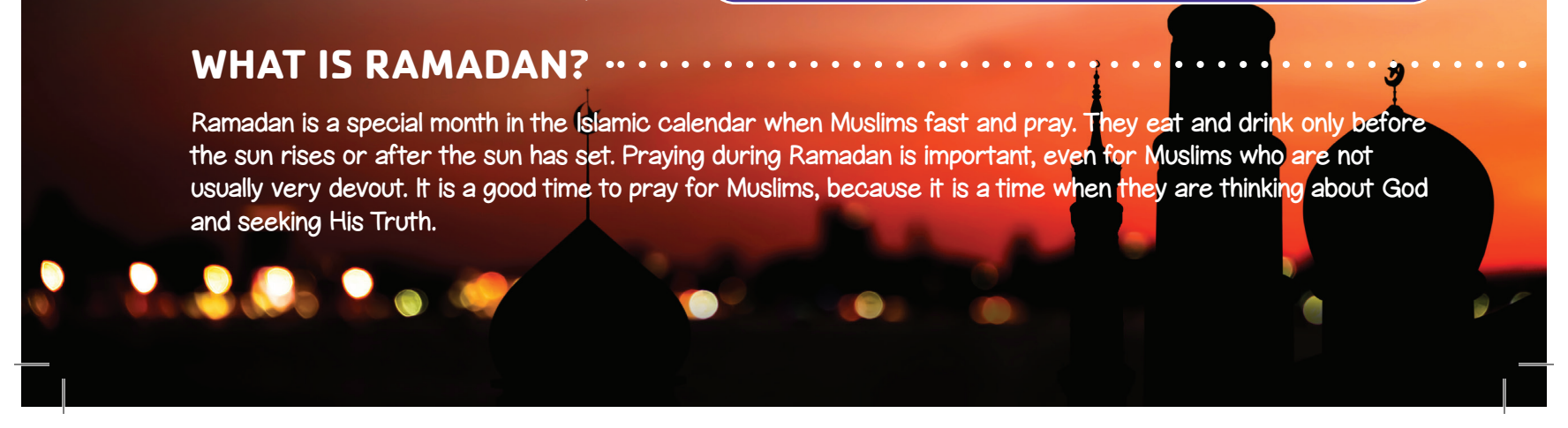
Islam teaches that Allah will judge people after they die, by their good deeds and their bad deeds. Part of the good deeds should include these five duties, or pillars:

5 PILLARS OF ISLAM

1. A declaration of faith: Muslims must acknowledge this statement: “There is no other God except Allah and his Prophet Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.”
2. Praying five times a day, while kneeling towards Mecca and performing other rituals in prayer.
3. Fasting during the month of Ramadan between sunrise and sunset.
4. Giving alms to the poor.
5. Going on a pilgrimage to the city of Mecca, a journey known as Hajj.

WHAT IS RAMADAN?

Ramadan is a special month in the Islamic calendar when Muslims fast and pray. They eat and drink only before the sun rises or after the sun has set. Praying during Ramadan is important, even for Muslims who are not usually very devout. It is a good time to pray for Muslims, because it is a time when they are thinking about God and seeking His Truth.





May your prayers be led by the love of Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, as you participate in this year's 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World.



DAY

1

MARCH 10

YEMEN

Bilqis was a very wealthy queen from a beautiful land called Sheba, which we now call Yemen. 3000 years ago, she visited King Solomon in Israel and brought him gold, incense, and many other precious gifts from her country.

Once a wealthy country, Yemen has been changed by war, lack of water, terrible famine, and diseases, like cholera. Yemen has become the poorest nation on the Arabian Peninsula. Those who govern the country are desperate and in need of divine wisdom.

Despite the difficult conditions, many Yemenis are opening their hearts to Jesus, but if they decide to become Christians, it can be dangerous. They can be threatened, or their lives endangered, especially if they are church leaders. Christians must keep their meetings secret. Even with all these difficulties, the Church is growing.



QUIZ

Where is Yemen?

Find Yemen on a map.

1. What is the capital of Yemen?
2. Which oceans border Yemen?
3. On what continent is Yemen located?
4. What language do Yemenis speak?

Video: watch the following video about Yemen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbhYqmtfApQ>



Let's
PRAY



1. For children in Yemen to have enough to eat and the terrible war to end.
2. For people who govern the country to know Jesus and advocate for peace.
3. For the different groups of Muslims in Yemen to learn to live peacefully together.



DAY 2

MARCH 11

SOMALIA



The main religion in Somalia is Islam. Islamic law strictly forbids Somalis to follow Jesus. They face major problems if they leave Islam.

Many Somalis were shepherds in the past, breeding sheep and camels. Because of the drought, many animals have died. Shepherds no longer have work and must leave their villages. Now they live in cramped slums (tin huts on the edge of a city) in the capital Mogadishu. There is often conflict between the various clans there and a civil war has divided the country. Sadly, many children are sick and die due to dirty water and famine.

Nadira is one of the few Christians in Somalia. Her husband left her and her five children when she became a follower of Jesus. When her twelve-year-old son, Sami, was taken by his father to work as a servant for him, Nadira prayed that God would bring Sami back. Her prayers were answered! After one year, her son was allowed to come home!



