

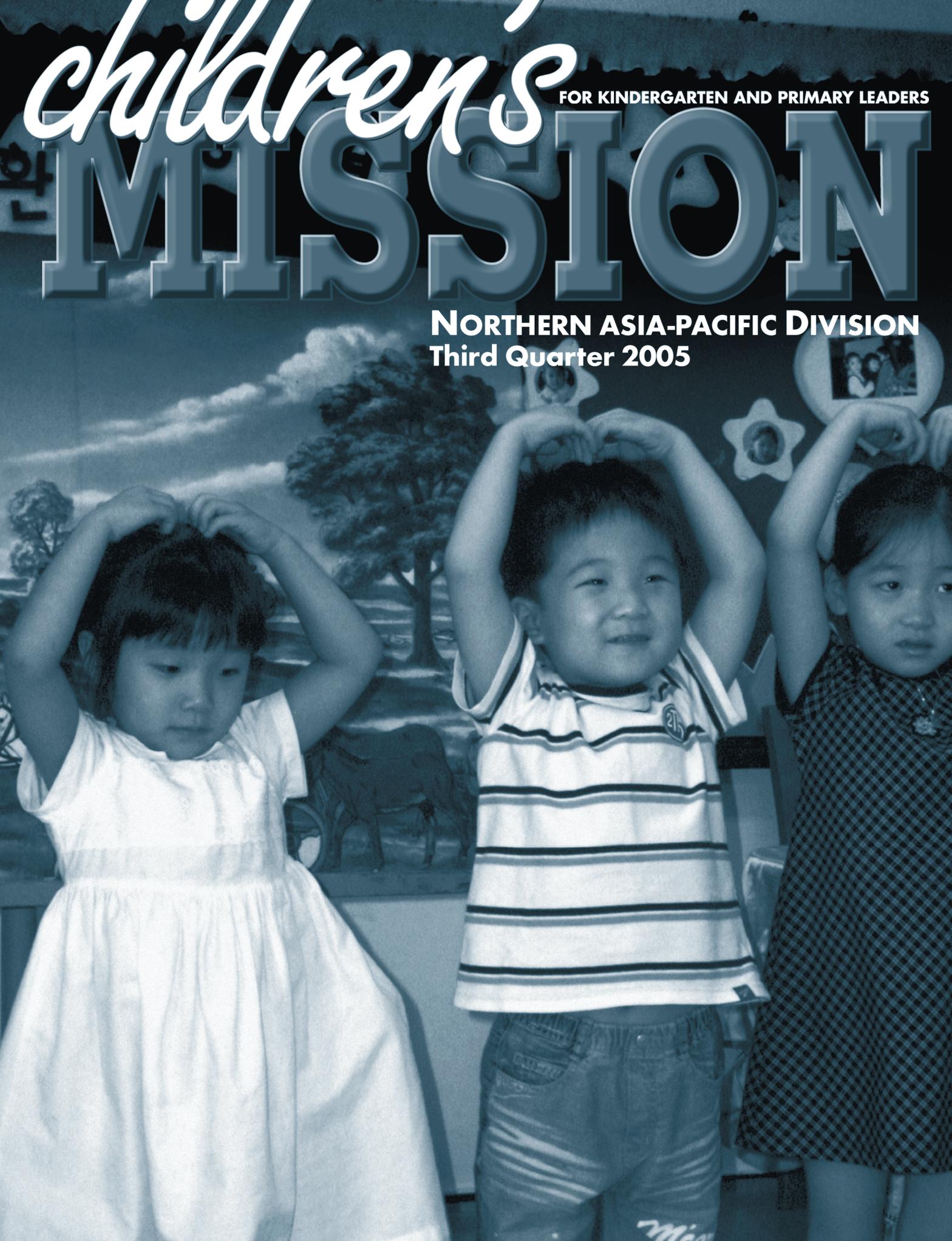
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FOR KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY LEADERS

MISSION

NORTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION

Third Quarter 2005



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Language Fun

The countries being featured this quarter are Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. Words and phrases in Korean are featured on page 12, and songs are on page 14. Words and songs in Mandarin Chinese (the official language of Taiwan) are on pages 18 and 20. Words and songs in Japanese are on pages 22 and 24. Choose a few words or phrases and a song from the language that is the focus of the story. Do not try to use them all, but give the children a feel for the culture by sharing a few words as appropriate.

Make a Mission Scene/Mural

The three countries featured this quarter are modern and urban. Select some aspect of the life in these cultures to portray in a mural. For instance, Japan is primarily Shinto. Using travel brochures and magazines as guides, draw Mt. Fuji in the background with a Shinto shrine in front of it.

Taiwan is a mixture of Buddhist and traditional Asian religions. Chinese-style Buddhist shrines with their upturned eaves are graceful. Korea has a large population of Christian believers, but Buddhism and Confucianism hold strong sway over the people. Often people combine beliefs from more than one religion.

Mission Potluck

Plan a mission potluck featuring the foods and cultures of these countries. See recipes on pages 6, 8, and 10. Label the foods with their name and country. See page 31 for a list of cookbooks containing more recipes. Decorate the church fellowship room with origami art you and the children have created. Ask the children to greet people in one of the featured languages as they arrive. After the meal let the children sing one or more songs they have learned in these languages.

Early Bird Activities

Mission activities provide great incentive to get children to Sabbath School early. Use presession time to learn more about origami or to color the flags of Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. Or provide a listening corner with recordings of favorite mission stories from this or earlier quarters.

Special Features

Invite a guest who has traveled to or lived in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Ask them to wear traditional costumes and bring appropriate items for the children to see and touch.

Game Day. Invite the children to your home or a park to play some games from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (see page 28).

Thirteenth Sabbath Program

On pages 29 and 30 you will find material and ideas for a Thirteenth Sabbath program for the adult Sabbath School. Or use portions of it for your program in your own division. Review the program early in the quarter so that you have time to prepare the material and coach the children.

On the Cover

Children in Seoul, Korea, enjoy a finger play in Sabbath School.

children's MISSION news

Third Quarter 2005
Northern Asia-Pacific Division

Welcome to Northern Asia-Pacific! This quarter we will learn about children who live in three Asian countries: Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. All three countries lie east of China. Can you find them on the map on the back of your parents' Sabbath School lesson?

Two of these countries are islands, and the third one is a peninsula. That means that it is connected to the mainland, but it sticks out into the water, like an island.

People who live on islands often eat a lot of fish. But there is another food that the people of these countries like to eat. It comes from the sea, but it is not an animal. It is a plant. Can you guess what it is? Here is a hint: It is green, and it is a vegetable. Most often you will find it rolled out very flat and dried. When it is ready to eat, it looks like dark green paper. Have you guessed yet?

If you guessed seaweed, you are right! (And if you did not guess seaweed, that's OK. Most people do not eat seaweed. Ask someone if any stores in your area sell dried seaweed. You might want to try it.)

Meet Sho

Sho is 5 years old. He lives in the large city of Tokyo, Japan. It is a modern city with millions of people. Sho and his mother go to Sabbath School every week. Sho loves Sabbath School and can hardly wait until Sabbath arrives so he can go to church.

Sho's father does not

attend church, so Sho invites him to special programs whenever he can. Sometimes when the family is riding in the car and Sho's daddy is playing the music he likes, Sho will ask him to play one of his Jesus cassettes. "I don't like rock music," Sho says. "I want to listen to music about Jesus." So Sho's father changes the music to please Sho. Sho is being a missionary every time he tells his father that God loves him.

Paper Art

When children start school, they learn to read and write and add. But in Japan the children learn another skill that most children do not learn. They learn the art of folding paper into beautiful and fun shapes. This skill is called origami (oh-ree-GAH-mee). They start by learning how to make simple folds that create cats, fish, and other animals; then they move on to more difficult projects as they get older.

Have you ever made a hat or a boat or a fan from newspaper? That is a form of paper folding, origami. However, most origami is made from special paper that measures 6 inches (15 centimeters) square. The paper is usually colored on one side and white on the other.

Would you like to try to make an origami animal? Follow the diagrams on the following page to make a fish or a cat.

