

## News Story Summary

In late August, India and China ended a two-month long standoff in the area where India, China, and Bhutan meet. India had sent troops to stop the building of a road in the Doklam plateau, an area claimed by both China and Bhutan. India and China agreed to disengage by removing troops from the area and resuming shared patrols as had been the practice prior to the incident. The area in question links mainline India with its remote northeastern states. China continues to hold the position that the area belongs to them based on the 1890 Chinese-British Treaty. The land has been disputed every since.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “India and China end border standoff.”)

## Focus Attention

To supplement the Locate step under the Focus Attention idea, share the news story above. Allow the group to share ways in which stubbornness is illustrated in this story.

Continue by asking the questions included under Discuss by asking: *When can stubbornness be good? When can it be bad?*

## Challenge

To supplement the Summary and Challenge ideas, begin this step by reminding the group of the news story. Emphasize that the issue in the background is recognition of which country the land belongs to and who rules the area. Point to the first statement under the bulleted points under Apply The Text (God is working in this world so all will recognize His power and sovereign rule.) Emphasize that no disputes will exist over God’s sovereign rule of His creation. Complete the step as written.