Shepherds race:

Pick someone to hide symbolic sheep (i.e. cotton balls) and then everyone else will go look for them. The one who finds the most sheep, wins the game! Remember to pray for the Somalis while you hunt for the sheep!

Let's PRAY



1. For the politicians and people of influence in Somalia. What can they do about hunger, drought, unemployment, terrible poverty, and violence?
2. For Somalis to hear about Jesus, perhaps through dreams or on the Somali Christian TV channel.
3. For the few secret Christians in Somalia, that they experience Jesus in everyday life, stay strong, and have courage.



DAY 3 MARCH 12 SAUDI-ARABIA



Ali comes from a modern city in Saudi Arabia, with beautiful skyscrapers, villas, and shopping malls. Driving his luxury car into the desert, he ends up in a different world and feels as if he's travelled into the past. The roads are dusty, and the houses in the villages are simple. As soon as a stranger comes into the village, veiled women try to hide, running into the houses.

Most village residents live with cell phones and electricity today. They use cars instead of donkeys, but they still think as they did in the past. In the villages, the head of the family makes all the decisions for his family. He determines which university his son attends, whether he is allowed to study abroad, and who his daughter must marry. Although the government has officially allowed women to drive a car, few villagers would allow their wives and daughters to do this.

Whether in the modern cities or in the traditional villages, all over Saudi Arabia, people can watch special Christian programs on television or on their cell phones.

Action:
Young men in Saudi Arabia love to hold car or camel races. Collect your fastest toy cars and organize a car race. Whoever wins gets to pray first.

Let's PRAY



1. That Saudis would meet Jesus through dreams and visions or Christian TV programs.
2. That whole villages would come to faith and the Gospel would spread; from mountains to valleys and village to village.



DAY **4** MARCH 13
QATAR

Qatar is a small country located on the large, sandy Arabian Peninsula. It is home to only 2.7 million people. Interestingly, most people in Qatar come from other countries - India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and less affluent Arab countries. They are there looking for work to earn money, since Qatar is a wealthy nation. The World Cup was hosted here in 2022, and many people from all over the world came to watch and celebrate. Some of those who love Jesus took the opportunity to tell the Qataris about Jesus, which is normally prohibited in Qatar, but there was more freedom during this time.

Ahmed is a young man who comes from a wealthy family in Qatar and lives in a palace. A friend from Pakistan told him about Jesus and Ahmed began to believe in Jesus, but this is not easy for him. He would like to meet with other Qataris who also believe in Jesus and sing songs in Arabic, but that is dangerous in Qatar. Those who believe in Jesus are severely punished if found out.

Sand Art:

Since Qatar is known for its deserts, you can carry out a sand art project. Get some sand. Pour it onto a tray and draw beautiful patterns in the sand while you pray.



Let's
PRAY



1. That the Qataris, who have heard about Jesus, start to believe and that whole families would follow Jesus.
2. That the new believers would become bold and meet with other Qataris to worship Jesus.



DAY

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MARCH 14

URDU SPEAKING MUSLIMS

In India, the main religion is Hinduism, it shapes the whole life. Hindus believe in many gods and reincarnation (being reborn as an animal, a human being, a plant, etc.). India is densely populated with many different religious groups. There are also many Muslim peoples; many who speak Urdu.

Urdu share the same language and culture. They have unique literature, music, and cuisine. Urdu speakers don't only live in India, but also in other nearby countries. In total, there are 230 million Urdu speakers worldwide.

For many Urdu-speaking Muslims, life is tough. In India, they are often treated as outsiders. Some feel insecure and afraid of the future.

Challenge

Does anyone in your family have the Bible app on their phone? Search for "Urdu" under "languages" and listen to John 3:16 in Urdu. What is it like to hear the Bible in another language?

Write down the verse in your own language.



Let's
PRAY



1. For Muslims in India who are asking: What is really true?
2. For Muslims to be brave and ask God personally, even though they don't really know him: "Are you really, God? What are you like? Show yourself to us!" God will certainly answer them!



DAY **6**

MARCH 15

SINDH-PAKISTANIS

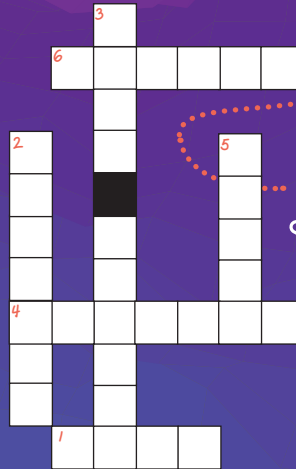
Twelve-year-old Mohammad lives in the densely populated city of Karachi in Pakistan. Every morning he visits the mosque and then goes to the Islamic school. He learns about the Quran and Islamic history. His mother tongue is Sindhi, but he also learns Urdu, the national language. After school, he enjoys playing cricket with his friends.



Mohammad's parents are poor, but they have big dreams for their son. They hope that one day he can study and become a doctor. His father works at the port where local products like cotton, grain, rice, and sugarcane are exported.

The Islamic faith is very important to the Sindhis. Many of them are Sufis and are very devout, modest, and helpful. They do not force their faith on anyone.

1. Which is the one official language of Pakistan that Mo learns at school?
2. Which sport does Mohammad do with his friends?
3. Where does the father work?
4. In which city does Mohammad live?
5. In which region does Mohammed live?
6. Which job do Mohammad's parents hope him to have?