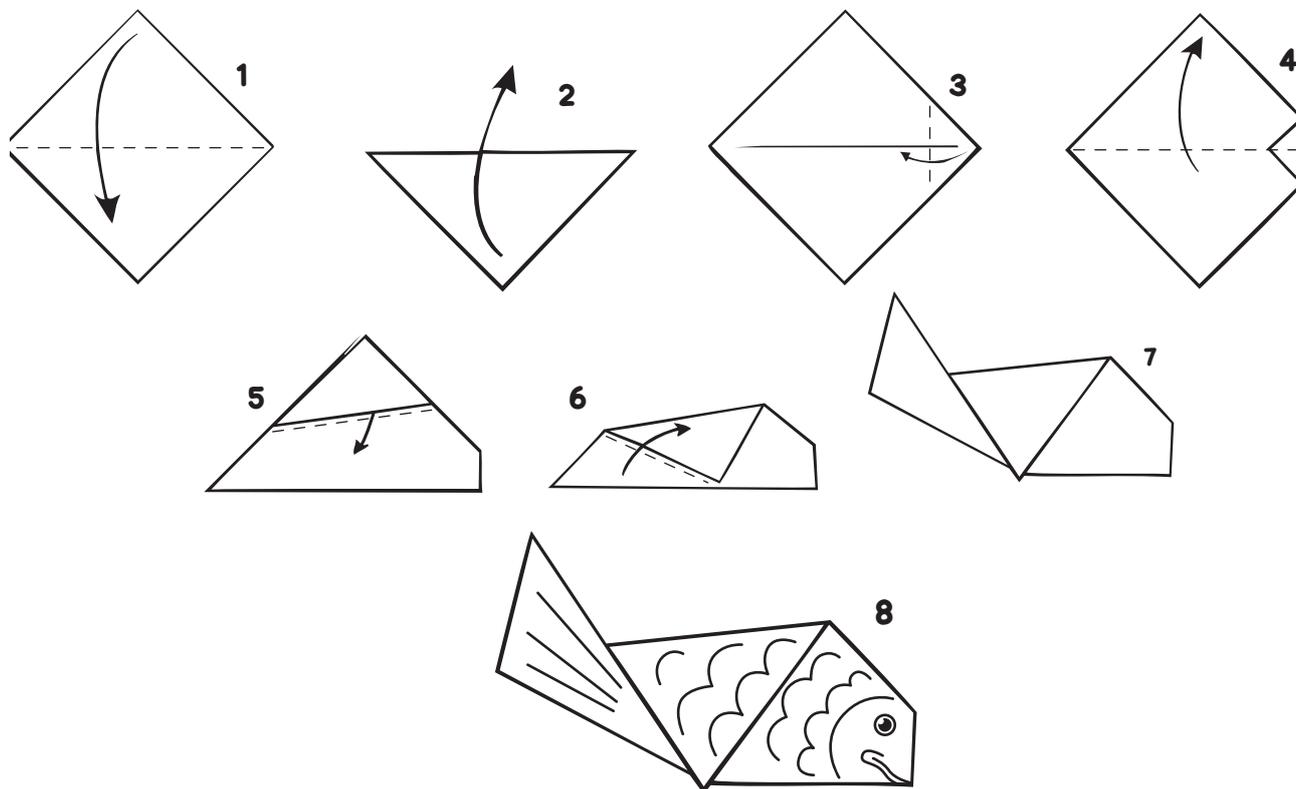


Sho

Origami Fun

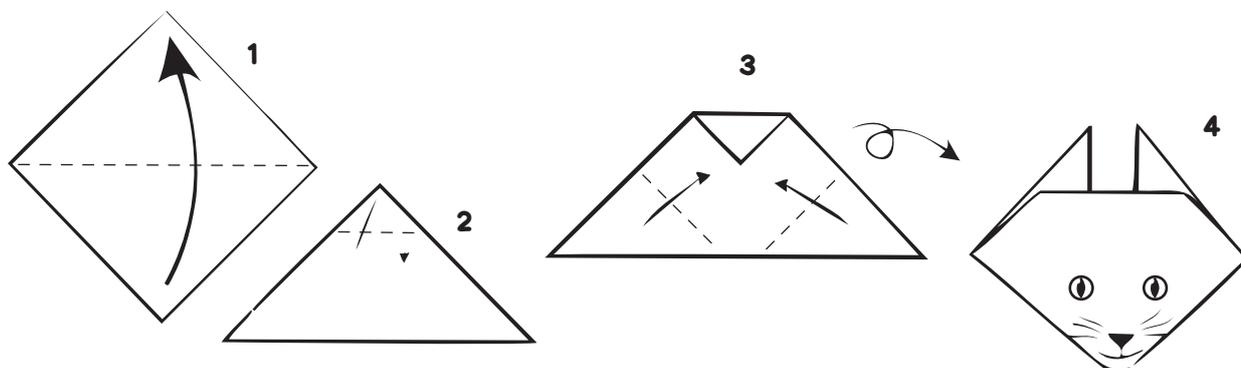
Fish

1. Fold the paper in half to form two triangles. Unfold.
2. Fold in one corner along the fold line, then fold the paper on the crease you just made to form a triangle.
3. Fold the point of the triangle down toward the flat line at an angle (along the dotted line in the picture).
4. Fold the pointed end of the triangle straight up to form a tail. Turn the paper over and draw in the eyes and scales.



Cat

1. Fold square of paper in half to form a triangle.
2. Fold the point of the triangle down about one fourth of the way to the bottom.
3. Fold each of the bottom points of the triangle up toward the top so that the fold is parallel with the triangle you just folded down. (Line up the edge of the piece you are folding with the edge of the triangle above it.)
4. Turn the paper over and draw in a cat's face.



Run Away to Church

Sung



GraceLink Connection: Community.

Sung sneaked away to church and brought her family with her.

Sung Yeon Yang lives in Taiwan [*locate Taiwan on the map*] with her mother, father, and younger sister. When Sung was little, her family worshipped Buddha. But then God helped Sung help her family learn about Jesus.

When Sung was in the first grade, her parents enrolled her in an English language class after school. Even though learning English was difficult, Sung enjoyed it. The English language class was sponsored by the Adventist church in her town.

One day Sung heard her teacher talking about the church's worship services on Sabbath. Sung asked her teacher if she could attend the church too. The teacher told her she would be welcome there. That Sabbath morning Sung slipped away from home and ran to the little church. She enjoyed the Sabbath School so much that she attended nearly every week. Her parents thought she was taking part in a school activity, so they did not worry about where Sung was.

One day the teacher invited Sung to join the children's choir, which often sang for church. Sung loved to sing, and she eagerly joined the choir. This meant that at times she would have to stay for the church service so she could sing in the choir.

"Don't Tell Mother!"

One week Sung invited her sister to go to church with her. "But don't tell Mother—and *don't* tell Father where we are going!" she warned. The sisters slipped away from home and ran to church. When church ended, the girls hurried home.

One day when they returned from church, their mother asked where they had gone. Usually when Mother had asked this question, Sung would make up a story so Mother and Father would not be angry. But this time Sung told the truth. "I have joined a children's choir at the Adventist church, and they sang today for worship," Sung said.

Mother was willing to let the girls go to church, but Father was determined that they remain Buddhists. "No, you may not go to any Christian church!" he told them. Mother felt bad that the girls could not go, so she allowed them to attend church when their father was not home. When Sung's father learned that the girls were still going to the church, he was angry at first. Then Mother explained that the girls had learned how to obey and be kind at

the church. She was sure the church services were helping them. Reluctantly Father allowed the girls to go to church.

Mother and Father Come

Six months later Sung's mother met one of the church members in town. The woman invited her family to visit the church. The girls were thrilled when her mother *and* father agreed to go to church with them.

Mother and Father found the church service very different from anything they had experienced before, and they were embarrassed and did not know what to do. But the members saw the family's discomfort and offered them songbooks and smiles. In spite of the members' efforts, Mother and Father were not eager to return to the Christian church again. But Mother's friend kept inviting the family.