Let's **PRAY**



1. For children like Mohammad to get to know Jesus
2. For Pakistanis in the Sindh region to hear the Good News via internet or through the few believers who live there.
3. That the Sindhis who study and work abroad meet Christians who will share the Good News with them. That they will be bold to follow Jesus and tell their families in Pakistan.



Crossword Puzzle:
Answers on Pg 31

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MARCH 16

SWITZERLAND

Refugee families from different countries gather for a retreat in the beautiful mountains of Switzerland. They've all had encounters with Jesus and now follow him. These families with Muslim backgrounds come together from Albania, Kurdistan, Arabia, Afghanistan. It is the first time for most of them to spend a few days with other believers. The fellowship heals broken hearts and relationships

Challenge

HELP THE PEOPLE FIND THEIR WAY HOME FROM SWITZERLAND.

Materials needed and prep:

Prepare slips of paper with the names of various countries (such as Albania, Kurdistan, Arabia, Afghanistan, Iran). Additionally, you'll need a dice, a world map with differently colored countries, and game pieces.

How to Play:

1. Lay the world map out and place the cards with country names face down on the table. Place game pieces on Switzerland.
2. To help the families get home, players take turns drawing a country card and rolling the dice. They move their game piece, country by country, according to the number on the dice.
3. When a player's game piece reaches their target country, they keep the card and return to Switzerland.
4. The game ends when all the country cards have been collected. The player with the most country cards at the end wins.

Let's
PRAY



1. For the right people to participate in these retreats.
2. For good fellowship of these people who come from different cultures.
3. That they will all be strengthened.



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MARCH 17

KONKANI SPEAKING MUSLIMS

Ismat is a young man. His family is originally from India, but now he lives in Canada. Right now, he is visiting India because his sister is getting married. There is a huge celebration with flower garlands, loud music, joyous dancing, many laughing guests, and large plates of Biryani - a very tasty Indian dish with rice. It is a typical Konkani wedding. The women sing songs blessing the bride and groom, and the bride has beautifully painted hands and feet (Henna).

Ismat's parents are hoping that he will get married soon too. He is supposed to marry a Konkani woman and celebrate a Muslim wedding like this one. Ismat's family does not yet know that he has been attending a church in Canada where he has been learning about the Christian faith. A Canadian colleague invited him to a Christmas celebration and he wants to learn more about Jesus. Ismat wonders what his family would think of his interest in the Christian faith, but he won't talk about it at the wedding. Another time.

Look at this beautifully painted hand! This is what a Konkani bride's hands look like on her wedding day.

Create your own pattern and draw it on the hand!



Let's PRAY



1. For whole Muslim Konkani families to come to faith in Christ together.
2. That Ismat becomes brave and tells his family what has become important to him.





DAY

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MARCH 18 BIHAR IN INDIA

Ahmed lives in a small town in Bihar, a region in India. He walks to the mosque, even though it's quite dangerous on the streets right now. A dispute between two men - a Muslim and a Hindu - turned into a big fight between many people. Even buildings were set on fire. Ahmed's bicycle was stolen and the windows of his house were broken. Ahmed's great-grandfather lived in this town; it is the home of his family, but now he may soon have to flee. Ahmed is sad because his Hindu neighbors have become his enemies.

In Bihar, Muslims and Hindus have lived peacefully together for a very long time. They were such good friends that they even celebrated festivals together, so they became Hindu-Muslim festivals. Several Muslim shrines and mosques in Bihar are also revered by Hindus. The Muslims cook a mix of typical Hindu and typical Muslim food. For example, the famous Bihari Kebab. Everything is mixed. Recently Hindu politicians are increasingly against Muslims, and they want to force the country to be Hindu, even with violence.



YUM!!!

*There are countless recipes for Bihari Kebab on the internet - beef skewers with a marinade of many spices and yogurt. Very tasty!
Check out a YouTube video and cook it yourself...*

Let's
PRAY



That peace returns between Hindus and Muslims. Jesus says he is the Prince of Peace.



DAY

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MARCH 19

DESERT PEOPLE IN ALGERIA.....

Bashir is 8 years old. He lives with his family in one of the refugee camps in the Sahara Desert in southwestern Algeria. Sadly, the refugees have been living here far too long. Thirty years ago, around 180,000 desert dwellers (called Sahrawis) had to flee from war. The camp was only intended as a short-term solution. There is little food, a shortage of medicine, and no proper schools. Every day is a struggle for survival in the middle of the desert. What will happen to the Sahrawis in this refugee camp?

*What could Jesus do to make Himself known to the Sahrawis?"
Make a list of your ideas.*

Blank lined writing area for student response.



Let's PRAY



1. That Jesus would be known in this refugee camp. That he will meet the Sahrawis in dreams.
2. That people would go there to show them that Jesus can help them.
3. Jesus could speak through a TV or radio program... Maybe you have more ideas on how Jesus could show himself in this camp. Pray for it!