Come and Pray

Then a woman in the church moved to their apartment complex. Every morning she called the family and invited them to come to her apartment for worship. Sung's parents were pleased that someone cared enough about them to invite them to pray. For six months Sung's family went to the woman's house for prayer. Then Sung's mother suggested that the family begin having worship in their own apartment every morning. They had already learned how to worship and pray on their own. Sung's father began reading the Bible with the pastor several times during the week. As he learned more about God and His plan of salvation, he became more eager to worship the God of heaven and creation. He threw away his large collection of Buddhist books; he threw away his prayer beads, and he began praying from his heart. He went from being the leader of a Buddhist home to the spiritual leader of a Christian home.

Eighteen months after Sung ran away to church, her entire family were Adventist Christians. Father has become a gentler, happier man. Mother enjoys worshipping with the family. As a Buddhist, she had stayed home while Father worshiped at the temple. And Sung and her sister love to sing praises to Jesus in the children's choir. She is glad that she ran away—to church.

Korean RECIPES

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Mixed Vegetable Kimchi

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| 1 cup carrots, cut into 1/4-inch slices | 1 cup cauliflower pieces |
| 2 teaspoons salt | 3 green onions (with tops), finely chopped |
| 1 thin slice ginger root, finely chopped | ½ teaspoon garlic salt |
| 1/4 teaspoon crushed red peppers | |
| 1 cup celery cabbage (Chinese cabbage), cut into 1-inch pieces | |

Sprinkle carrot, celery cabbage, and cauliflower with 2 teaspoons salt; toss. Let stand 20 minutes, then rinse with water and drain. Toss drained vegetables with remaining ingredients. Cover tightly and refrigerate at least 48 hours, but no longer than four days. Serve as a side dish with rice and an entree.

From *Betty Crocker's International Cookbook* (New York: Random House, 1980).

Kim Pugak (Fried Seaweed)

- 10 sheets dried seaweed*
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil salt

If seaweed sheets are eight inches or larger, cut into squares of four or five inches.

If seaweed is unfried and unsalted, heat smallest amount of oil possible in a flat-bottomed pan and fry seaweed sheet for a few seconds. Remove from pan and sprinkle with salt. Place small spoonful of rice on each seaweed sheet and roll up, or serve seaweed sheets alongside rice, so people may pick up rice with seaweed and eat as a finger food.

* Available in Asian markets and the international section of larger supermarkets.

Pee Pin Bop (Mixed Vegetables and Rice)

This dish is beautiful when prepared in traditional stoneware bowls and cooked over a hot fire. The vegetables are placed in the bowl separately and cooked quickly. The resulting dish presents a lovely melody of colors. Place the egg on top of the finished dish. Before eating, stir with chopsticks to thoroughly blend the rice and vegetables. Amounts of vegetables and rice vary greatly and depend on what is available and the size of container used to cook the dish. The following recipe has been adapted to serve 6 people.

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| 6 cups steamed rice | 4 carrots |
| 3 medium zucchini | 2 medium onions |
| 1 pound fresh or frozen spinach | 6 eggs |
| sesame oil for frying | salt to taste |

Cut carrots, zucchini, and onion into matchstick-sized pieces. Stir fry or sauté each vegetable individually in small amount of sesame oil; drain on paper towel. If using fresh spinach, sauté in oil; if using frozen spinach, wring out any water and sauté quickly; drain. Fry eggs in remaining oil. Place steamed rice in bottom of baking dish. Mentally divide baking dish into six portions and place a small amount of each vegetable into each portion. Top each portion with a fried egg. Salt to taste. Serve with soba sauce, a hot sauce available from Korean markets. If not available in your area, mix a small amount of Tabasco sauce with some ketchup until comfortably spicy to your taste. Spoon a small amount on each serving.

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Fun at Bible Camp

GraceLink Connection: Service.

Kyung Ah



One Korean church provided special programs for children that helped them want to know God.

Kyung Ah is 11 years old, and her sister, Eun [yoon] Young, is 9. They live in Korea. When the girls were little, their family did not know about Jesus. Then one day a woman visited Kyung Ah's school and told the children about a special program called Vacation Bible Camp. The woman told the children that those who attend the camp would hear exciting stories from God's Word, learn new songs, try new crafts, and earn prizes. Then the woman gave each child a colorful card that described the week-long Bible camp.

Kyung Ah took her card home and showed it to her mother. "Mother, please, may I go to this camp? They will have crafts and stories and singing and games. We will stay overnight and eat there and go on field trips. It sounds like fun!"

Her mother read the card and decided that Kyung Ah could go. "May I take Eun Young with me?" Kyung Ah asked. Mother said that Eun Young was not old enough to stay away from home for a week.

Bible Camp

When school was out for the summer, Kyung Ah eagerly packed for camp. She would be there a whole week. What do you think she took with her? *[Let children suggest what she took with her.]* She took a sleeping mat and a pillow, her toothbrush and a towel. And she needed several changes of clothes.

Kyung Ah loved the Bible camp. Every day she received "talents," pretend money, for learning her Bible verse and for taking part in the program by listening well and answering questions. The children made simple handcrafts each day, and Kyung Ah was eager to show them to her mother and little sister. On the last day of camp the teachers opened the "talent market," a little store where the children could spend their "talents" to buy small prizes. Kyung Ah had worked hard to learn her Bible verses, and she had lots of talents to spend at the store. She made sure that she bought something for her little sister, who had not been able to come.

Kyung Ah arrived home tired but excited. She could hardly stop talking about what fun the Bible camp had been. She showed their mother the handcrafts she had made and the little prizes she had

bought with her "talents." Mother smiled. She was glad that Kyung Ah had gone to the Bible camp. She could see that her daughter had learned many good things there.

A Visitor and an Invitation

A few days after Bible camp ended, one of the teachers from the camp visited Kyung Ah's home. She asked Kyung Ah, "Did you enjoy the camp?"

"Oh yes!" Kyung Ah said. "I especially enjoyed the stories and songs, but everything was so much fun!"

The teacher invited Kyung Ah's parents to attend a special program where they could see what the children had learned during the camp. The teacher also invited Kyung Ah and Eun Young to attend a special Bible Club program on Saturday afternoon. The program was held in the town park, and the church could provide transportation if it was too far to walk.

"May I go to the Bible Club, Mother?" she asked eagerly. Mother agreed to let both girls go. She had seen a difference in her daughter's behavior since she had attended the Bible camp, and she had learned that she could trust the teachers at the church.

"Mother," Kyung Ah asked again, "may I take Eun Young with me to the Bible Club?"

"Yes, dear," Mother said. "She is not too young to go to a meeting near our home."

Bible Club

The Sabbath afternoon Bible Club featured many of the fun things that Kyung Ah had loved at camp. The children learned new songs and listened to more stories about God. They took nature walks and collected plants and insects to study.

Kyung Ah and her sister loved the Bible Club activities and did not want to miss a single meeting. And their mother was delighted that the church was taking such an interest in the girls. She happily provided cookies for special events and helped whenever needed. But Mother did not seem interested in attending the church's services.

Next week we will hear how Kyung Ah and Eun Young helped their parents want to learn more about God.

Taiwan RECIPES

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Vegetables in 'Oyster' Sauce

3 cups boiling water	1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar	1 tablespoon oil
6 ounces broccoli	6 ounces cauliflower
4 ounces canned baby corn	1 carrot, shredded
2 thin slices fresh ginger	1 shallot
1 garlic clove	2 tablespoons cooking oil
1/4 teaspoon salt	2 cups gluten, cut into bite-size pieces
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar	1 teaspoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon ginger juice*	1/2 cup stock
2 tablespoons vegetarian 'oyster' sauce*	pinch of white pepper, optional
shredded carrots for garnish	

* Available in Asian markets and the international section of larger supermarkets

Gravy mix

1 teaspoon flour	1 tablespoon water
few drops soy sauce	1 teaspoon sesame oil

Bring water, salt, sugar, and 1 tablespoon oil to a boil. Trim and cut broccoli and cauliflower into bite-size pieces; blanch in the boiling water. Remove vegetables from water, rinse with cold water, and drain. Blanch baby corn and carrot in the boiling water; rinse and drain. Shred the ginger and slice the shallot and garlic. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a wok; sprinkle in salt, then sauté half the gluten; drain. Repeat with remaining gluten. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in wok; add ginger, shallot, and garlic, and heat until aromatic. Add cauliflower and broccoli and stir-fry for one minute. Add baby corn and sugar and mix thoroughly. Add soy sauce and ginger juice. Add stock, gluten, and remaining seasonings. Stir ingredients for gravy mix together and dribble into vegetables to thicken. Arrange vegetables on a platter and garnish with shredded carrots.