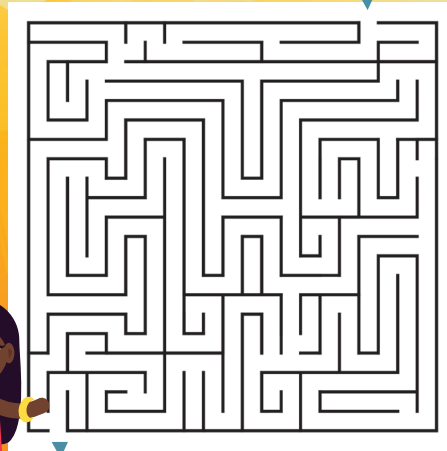


DAY 11

MARCH 20 TIGRAY IN ETHIOPIA

In Tigray, there are many Christians; most belong to the Orthodox Church. There are also Muslims, like Amina's parents and her former husband.

Amina is the mother of twins. When Amina realized that there would be war, she wanted to protect her sons and sent them to the big capital city, Addis Ababa, where they could live in safety. For a long time, she had no contact with them. Amina had already had a very challenging life. She was born a Muslim and married to an older man at a young age. When she received a Bible, she began to read it secretly. Her husband separated from her and the children. Since then, Amina has been a brave follower of Jesus and shares her faith. She has suffered much hostility and persecution but has also led many people to Jesus. Amina says, "My path was difficult, and it was not easy to follow Jesus, but God is faithful! He has given me a task: To tell Muslims about Jesus the Savior."



Make a path that leads from Amina to the twins.

Let's PRAY



1. Thank you, Jesus, that Amina belongs to you and so bravely shares with friends and relatives about you.
2. For strength for Amina, and that she can clearly hear your voice.
3. That even more people join her in following Jesus!
4. That Jesus' peace comes to Tigray!



DAY

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MARCH 21

TAJIK GUEST WORKERS

Rasul is a young man sitting in a café in his homeland of Tajikistan. He graduated from school a year ago, but he has not found a job yet because Tajikistan is a very poor Muslim country. Someone has now offered him a job and he could go to Germany as an immigrant worker earning money picking fruit.

It would be exciting to travel to Europe. I could be lucky and earn a lot of money there. Europe is very rich!

My friend told me I could be cheated abroad. Some people work very hard but get paid very little.

I could do much more than just pick fruit. I want a better job that suits me. But where can I find that?



He decides to ask his friends in the mosque for advice. What should the friends advise him?

Let's PRAY



1. That Tajikistan will soon improve so that fathers do not have to leave their families to work abroad.
2. For young men like Rasul to find good work and friends through whom they can hear the Gospel of Jesus.
3. That they will come to know God as their help, advisor and provider.



DAY

13

MARCH 22

AFGHAN REFUGEES IN TAJIKISTAN

In Afghanistan, the Taliban are a powerful terrorist group who have made life very difficult for many years. About 5000 Afghans fled to Tajikistan. Only a few are Christians, but most are Muslims. They are safe from the Taliban but have very few opportunities to make a better life there. Their school qualifications and vocational training are mostly unrecognized in Tajikistan, so Afghans cannot work in their profession and usually cannot find any work. It is always possible that they will be sent back to Afghanistan. They would prefer to move even further away, for example to Canada.



ACTIVITY

OBSTACLE COURSE

Set up an obstacle course or a route on a nearby playground. Two "rescuers" stand at one end of the course, two "refugees" at the other end. After a start signal, the rescuers must navigate through the course to reach their refugee. Once they have tagged their refugee, the refugee and rescuer can return together to the starting point. The pair that arrives first wins.

Let's
PRAY



1. That Afghans get the help they need.
2. For people who help them overcome their difficult obstacles to build a better life for their families.



DAY

14

MARCH 23

MUNJI IN AFGHANISTAN



The Munji live in the mountains of Afghanistan. For centuries these Muslims have lived in the same valley with their own language (Munji) and identity. They are farmers and live very secluded lives, as there are no proper roads to their valley. This makes it difficult for them to access medicine or for children to attend Afghan schools, and there is often little to eat. In the summer, they drive their herds up to pasture them in the high mountains. In addition to the Islamic holidays, there are several festivals throughout the year that only the Munji celebrate. For example, the celebration of the pea harvest and the traditional New Year.

It is exciting that Jesus reveals Himself to the Munji! A Munji man had a dream in which he saw Jesus lifted high, shining brightly. Jesus held a book in His hand and had power over the rain and storms. This dream led him on a long journey to find “the book of Jesus” and learn the truth about Jesus. The Munji now have parts of the Bible in their language.

Activity

Do you know a place nearby where you can't see any paths or roads or houses or electric lights? Maybe even on a mountain? Visit there and pray again for the Munji.

Let's
PRAY



1. That many more have dreams that lead them to Jesus.
2. That the Munji receive the entire Bible, to come to know Jesus and give their lives to Him!



DAY

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MARCH 24

MUSLIMS IN NORWAY



Mariam is a young woman from Afghanistan. She had to flee with her husband because he was threatened with death. Now they have been living in Norway's capital, Oslo, for five years. Here, everything is quite different from home in Afghanistan. The weather is much colder, the food tastes completely different, and only very few women wear a headscarf. This makes Mariam stand out quite a bit. She has learned Norwegian well and dares to shop in the big city, but she does not feel completely comfortable because she does not know if she is welcome among the Norwegians as a foreigner with a headscarf. Fortunately, she knows other Afghan women who also go to the mosque.

Challenge

Unfortunately, she has not yet found any Norwegian friends who know Jesus. What a pity!

The next time you see a young woman with a headscarf, greet her kindly. Maybe you can tell her that Jesus loves her.



Let's
PRAY



1. That Mariam and other refugees feel comfortable in their new home, Norway.
2. That Christians in Norway show love to Mariam and befriend her. Of course, Christians love all people, including Muslims! Mariam should experience this.
3. It would be so wonderful if Mariam experiences the greatest love of all from Jesus. He wants to save her, just like the people from Norway!



DAY

16

MARCH 25
KOSOVO

The Apostle Paul is an important figure in the Bible. He told many people about Jesus and might have brought the message of Jesus near the area that is called Kosovo today. Back then, the land of Kosovo was part of the Roman Empire (Romans 15:19).

Mother Teresa was a Christian woman who helped many poor people in India. Her parents were born in Kosovo. The percentage of Muslims in Kosovo is higher than anywhere in Europe. There are also a few Evangelical, Catholic, and Orthodox Christians.

In recent years, more people in Kosovo have started to believe in Jesus. There are now over 12,000 Christians. That is good news! It is also a bit difficult for them because their families and friends sometimes do not understand why they have decided to follow Jesus. Nevertheless, they experience in their daily lives that God is always with them.



FAMILY FAITH TREE

Use colored pencils, paper, glue, paint, etc. to make a tree trunk to represent your family. Draw "branches" for the people in your life who tell you about Jesus. Do you know who told those people about Jesus? Draw those branches, too. Isn't it amazing how God works through generations of faith?

Let's
PRAY



1. For the many young people who emigrate to Western Europe in search of a better life. We pray that they come to know Jesus.
2. For the many ethnic groups in Kosovo who have heard little about Jesus. We pray for someone to go tell them about Him.
3. For peace in the north of Kosovo, where there are growing conflicts with Serbia.



DAY

17

MARCH 26
BOSNIA

Lejla is 10 years old and lives in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. She is a Christian girl and lives in an area where most of her neighbors are Muslims. She goes to school and has many friends. One of her best friends is Amina, a Muslim girl. They often play together and help each other with homework. Lejla celebrates Christmas and Amina celebrates the Eid festival. Every year they exchange gifts and celebrate these special days together.

Sometimes Lejla hears from adults that there are differences between them, but she and Amina are friends. Their friendship is stronger than any difference. About a third of Bosniaks live in other countries, having fled from the Yugoslav War and the civil war 30 years ago.

Do you know? *(If necessary, you may ask your parents to look online)*

1. The capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina?
2. The well-known river that flows through Sarajevo.
3. A traditional dish in Bosnia- it is served in a bowl and filled with meat.

For baking Bosnian Pita, here is the recipe. Scan Code:



<https://immigrantstable.com/bosnian-pita/>



Let's
PRAY



1. For open hearts to the Gospel.
2. For peace in Bosnia between Bosniaks and people of other cultures, religions, and languages.
3. That Christian Bosniaks abroad tell their relatives in Bosnia about Jesus.



DAY

18

MARCH 27

EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN SYRIA AND TURKEY

Major earthquakes hit Syria and Turkey last year. Many people were injured or even died, and many lost their homes. It was very tragic.

Amid all the chaos, God intervened and helped some people. Churches and monasteries offered places to sleep to those who no longer had a home.

Sahin, had become a Christian before the earthquake and had been rejected by his family. When the earthquake happened, Sahin and his family also lost their home, but Sahin's Christian friends helped him and his family. They provided tents, food and supplies for them and others in need. This impressed Sahin's family. They opened up and wanted to know more about the Christian faith.



Do you know?
What happens
during an
earthquake?

Let's
PRAY



1. For the people who have lost their homes due to earthquakes; that they receive help and find a new home.
2. For God to comfort the frightened people.
3. For Christians to boldly share about Jesus.



DAY 19 MARCH 28 TURKMEN IN IRAN

In the city of Gorgan in Iran, we meet a hospitable Turkmen taxi driver. He invites us to Iftar (the breaking of the fast). We talk about God and faith. It seems that his family has never met any Christians before.

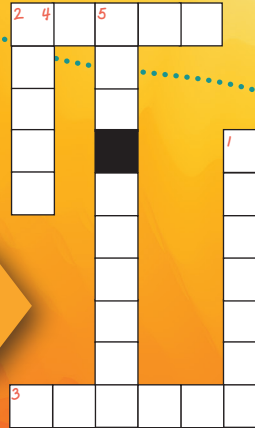
The Turkmen mainly live in the Golestan region, east of the Caspian Sea. They stand out because of their colorful clothes. They live their own culture. In school they learn Persian, because Turkmen is not taught in the schools. It is difficult for them, as foreigners, to find good work.

There are about one million Turkmen in this region, but they have no known followers of Jesus among them. They need someone to share the Gospel with them, but it is difficult for missionaries to get a residence permit.



Crossword Puzzle:
Answers on Pg ?

1. Who mainly lives in the Golestan district?
2. What is the religion of the Turkmen?
3. What is the capital of Golestan, where the story begins?
4. What is the first meal after fasting?
5. Who is the taxi driver?



Let's
PRAY



1. That Jesus calls missionaries to the Turkmen in Iran that can settle in this region.
2. That Persian believers will go to the Turkmen with the good news of Jesus.
3. That the Turkmen in Iran will be blessed.