Vegetarian Fried Rice

1/4 cup sweet peas	1/4 cup diced carrots
1/4 cup sweet corn kernels	1 cup boiling water
2 ounces mushrooms, fresh or canned	1 piece spiced bean curd (tofu)
1 shallot	1 garlic clove
2 tablespoons oil	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup egg white	3 cups cold cooked rice
1 tablespoon light soy sauce	1/4 teaspoon sugar

Blanch sweet peas, carrots, and corn in the boiling water. Remove, rinse with cold water, and drain. If using fresh mushrooms, blanch, rinse, and drain. Dice the mushrooms and bean curd; mash shallot and garlic. In a wok or frying pan, heat 1 tablespoon oil; add salt. Sauté garlic and shallot until aromatic, then discard. Add mixed vegetables to wok and stir-fry for 30 seconds. Remove. Add remaining tablespoon oil to wok and bring to a boil. Pour in egg white and stir briskly until fried. Add rice, fried vegetables, bean curd, and seasonings, and toss well. Serve hot.

Wonton Cookies

1 1/2 cups chopped prunes or dried apples	1 cup chopped dried apricots
1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar	1 1/2 cups flaked coconut
1 cup chopped almonds	24 wonton skins*
bowl with 1/4 cup water	oil

Mix prunes (or apples), apricots, brown sugar, coconut, and almonds. Place 2 teaspoons of filling on the center of each wonton skin. Moisten edges of skin with water. Fold skin in half to form a triangle; press edges firmly to seal. Cover to prevent drying. Heat enough oil to fill wok or frying pan 1 or 1 1/2 inches to 360° F. Fry three or four wontons at a time, turning occasionally, until golden brown (about 1 minute on each side). Drain on paper towels and store in airtight container. Makes about 48 wonton cookies.

* Available in Asian markets and the international section of larger supermarkets

Fun at Bible Camp

GraceLink Connection: Service.

Kyung Ah and Eun



Two girls' love for Bible camp and Bible Club helped them share their faith with their parents.

Last week we learned about two girls who live in Korea. Who can find Korea on the map? *[Allow children to locate Korea.]* The girls' names are Kyung Ah and Eun [yoon] Young.

Kyung Ah was invited to attend a week-long Bible camp. Did she like it? *[Let children respond.]* Yes, she loved it. Her family had no religion, so all the songs and Bible stories were new to her.

When camp ended, the children were invited to attend a Sabbath afternoon Bible Club. The Bible Club meeting was held in the afternoon because children in Korea have school in the morning.

Kyung Ah's sister had been too young to attend the Bible camp, but she was not too young to go to the Bible Club. So the sisters went together. They learned songs about Jesus, heard more stories about Jesus, and even learned to cook a few favorite Korean dishes.

One day their teacher recorded the children singing the songs they had learned at Bible Club. She made a copy for each child to take home. The sisters played their tapes over and over, and soon Mother was learning the songs about Jesus too.

After several months the children invited their parents to a special program put on by the children to show what they were learning and to involve the parents in the children's activities in the church.

Another Bible Camp

When summer vacation arrived, the children were invited to attend another week-long Bible camp. This time Mother let Eun Young go with her sister. The girls could hardly wait for camp to come.

They gathered the things that they would need for camp: sleeping mats and blankets, a toothbrush, changes of clothes, and lots of energy. A week later the sisters bounded into the house chattering excitedly about the fun activities they had enjoyed at camp. Mother was glad that the girls were learning good habits and a little about God, even though the

family did not attend church.

For four years Kyung Ah and Eun Young attended the summer Bible camp and the Sabbath afternoon Bible Club meetings. When they could attend church on Sabbath morning, they often invited their parents to go with them. Their father said that he was too busy to go, but he encouraged Mother to go. When Mother agreed to go, the girls jumped up and down and clapped their hands. It would be so good to have their mother in church with them.

Mother continued to attend church, even when the girls had to go to school. A church member took Mother to church and introduced her to new friends so she would feel welcome.

Mother joined a small group from the church, and there she quickly made new friends. When the group learned that Mother needed a job, they all prayed. Then a member of the small group offered Mother a job in his seaweed factory. She could have work and be free on Sabbath to attend church.

Mother enjoyed the worship services and the small group Bible studies. She began to understand why her daughters loved the Bible Club and their leaders. She decided to ask Jesus to be her Savior, and soon she will be baptized. Father is interested in learning about the church as well. He owns an auto mechanics business, which keeps him very busy. But he is thinking about making some changes so he can join his family in church.

Mother is so happy that the people in the church took the time to hold the Bible camps and Sabbath afternoon Bible Club meetings. These programs changed the family's lives. Kyung Ah and Eun Young have become loving Christian children, and their invitations to their parents to come to church has changed their home for eternity.

Boys and girls, we don't have to be preachers to have an influence on those around us. Just living a loving, joyful life will make people we meet want to know why we are different. Then we can tell them, "It's because Jesus loves me!" That is what Kyung Ah and Eun Young did.

Japanese RECIPES

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Sukiyaki

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| 1 14-ounce can gluten steaks or Skallops, sliced thin | 1/4 cup oil |
| 5 large mushrooms (or 1 cup canned), sliced | 1 cup green onions, chopped |
| 1 cup Chinese cabbage, shredded | 1 cup celery, sliced diagonally |
| 1 cup sliced water chestnuts (optional) | 1 cup bamboo shoots, sliced |
| 1 pound tofu, cut in 1-inch squares | 3/4 cup soy sauce |
| 1/2 cup water | 1/4 cup sugar |

(Note: If the tofu or any of the vegetables is not available, eliminate or substitute 1/2 cup sliced raw cauliflower.)

In a heavy skillet, brown steaks in oil. Add fresh mushrooms and cook until tender. Add remaining ingredients and simmer until tender. Serve over hot rice. Serves 8 to 10.

From *Vegetarian Cookery* (Mountain View, Calif.: Pacific Press Pub. Assn., 1971), vol. 5.



Egg Foo Yong

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| 6 eggs, beaten | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1/4 cup mushrooms, sliced | 1/2 medium onion, chopped |
| 1 cup chopped cooked bean sprouts | 1/4 cup cooked bamboo shoots |
| 1/4 cup chopped cooked carrots | 1/4 cup oil |
| 1/2 cup cooked string beans, cut up | |

Mix all ingredients except oil. Heat oil in skillet and drop mixture by quarter-cup servings to make small round patties. When lightly browned on bottom, turn patties over and continue cooking until done. Serve with soy sauce and rice. Serves 6.

Japanese-style Sauce

Serve this sauce over patties (such as egg foo yong) or gluten balls.

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| 1/4 cup cornstarch | 2 cups water |
| 1 tablespoon soy sauce | 1/4 cup chopped bean sprouts |
| 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced onion strips | 1 cup thinly sliced fresh mushrooms |
| 1 1/2 cups shredded raw spinach | |

Mix cornstarch with water; heat in a medium-sized pan until mixture comes to a boil, stirring constantly. Add remaining ingredients, except spinach, and simmer 5 minutes. Add spinach, mix well, and cover. Turn off heat and let stand for 2 minutes. Serve sauce over patties or gluten balls and hot cooked rice. Makes 8 servings of sauce.

From *Vegetarian Cookery* (Mountain View, Calif.: Pacific Press Pub. Assn., 1971), vol. 5.