DAY

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MARCH 29

IRANIANS IN EUROPE

Mahmoud is a refugee from Iran who now lives in Europe. He often went to a church because he hoped that Christians would help him with his application to remain in his new country.

Mahmoud observed how Christians pray and fast. Though he drank a lot of alcohol, he decided to abstain for 40 days. However, on the 39th day, he bought a bottle of alcohol. Before he took the first sip, he called out, "Jesus, if you really exist, help me not to drink alcohol!"

Jesus freed him from his addiction. His friends and family saw how Mahmoud changed. This inspired many other people.

In recent years, many people from Iran have fled to Europe. They hope for a better life, security, and freedom. They are also looking for truth and hope. Jesus is the hope. He has always helped people in their toughest times. And he still does that today for people from Iran and other countries.

Find the
WAY

Materials: Paper and pens

Instructions:

- 1. Draw a labyrinth on the paper with "beginning": Mahmoud's house in Iran and "destination": the church in Europe.*
- 2. Draw various obstacles on the path that Mahmoud had to overcome in his story (bottle of alcohol, 40th day of fasting, etc.)*
- 3. Find a way through the labyrinth and explain the meaning of each obstacle and how Mahmoud overcame it.*

Let's PRAY



- 1. That God draws Iranians in Europe closer to Himself.*
- 2. That Iranian Muslims come to know Jesus while seeking help.*
- 3. That European Christians are open to Iranians and offer them not only practical help but also friendship.*



DAY

21

MARCH 31

MUSLIM REFUGEES TRAVELING OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN

Many refugees from Egypt and Syria tried to come to Europe in a boat across the Mediterranean to find safety here. Unfortunately, the boats were too full and sank and many people drowned. Most of them are Muslims fleeing war, political violence, poverty, and hopelessness. They hope to find a new home and work in Europe.

Various organizations are trying to help people. Others take advantage of the needy. They demand a lot of money for the journey. Traveling is dangerous in the overcrowded boats, which are often unsafe.



**GAME:
Safe
Crossing**



Materials: Various objects to create "islands" (e.g., hula hoops, blankets, or pillows) and a "boat" (a large piece of cardboard or a blanket).

1. Distribute the "islands" in the room representing the "Mediterranean Sea." Everyone must go from one side of the room (the "start") to the other side (the "destination") by only standing on the "islands."
2. Try to move the "boat" (blanket) from one "island" to the next without touching the ground. You can only stand on the "boat" or the "islands."
3. If anyone touches the ground, he/she must return to the start and begin again.

Let's
PRAY



1. For the safety of the refugees.
2. That the traffickers do not exploit the refugees.
3. That people who have suffered will find peace in Jesus.



DAY 22

APRIL 1

EGYPT



Officially, most Egyptians are Muslims. But there are old Christian churches, and about 10% of the people are Christians. Muslims who become believers in Jesus, unfortunately have to keep this a secret. Otherwise, they could expose themselves to great dangers. For Muslims, it is forbidden to change their religion.

Mohamed is six years old. He heard about Jesus at a Christian event and is thrilled about Him. But his neighbors and friends are against his faith. They threatened him and his mother. Therefore, they had to move and hide.

Abdallah's neighbor is a Christian and has always held on to Jesus despite poor treatment. He helps the poor, and that impressed Abdallah. Therefore, he decided to follow Jesus. But if he were to tell others about his faith in Jesus, there would be great difficulties! Because his wife and children take the Muslim faith very seriously.

Materials: Paper, pens, and some envelopes

1. Explain to the children that many people, like Mohamed in the story, must keep their love for Jesus a secret. They could use secret messages to tell others about it.
2. Each participant gets a piece of paper and a pen to write a "Secret Message" about Jesus on the paper (e.g., it could be a Bible verse or why they love Jesus).
3. The participant folds their messages, puts them in an envelope, and hides the envelope somewhere in the room.
4. Find each other's secret messages and read them aloud.

GAME:
Secret
Messages

Let's PRAY



1. That Egyptian children and adults hear about Jesus.
2. For protection and perseverance for the new Christians.



DAY

23

APRIL 2

JORDAN

The streets of Amman are always very busy. You see camels slowly trotting down the main street, or a yellow taxi honking as it drives by. Further ahead, a shepherd leads his sheep across the street, bringing traffic to a standstill. There are many different people. It's a colorful picture.

Some Jordanians are very religious and go to the mosque five times a day to pray. Others prefer to sit in tea houses and smoke shisha, a special water pipe.

Although people in Jordan are not as poor as in many African countries or Yemen, life here is also challenging. Food and housing are expensive, and not everyone finds a well-paid job.

Materials: A large sheet of paper, pens/markers, small toy figures or stones as game pieces, dice.

Instructions:

1. Draw a path on the paper from "start" to "end". Write questions on the spaces, like "name three things that have changed the world" or "Why do we pray for Muslims?"
2. Each child rolls the dice and moves their game piece forward. Wherever they land, they must answer the question.
3. If the answer is correct or the action was performed, the child stays on the field. If not, they move back one space.
4. The first one to reach the goal wins!

GAME:
Prayer
Journey

Let's
PRAY



1. That people read the Bible in their own language. They can buy Arabic Bibles in a Bible store in Amman.
2. For peace between people from different countries now living in Jordan.
3. For Muslim background believers to find fellowship and be respected by the other Christians.



DAY

24

APRIL 3

FULANIS IN GHANA

When nomadic Muslims from the south of the Sahara Desert migrated to Ghana, that placed a million of the Fulani people living in Ghana as animal herders.

Although many of them were born in Ghana and have lived there for a long time, they are still considered foreigners. This leads to problems. Women and children often cannot visit a doctor, and many children are not allowed to go to school. This is not easy and frustrates the Fulanis.

Suleyman grew up in Ghana and attended a school in his youth where he learned a lot about Islam. As an adult, he moved to Libya to deepen his knowledge of the Qur'an. There, a terrorist group tried to recruit him. But at night, he had a dream in which Jesus warned him not to join these people. Although Suleyman did not yet know Jesus, he obeyed. But this angered the terrorists. He had to leave Libya. Later, he met Christians who helped him understand that the man in his dream was Jesus. Thus, Suleyman became a follower of Jesus.

Activity

CRAFTING A FULANI HAT

Materials: Paper plates, colored pencils, glue, colorful feathers, or fabric pieces

Paint the paper plate with patterns; cut a slit in the middle of the plate and fold it like a Taco. Decorate the hat with feathers or fabric pieces to make it look like a real Fulani hat.

Let's
PRAY



1. That the Fulanis in Ghana get help and find Jesus.
2. For the few Fulani Christians to be encouraged, even if they are rejected by their families because of their faith.



DAY

25 APRIL 4

AUSTRIA

Many people who live in Austria originally come from other countries. Most of them are Germans and Serbs, but Turks and Kurds make up the third-largest group.

Hüseyin is from Turkey and became a devout Christian. He often talks to other people about Jesus. He is very friendly, so people like to meet with him and drink Turkish tea.

Many people who come from Turkey to Austria are open to new ideas and thoughts, and also to the Christian faith. Perhaps this is because they are somewhat uprooted and not surrounded by the Muslim culture.

1. What is the third-largest group of people in Austria who originally come from another country?
2. Who is a devout Christian and talks to other people about Jesus?
3. What do people drink while they are talking with Hüseyin?
4. Why are many people from Turkey open to new ideas when they come to Austria?
5. What can we pray for when we think of people from Turkey in Austria?
6. Why is it important for Turkish Christians in Austria to meet?

GAME

Let's
PRAY



1. That God grants a revival among the Turks and Kurds in Austria.
2. That more Austrians are courageous and talk to Muslims about faith.
3. That Turkish Christians come together in their new homeland and support each other.



DAY 26 APRIL 5 NIGHT OF POWER

Imagine you are Superman, and a thousand times stronger! That's how many Muslims feel on a special night called "Night of Power" or "Lailat Al Qadr".

This special night is supposed to remind Muslims that the first verses of the Qur'an were "revealed" to the Prophet Muhammad by the angel Gabriel on this special night of the 26th of Ramadan.

Many Muslims believe that their prayers this night are much, much stronger than on other days. That's why they pray especially during this night.

CRAFT

STARS FOR THE NIGHT OF POWER

Materials: Colored paper, scissors, glitter glue or pens and thread.

Instructions:

1. Cut out stars of different sizes from the colored paper.
2. Decorate the stars with glitter glue or pens. You can also draw patterns, words, or images on the stars.
3. Make a small hole in the tip of each star and thread a string through it, then you can hang the stars in your room and remember the meaning of the Night of Power.

Let's PRAY



1. That many Muslims have dreams or visions of Jesus, who loves them and opens the door to Father God.
2. That Muslims who are seeking the truth will meet Christians, who tell them about God's love through Jesus.



DAY

27

APRIL 6

MUSLIMS IN GERMANY

Imagine you have new neighbors who come from a different country and have different habits and traditions. At first, it might seem a bit mysterious or strange. But after a while, you get to know them better and become friends with them.

Many Muslims who came to Germany a long time ago have German passports. They go to school or work and have their own families and friends. But they also have their own faith, Islam, and call God by the name Allah.

Sometimes it's not easy for people in Germany to trust or understand Muslims. But many people in the church and government are trying to build a good relationship with them. In recent years, many Muslim refugees have come to Germany. Some of them have even started to believe in Jesus. But there are also others who find it difficult to integrate into German culture.

Let's Discuss!

1. Why do you think it is important to learn more about other cultures and religions?
2. How would you feel if you lived in a country where most people have a different faith than you?
3. What could we do to better understand and accept people who are different from us?
4. What parts of Muslim culture are interesting to you?
5. How could we love and invite our Muslim neighbors to learn more about Christianity?

Let's PRAY



1. *That people of different backgrounds and religions respect each other.*
2. *That the refugees are able to understand and learn German culture.*
3. *That Jesus Christ reveals himself through Christians.*



DAY **28**

APRIL 7

CHAM FROM CAMBODIA

The Cham are people who came from an ancient kingdom called Champa and now live in Cambodia. Most people in Cambodia are Buddhists (they believe in reincarnation and that people go through many cycles of life and death). But the Cham aren't Buddhists, they are Muslims. They can be found in almost every part of Cambodia.

An elderly Cham lady named Nop listened to the Bible as an audio recording and then asked a friend to baptize her. She had come to know Jesus by listening to the Bible! She kept listening and heard about baptism.