Rice and Bamboo Shoots

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| 3 ounces soy sauce | 2 8-ounce cans bamboo shoots, sliced |
| 1 cup strong vegetable stock | 1 pound rice |

Heat soy sauce in a large saucepan and add bamboo shoots. Stir gently for several minutes. Add vegetable stock and cook several minutes more. Add rice and enough water to cover vegetables by 1/2 inch. Simmer until rice is cooked and water is absorbed. Serves 8 to 10.

The Sisters' Request

Kay



GraceLink Connection: Community.

Sisters learned more than English in their new school, and they shared what they were learning with their parents.

Eun Hye [yoon hyeh] lives with her parents and elder sister in Seoul, Korea [*locate Korea on a map*]. Seoul is a busy city. Even the children are busy. They attend school during the day, and many of them take special classes after their regular school ends. Some study music, some practice sports, and others study language or science or math. Everyone wants to do the best they can in school, so they study a lot.

Eun Hye's friends call her Kay, so we will call her Kay, too.

Studying English

When Kay was 8 years old, her mother enrolled the girls in English language classes after school. She wanted them to learn English from native English-speaking people. She had learned about an English-language school operated by the Seventh-day Adventists, and this is where she enrolled Kay and her sister, Tina.

The girls enjoyed the course. Their teachers are college-age young people who make learning English fun. In just a few months, Mother noticed how much the girls had learned. She was glad that she had sent them to this school. Mother learned that the Adventists also operate elementary and secondary schools, so the next year she enrolled the girls in the Adventist school.

New School

Kay and her sister liked their new school. It was different from their former school, where students were always competing with one another for the best grades. Sometimes students were not very nice to each other. At the Adventist school teachers are kinder and encourage students to help each other rather than to compete for grades.

Schools in Korea hold classes six days a week, Monday through Saturday. But on Saturday the Adventist school has Sabbath School instead of classes. The children sing songs, hear Bible stories, and learn Bible verses, just as we do. One day Kay noticed that some of the students left class to attend

the church next door with their parents.

When Kay returned home from school, she told her mother, "My friends' parents attend church with them on Saturday. Can we go to church as a family?" Mother avoided Kay's question. The family had never followed a religion. Besides, her job required that she work on Saturdays. She knew that some things she did at work were not what Christians approved of doing. Finally she told Kay, "No, I cannot go with you, but you can go."

Bible Study Class

The school pastor invited children to take Bible studies, so Tina and Kay signed up for the class. The pastor invited their parents to attend, too; Mother went once or twice, but she did not continue going. "You can go," Mother told her daughters, "but I'm too busy."

When Tina and Kay finished the Bible studies, they asked their parents for permission to be baptized. Mother and Father gave the girls permission to become Seventh-day Adventist Christians. They even attended the baptismal service. Sometimes when the children had special programs at the church, Mother and Father would go. But still they did not become Christians.

Mother's Accident

Then something happened that changed the family's life. Mother was injured in a climbing accident and could not work. She had to quit her job and stay home. She decided to study English at the same language institute her daughters attended.

Mother was invited to attend weekend activities, including Bible classes on Sabbath, and this time she went. She even invited Father to join her. After a few months, Father began attending with his family.

Now the whole family goes to church together. Lots of things have changed in their home. Everyone seems happier, and there are fewer arguments than there used to be.

Kay's parents have decided to send her to the Adventist middle school instead of public school, which requires children to attend classes on Sabbath.

Lots has changed in Kay's family because she and her sister invited their parents to church. Now the family is growing together in their faith in Jesus.

Fun With Language: Korean

In Korean the sound represented by the letter K is quite similar to the hard G. Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows:

<i>ah</i> as in father;	<i>ai</i> as in eye;
<i>ee</i> as in bee;	<i>eh</i> as in bet;
<i>ih</i> as in tip;	<i>oh</i> as in toe;
<i>oo</i> as in boot;	<i>uh</i> as in butter

The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath
Welcome
(to Sabbath School)
Hello

Thank you
Yes
No
You're welcome
Goodbye (adult to child)
(child to child)
Happy birthday

Pronounce It

GEE-poom AHN-sheek-ir IHM-nee-dah
HWAHN-yuhng HAHM-nee-dah
AHN-sheek-ILR hah-KYO-shee-gahn
ahn-yuhng HAH-say-yoh
(*standard greeting, replaces good morning, good afternoon, good evening*)
kahm-sah HAHM-nee-dah
neh or yeh
AH-nee-oh
CHAHN-mahn-AY-oh
chail-gah SAY-h (*long i sound*)
chail-gah (*long i sound*)
sang-ihl-duhrl choo-kah HAHM-nee-dah

Numbers

one
two
three
four
five
six
seven
eight
nine
ten

Soo

ihl
ee
sahm
sah
oh
yug (*g is almost silent, used to end the word*)
chihl
pailr (*long i sound*)
gooh
shihp

Days of the Week

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sabbath

yoh-IHLR

EE-dyoh-IHLR (*soft d*)
wor-dyoh-IHLR (*soft d*)
whah-yoh-IHLR
SOO-yoh-IHLR
MOHK-yoh-IHLR
GOOM-yoh-IHLR
TOH-yoh-IHLR
ahn-sheek-IHLR

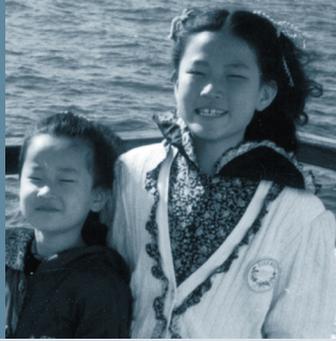
What is your name?
My name is Joo Hee.
Jesus loves me.

ee-duh-mee moh-yay-yoh (*voice rises on last syllable*)
jay-ee-doo-MUHN Joo Hee IHM-nee-dah
yeh-soo nee-muhn nah-dulr sah-dahng hai (*long a sound*)

Bonhang's Choice

GraceLink Connection: Worship.

A young girl sets an example by choosing God over school and friends.



In South Korea people are free to become Christians. But that freedom does not always make it easy to be a Christian.

Bonhang's Story

When Bonhang [boh-NANG] started first grade, she attended an Adventist school in Seoul, Korea. [Locate on map.] She went to classes Monday through Friday, but on Saturday she went to church.

In school she studied math and language and social studies and science. But she also learned Bible stories and memory verses.

When Bonhang was 8 years old, her family moved to a town where there was no Adventist school. So Bonhang enrolled in the public school.

Most government schools in Korea hold classes six days a week, including Saturday. Mother explained to Bonhang that she did not have to go to school on the Sabbath; she could get her assignments on Sunday. Bonhang was glad that she did not have to attend school on Sabbath. She wanted to be in church with her parents.

"I Won't Be Here Tomorrow"

On the first Friday of school Bonhang told her teacher that she would not be in class the next day; she was going to church.

"But you must attend class every day," the teacher said.

"But Saturday is the day I worship God," Bonhang explained.

"Classes are dismissed at noon," the teacher said without smiling. "You can worship God after school lets out."

Bonhang went back to her seat. She did not know what to do. That evening Bonhang told her parents what the teacher had said. Mother explained that Adventists follow all of God's commandments.

Problems

On Monday the teacher asked Bonhang why she was not in class on Saturday. *Why does she ask me that?* Bonhang wondered. *I told her I was going to go to church.*

Some of the children teased Bonhang about skipping classes. Even the teacher made her feel bad that she was not in class on Saturday. Bonhang studied even harder, hoping to please her teacher.

The next Sabbath Bonhang again went to church with her parents.

After Sabbath, Bonhang called a classmate to ask for the assignments the teacher had given that day. But the girl said the teacher had not given any homework. Bonhang called another classmate, and she said the same thing. When Bonhang hung up the telephone, her mother asked her, "Did you get your assignments?"

"No," Bonhang answered. "I've called two girls, and they said there was no homework."

But on Monday morning the teacher stopped at Bonhang's desk and asked her, "Where is your assignment for Saturday?"

Bonhang told the teacher that she was told there was no assignment. The teacher told her that because she did not do the assignments, she would receive a zero for the day.