GAME

MEMORY GAME

Create a simple memory game with paper and pens.

Draw or print pictures of objects or animals on paper and cut them out so that you have two of each image. Mix the pictures and lay them face down on the table. The children must take turns turning over two cards and try to find a matching pair.

The one with the most pairs wins.



Let's
PRAY



1. That more Cham hear God's Word and get to know Jesus.
2. That they integrate well into the local society.



DAY

29

APRIL 8

AFAR IN ETHIOPIA

The Afar, an ethnic group in East Africa, mainly live in Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Eritrea. The Afar are an ancient people group who claim to be descendants of Ham, the second son of Noah. Most of the two million Afar live in places that are very dry and terribly hot. Almost all of them are Muslims, with very few known believers in their group. Many are herders and nomads who move in tents from place to place. Because they move around so much, they have little opportunity to meet Christians. Religion is the most important thing in their lives. The family and their environment put strong pressure on their people to remain faithful to the Islamic beliefs of their ethnic group.



GAME

THE AFAR NOMAD GAME



Materials:

Simple items such as fabric (e.g., old bed sheets), sticks, and possibly some toy sheep or goats.

Game instructions:

Each participant is an "Afar nomad" and gets a "herd" of toy sheep and goats and fabric and sticks to build a "tent." In role-playing, "herd" animals, look for food, or trade with other "nomads." During or after the game, you can sit in a tent and pray for the Afar nomads.

Let's PRAY



1. That the Afar have dreams and visions of Jesus that lead them to seek Him.
2. That believers find creative ways to share the Gospel with the Afar.
3. For nomadic children to get a good education.



DAY 30 APRIL 9 MAURITANIA

Mauritania is an Islamic country in West Africa, mostly desert, where it is usually hot, dry, and windy. The country is as large as France and Spain together but not nearly as many people (4.3 million). The people in Mauritania belong to different cultures. Many of them are “white Moors” or “black Moors.” Almost all people in Mauritania believe in Islam.

In the past, many families in Mauritania lived like nomads. This means that they moved around with their animals, always in search of water and food. But there are often droughts, meaning it rarely rains. Therefore, many people have moved to the capital, Nouakchott.

The women in Mauritania are special: They make poems only for women. Being overweight is a beauty ideal because people in Mauritania think that overweight women have a rich husband. Therefore, some women are forced to eat too much. There are also other problems like forcing girls to marry at a very young age.



QUIZ

1. In which part of the world is Mauritania located?
2. What type of landscape does Mauritania mostly have?
3. What is the main religion practiced in Mauritania?
4. What is the currency in Mauritania?
5. What is the name of the traditional garment for both men and women?
6. What is the special headgear in Mauritania called?
7. Which ocean is located west of Mauritania?

Let's PRAY



1. That especially the Mauritanian women learn how much God loves them and how important they are to Him.
2. That all people, including the tribes in Mauritania, come to know God's love and salvation.
3. For the health of Mauritanian women.



DAY 1 - YEMEN

1. The capital of Yemen is Sanaa.
2. Yemen is bordered by the Arabian Sea and the Red Sea.
3. Yemen is located in the continent of Asia.
4. Yemenis speak Arabic.

DAY 6 - SINDH

1. Urdu
2. Cricket
3. Port
4. Karachi
5. Doctor

DAY 17 - BOSNIA

1. Capital of Bosnia: Sarajevo
2. River in Sarajevo: Miljacka
3. Traditional dish: Bosnian Pita

DAY 18 - EARTHQUAKE IN SYRIA AND TURKEY

When an earthquake occurs, the ground suddenly shakes and trembles. This happens because the Earth is made up of many parts that we call plates. These plates sometimes move, and when they collide, an earthquake can occur. This can cause buildings to collapse and people to be injured or killed.

DAY 19 - TURKMENS IN IRAN

1. Turkmens
2. Islam
3. Gorgan
4. Iftar
5. The Father

DAY 25 - AUSTRIA

1. Turks are the third-largest group of people in Austria who originally come from another country.
2. Hüseyin is a devout Christian who often talks to other people about Jesus.
3. Turkish tea is often drunk when people meet with Hüseyin.
4. Turks and Kurds are two ethnic groups from Turkey that mainly live in Austria.
5. They talk about Jesus when they meet with Hüseyin.(please check!!)
6. Because they are less controlled here, people from Turkey are open to new ideas when they come to Austria.
7. We can pray that Turks in Austria meet and encourage each other.

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DAY 30 - MAURITANIA

1. Mauritania is located in West Africa.
2. The capital is Nouakchott.
3. The people in Mauritania mainly speak Arabic.
4. Mauritania is mostly a desert landscape.
5. Most people in Mauritania practice Islam.
6. The currency is called Oguiya.
7. The traditional garment is called Boubou.
8. The traditional clothing for both, men and women, often includes a turban or headgear. This is made from a long, colorful scarf or cloth wrapped around. The turban serves not only as a cultural and fashionable accessory but also as protection from the sun and sand in Mauritania's hot desert environment.
9. West of Mauritania is the Atlantic Ocean.



A hand holding a lit lantern against a dark blue background with bokeh lights. The lantern is black with a glass body and a lit candle inside. The background is dark blue with several out-of-focus yellow and white circular lights.

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