Bonhang's throat grew tight. She tried hard not to cry. *It isn't fair!* she thought. *I would have done the homework if the girls had told me the assignment.*

Try Again

The next Sunday when Bonhang needed to get her assignments, Mother suggested that they go to visit her classmate's home and ask for the assignments in person. Her friend was surprised to see her. When Bonhang asked her about homework, her friend told her they did the assignments in class, and there was no homework.

Bonhang asked her what assignments they did in class, but the girl said, "I do not remember."

"Why is this happening?" Bonhang asked her mother. "What have I done to make them hate me?"

Mother Visits the Teacher

On Monday Mother visited the school to learn why the children would not give Bonhang the assignments. Mother was surprised when the teacher said, "I have told the children to not give assignments to anyone who skips classes on Saturdays."

Next week we will learn how God helped Bonhang. In the meantime, let's pray for the Adventist children who face similar problems in school. We can ask God to help them be faithful.

Sing a Song in Korean

Jesus Loves Me

Yeh soo sah dahng hah shee muhn
Kaw rook hah sheen mar ihlr seh
Oo dee too ren yahk hah nah
Yeh soo kwan seh mahn toh dah

Nahlr sah dahng hah sheem
Nahlr sah dahng hah sheem
Nahlr sah dahng hah sheem
Son gyong eh soo sho neh

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Jweh jim maht ehn oo dee koo joo
Aw jee cho woohn chihn goon jee
Kawk jong koon shim moh dehn gaw ser
Koh hahn sahd lrahm pohk pah neh
Joo geh koo chee ahn nehn gohd lroh
Poh ger awt jee moh tah neh
Sahd lrahm deh dee joo neem ahj peh
Awh jee ah nee goh hah nah

Amazing Grace

Chah bee roh-oh oon joo hah nah neem
Nahlr koo wahn heh soo nee
Neh ihlr awt dun kwee hahn sehng myung
Ee jeh yah chah jah neh

Neh mohm sohng eh chahm geen koon shim
ee jeh sah lrah jee koh
Joo yeh soo delr mee dulr moo doh
Kuhn gee buhm aw duh neh

Bonhang's Choice

GraceLink Connection: Worship.

Bonhang must choose between the traditional dance festival and worshipping God on Sabbath.

Last week we learned about a girl named Bonhang [boh-NANG], from Korea. [Locate on the map] She attends a public school, and classes are held Monday through Saturday. This caused a problem for Bonhang. Who remembers what it was? Where did Bonhang want to be on Saturday? Yes, she wanted to be in church.

But when Bonhang missed classes on Saturday, the children teased her. How would you feel if your friends teased you for doing what you knew was right? [Allow one or two children to answer.]

Bonhang studied hard, received good grades in school, and in time she made friends who told her what assignments she missed on Saturdays.

The Festival

One day the teacher announced that the school would have a special festival. The program would include sports events and traditional Korean dancing. The children were excited about the festival. They practiced for the sporting events and tried out for the traditional dance program. Those who were chosen could wear beautiful Korean costumes.

To her surprise, Bonhang was chosen to be the lead in the traditional dances. She could hardly wait to tell her parents!

“When will the program be?” Mother asked her.

“She will tell us later,” Bonhang answered. Then Bonhang hurried to her room to practice her dance.

One day the teacher announced that the festival would be the following Saturday morning.

Saturday! Bonhang sat silently in her chair, but her heart cried out, *Why Saturday?*

Bonhang's Choice

Bonhang's feet felt heavy as she walked home from school. Her mother asked if she was sick.

“No,” Bonhang answered. “The teacher told us that the festival will be Saturday.” Bonhang put her books down on the table and went to change her clothes.

Friday evening, after worship, Bonhang's mother said, “Bonhang, it is your choice whether to go to the festival or to church.” Mother hugged Bonhang.

That night Mother could not sleep. She went outside and looked into the star-filled sky. She prayed, “Father, Bonhang has worked so hard to prepare for the festival. Now she must choose between obeying Your command or attending the

festival. Please comfort her. As young as she is, please help her.”

Sabbath morning dawned bright and beautiful. The family gathered for worship and breakfast.

Nobody mentioned the school festival, but Father and Mother were praying for Bonhang.

After breakfast the family dressed for church. Mother wondered if Bonhang would choose her Sabbath dress or the lovely Korean costume.

When it was time to leave for church, Bonhang came out of her room wearing her Sabbath dress and carrying her Bible. Mother felt a tear slip down her cheek. Even Father could not speak.

After church the family went for a walk in a lovely park. Bonhang's parents hoped that it would help her to feel better about missing the festival. At sundown, Father led the family in worship to close the Sabbath.

Then Mother asked Bonhang, “Are you sorry that you missed the festival?”

“I wanted to be in the festival,” Bonhang answered. “But I wanted to spend Sabbath with you, Daddy, and Jesus.”

Telephone Call

On Sunday morning the phone rang. It was Bonhang's teacher. She wanted Mother to come to the school on Monday. Mother wondered if the teacher would punish Bonhang for not attending the festival.

The next day Mother went to the school and found the teacher.

“I need to tell you,” the teacher said, “that I have watched Bonhang for several months now. No matter how I punished her, she was determined to worship God on Saturday. Even when her classmates teased her, she did not give in.

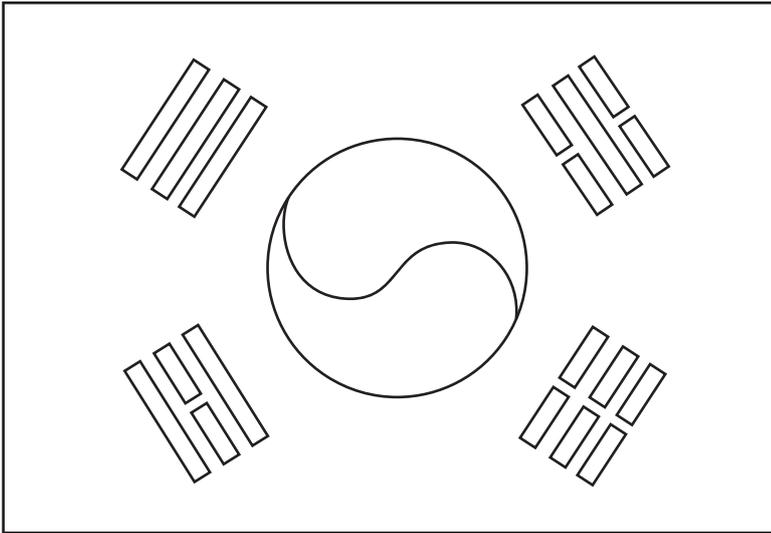
“When I gave her the part in the festival, I was testing her. Bonhang practiced so hard that I was sure she would come to the festival.” The teacher was smiling now. “But knowing Bonhang, I decided to have another girl practice for the part, just in case Bonhang did not come.”

Mother's eyes filled with tears as she listened to this teacher.

The teacher took hold of Mother's hands. “I have never met such a sincere child as Bonhang. She may continue to worship on Saturday; I will not punish her for missing classes.”

When Mother walked out of the school, her heart was so full of joy that she could not speak. But in her heart she whispered, *Thank You, Father!*

Flags of Northern Asia-Pacific

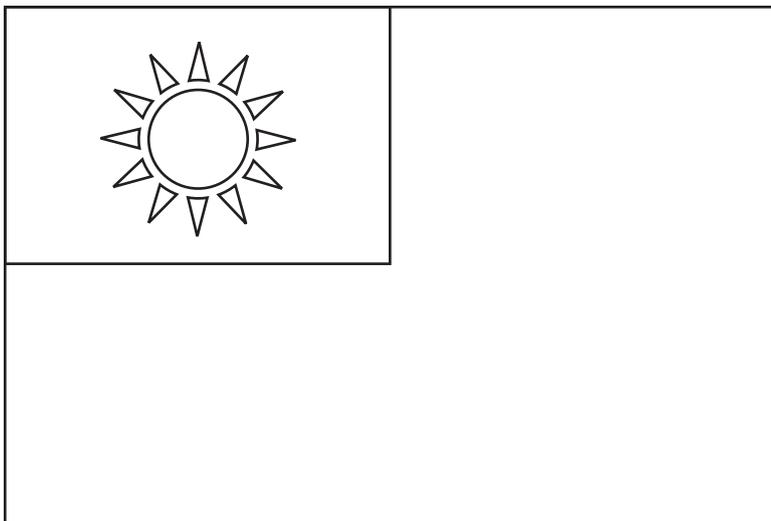
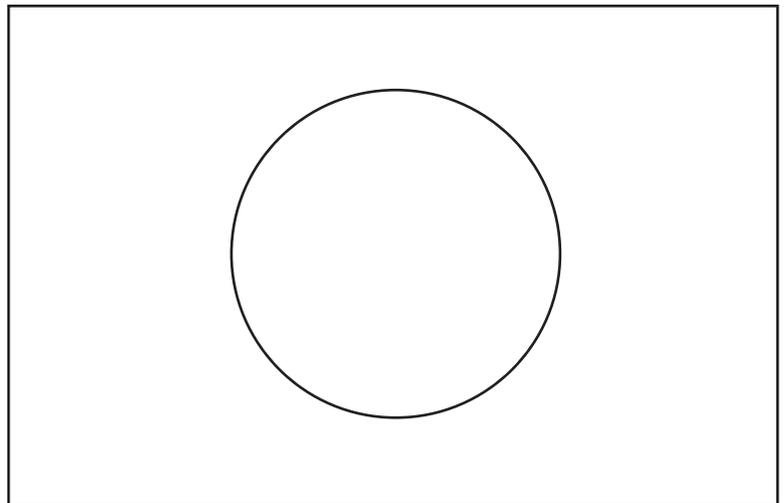


Korea

background: white
circle: red (top) and blue (bottom)
panels: black (These four panels represent earth, fire, water, and sky.)

Japan

background: white
circle: red



Taiwan

box (upper left): dark blue
sun: white
background: red

The Lost Keys

GraceLink Connection: Worship.

Ying Chi



When the keys fell through the grate of the water drain, there was little Ying could do to help, except pray.

Ying Chi lives in the southernmost part of the island of Taiwan [locate Taiwan on a map]. His father is a pastor, and Ying Chi likes to help him in his work. One day something happened that helped Ying Chi learn that God cares even about small things. Let's let him tell his own story.

Ying Chi's Story

It was Friday, and my parents and I had just finished cleaning the church. As we walked out of the church toward our home, Father dropped his ring of keys. The keys hit the metal cover of the drainage ditch and disappeared through a hole.

"Oh, no!" Father groaned as he knelt to examine the cover. Often drainage ditches have grates over them, but this one had holes in it, holes that were meant to keep trash—and keys—from falling through. But Dad's keys had fallen through the hole.

Dad bent over the cover, trying to see the keys, but it was dark inside. He could hear water dripping, and it smelled bad. But he could not see his keys. He tried to lift the grate cover off, hoping he could get at his keys, but it was bolted into place. Then Dad found a stick and started to fish around, hoping he could snag the keys and pull them back through the hole. But that did not work well either.

Minutes seemed like hours as I watched my dad on his hands and knees, trying to get his keys.

After a long while I said, "Dad, don't you have another set of keys?"

"Yes," he answered, his voice echoing a little off the metal drain cover as he talked. "But the keys are in the house, and the house is locked. The house key is down this drain."

Just Pray

I knew the keys were important, but I could not help Dad get them back, so I did what I could. I stood beside my dad and patted his back to encourage him. Then I prayed in my heart. "Dear Jesus, help Dad get the keys out. It's Friday, and the Sabbath will be here soon. We need to get home and

get ready for Sabbath."

It was really hot and muggy, and sweat poured off my dad as he poked around with a long stick. He snagged all sorts of garbage and pulled it out of the drain, but no keys. I just kept patting my father's back to help him feel better.

Just after I prayed, Dad decided to try something else. He moved to another hole in the drain and poked the stick around in the mud. He brought up a plastic bag filled with mucky water and a cup from a restaurant.

Then he felt something heavy on the stick. Slowly and carefully Dad pulled the stick up toward the grate. He saw something glimmer in the sunlight. Carefully he lifted the stick to where he could reach the keys. Carefully he reached down and grabbed the keys. They were wet and muddy, but we were so glad to see them!

"Thank You, Jesus," I whispered. "Now we can go home." Then I told my father, "I was praying that you would find the keys, Dad, and you did."

God Answers Other Prayers

Father was quiet a few minutes. I could tell he was thinking. Then he put his hand on my shoulder and hugged me. "Thank you, Son," he said. "I was so intent on finding the keys that I did not remember to pray. I'm glad that you remembered. Now, let's go home and get ready for Sabbath.

Dad washed the keys off before we climbed onto our motorbike for the ride home.

Remembering that day helped me a lot a few months later when I faced even bigger problems.

Schools held classes on Saturdays, and when I told my teacher I wanted to miss classes on Saturday, they did not want to let me miss classes. But finally they agreed if I could keep my exam grades up, I could miss classes. We all prayed about this, because it was serious. My mom helped me study the things the other kids had learned on Saturday. And when I took the tests, God blessed, and I had great grades. When the other students heard what my scores were, some of them wanted to skip classes on Saturday and go to church with me!

God can do anything, if we ask Him!

Fun With Language: Mandarin Chinese (Taiwan)

The official language of Taiwan is Mandarin Chinese. The words below are written phonetically. Chinese is spoken in one of four tones, shown here by the following marks: (1) - - tone remains even, (2) ´ - tone rises at end, (3) ˇ - tone dips in the middle and rises at end, and (4) ` - tone falls at the end. If no mark appears over the syllable, say it softly.

Common Phrases

Good morning
Hello
Welcome
(to Sabbath School)
Please
Thank you
You are welcome
Yes
No

Pronunciation

dzow³ shahng⁴ how³
nee² how³
hwan¹ yeen²

cheeng³
shi-eh⁴ shi-eh⁴
boh-KUH-chee
shur⁴
boo²*

* Chinese has no word for 'no.' 'Boo²' means 'not,' as in 'The person is not busy' or 'not tired,' or 'The person does not see.'

Goodbye
What is your name?
My name is . . .
How old are you?
I am 10 years old.
Happy birthday
Where is China?

dzai⁴ jee-en⁴
nee³ jeow⁴ shen²-muh meeng² dz⁴
waw³ jeow⁴ . . .
nee² dwaw¹ da⁴ nee-en² jee⁴ luh
waw³ jeen¹ nee-en² shur² sway⁴ luh
sheng¹ roo⁴ kwai⁴ luh⁴
jong¹ gwaw² dzai⁴ na³ lee³

Numbers

one ee¹
two ahr⁴
three san¹
four sih⁴
five woo³
six leo⁴
seven chee¹
eight bah¹
nine jeo³
ten shur²

Days of the Week

Sunday sheeng¹ chee¹ tien¹
Monday sheeng¹ chee¹ ee¹
Tuesday sheeng¹ chee¹ ahr⁴
Wednesday sheeng¹ chee¹ san¹
Thursday sheeng¹ chee¹ sih⁴
Friday sheeng¹ chee¹ woo³
Saturday/Sabbath sheeng¹ chee¹ leo⁴ / ahn¹ shee² tee-en¹

Bible Verse (John 3:16)

shahng⁴ dee⁴ ai⁴ shur⁴ ren², shen⁴ joo⁴ jee-uhng¹ tah¹ duh doo²
shuhng¹-dzuh³ tsih⁴ gay³ tah¹ muhn² jee-ow⁴ yee¹ chi-eh⁴ sheen⁴ tah¹ duh boo² jur⁴
mee-eh⁴ wahng², fuhn³ duh³ yong³ sheng¹. Yoo-eh¹ hahn⁴ san¹ jahng¹ shur² leo⁴ jee-eh².

Faithful Yung Hsing

Yung Hsing



GraceLink Connection: Service.

Yung Hsing had the courage to tell her teacher she could not be at the program.

Yung Hsing [young shing] is 9 years old and in the third grade. She lives in southern Taiwan [*locate Taiwan on a map*]. She enjoys playing the piano and taking part in music at her school.

Sports Day

One day her teacher announced that there would be a special sports program on Saturday. Yung Hsing did not pay much attention because she did not attend classes or special events on Saturday. Yung Hsing would be in church that day.

The teachers wanted this sports day to be very special, so they wanted *everyone* to attend. Yung Hsing's teacher arranged for the music class to perform during the sports day. Yung Hsing plays the harmonium [har-MOH-nee-um), a musical instrument that you play by blowing air into it while playing keys like a piano.

"I Can't Come"

When Yung Hsing learned about the plans for the program, she went to see her music teacher. She waited at the door until the teacher invited her in. She stepped forward and bowed respectfully. Then she asked for permission to speak. "Teacher, I cannot be at the program on Saturday; I worship God on Saturday."

The teacher listened to Yung Hsing, then she said, "But I need you to be there. If you are absent, we will be one member short when we play for the program."

"I am sorry, Teacher," Yung Hsing said politely, "but I will go to church on Saturday. I cannot go to the sports event on God's Sabbath. Jesus wants me to worship Him on His holy day." In her heart Yung Hsing was praying that Jesus would help her explain to her teacher why she wanted to keep the Sabbath.

The schools in Taiwan sometimes hold classes or have special events on Saturday, and students are required to attend. Yung Hsing liked her music teacher, and she did not want to disappoint her by not playing for the festival. But she realized that obeying God is more important than obeying her teacher. She was glad that her teacher did not become angry or scold her. At last the teacher said it was OK for Yung Hsing to miss the festival.

Telling Others

After Yung Hsing bowed again and left the room, her music teacher went to talk to Yung Hsing's class teacher about the girl's strange Sabbath worship. Yung Hsing's teacher asked her to have her mother come to the school the next day.

When Yung Hsing arrived home, she told her mother that she had to come to the school the next day. Yung Hsing and her mother arrived at the school together, and Mother went to speak to the music teacher.

The teacher explained that she really needed Yung Hsing to be at the musical program during the sports day because she was one of only four students who play the harmonium. Mother listened politely, then she explained that Yung Hsing had been present at every other school program. She told her teacher that Yung Hsing had explained her beliefs very well, and Mother would support her daughter's wish to worship God rather than attend the sports festival. Then Mother suggested that it might be better for Yung Hsing to give up the music class rather than attend the festival.

Yung Hsing's teacher said, "No, she should not give up her music class. She is talented, and we want her in the music program here. We will not make a problem for her because of the festival."

On the Monday after the sports day, some of her friends asked her why she did not come to the sports day, and she explained that she was in church. So now all of her friends know that she worships God on Saturday.

Her friends know that she is an Adventist and will not play on Saturday. She invites them to come to church with her. Some have come. They like Sabbath School, especially the children's class.

Yung Hsing was brave to talk to her teacher about missing the sports event. But now teachers try to schedule school events for times when Yung Hsing and other Adventist children can take part. Yung Hsing has been a good witness for her faith, don't you agree?

If Yung Hsing could tell us something today, she would say, "I urge my young friends to keep the Sabbath. Do not accept Satan's temptation, but worship God on the Sabbath. It will make Jesus happy."

Sing a Song in Chinese

Jesus Loves Me

Yay-soo ai waw waw jur dow
Een yoh sheng jeeng gow soo waw
Yoh shee-ow hai tong tah moo young
Tah muhn roo-en raw joo guhng chi-uhng

Chorus:

Joo yay soo ai waw,
Joo yay soo ai waw,
Joo yay soo ai waw,
Yoh sheng jing gow soo waw

Lift Up the Trumpet

Sheen too shih shwen gow
Shoo-eh poo shur ren ting
Yay soo be ding yow tsai lai
Tien loo jeh kih loo kwan sheen bing gow sheeng
Yay soo be ding yow tsai lai

Chorus:

Yay soo tsai lai yay soo tsai lai
Yay soo be ding yow tsai lai

When He Cometh

Dahng joo hway lai dahng joo hway lai
Shoh joo tah duh jem bow
Ee chi-eh jem bow gway jong jem bow
Tah sheen saw shee ai

Chorus:

How shee-uhng chuhn sheeng fah gwong hway
Joo-ong shur joo rong yow gwahn mee-en
Jem bow dwaw moo jen hway hwang
Shee-en choo joo gwahng rong

Sheen joo ahr tong, ai joo ahr tong,
Jeo shur joo-duh jem bow
Tah-duh jem bow, gway jong jem bow
Tah sheen saw shee ai



Mark's Lunchroom Problems

GraceLink Connection: Community.

Mark just wanted his lunch without pork, but he ended up sharing his health principles with classmates, teachers, and the cook.

Mark Liu lives in southern Taiwan [*locate Taiwan on a map.*] Mark has grown up in an Adventist family, and he has learned about clean and unclean foods. But sometimes it is difficult to avoid unclean foods, especially in the Chinese culture that loves pork and seafood.

School Lunch Problem

The government of Taiwan was concerned that some children were not eating well and could not study without good food. They ordered schools to provide lunch for students.

Mark was new at the school, and he did not know how the food was prepared or whether it contained pork. On the first day, when he opened his box lunch, he saw that it contained pork. He took out the pork and ate the noodles.

Some of Mark's friends asked him why he did not eat his pork. Mark told them that pork is unclean and can cause certain diseases. His friends asked if they could eat his pork, so he let them have it. When Mark could not separate the meat from the rest of the lunch, he did not eat his lunch at all. That meant that he went hungry unless he could get permission to go to the little shop outside the school and buy some noodles or rice.

Working Out a Solution

After a week of this, Mark told his teacher that he could not eat the food that the school provided. He explained that he did not eat pork, and when the pork was mixed in with the other food, he had to leave it and go hungry or buy extra food at the little shop outside the school. Mark's teacher understood and asked Mark to talk to the school cook who prepared the food.

Mark went to the cafeteria and bowed politely before the cook. He told her that he and several other

students in the school did not eat pork and shellfish. He asked her if she could provide food that had none of these foods in it.

The cook said she was willing to provide a meal without meat. But the next day brought no change in the meals. Again Mark had to go to the little shop and buy food. He thought that maybe the cook was busy and forgot, so he said nothing. Every day that week his food contained pork. Finally he went to the cook again. She said that she did not think he was serious, but if he was, she would provide food without meat. "But," she said, "you and your friends must come to the kitchen to eat it."

After that the cook provided meals without meat for those who wanted them. The children who did not want to eat pork washed their own dishes and chopsticks, so they could be sure that no pork products had touched them. They did not feel bad because they had to eat in the kitchen when all the other children ate in the classroom. They were just happy that Mark had helped them arrange for food they could eat.

Opportunity to Witness

When Mark's friends asked why he and the other students eat in the kitchen, Mark explained that they are following the Bible teachings about clean and unclean food. They want to eat only clean food. Some classmates cannot understand why Mark and his friends do not eat pork, since it is such a popular food in Chinese culture. Mark invites them to read the verses in the Bible that talk about clean and unclean foods. Some of his classmates think that these boys and girls are a little strange, but others respect their wish to keep their bodies healthy.

Mark and his Adventist friends continue to eat in the kitchen. They make sure they thank the cook for her extra effort to prepare food they can eat.

Mark and his friends just wanted clean food, but their efforts to get it has helped many people in their school, including teachers and the cook, to learn that God has a better way for us to eat.

Fun With Language—Japanese

Following are some Japanese words and phrases to use in your program to make missions come alive for your children. Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in far; *ai* as in eye; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in butter. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Common Phrases

Welcome
(to Sabbath School)
Hello
Good morning
Please
Thank you
You're welcome
Yes
No
Goodbye
See you later
My name is . . .
This is Mr./Mrs. _____.
What is your name?
How old are you?
I am ___ years old.
Happy birthday
Where is Japan?

Pronunciation

YOH-koh-soh
AHN-soh-kuh-nee-chee GAH-koh nee YOH-koh-soh
koh-nee-chee-WAH
oh-HAI-yoh goh-ZAI-mahs
DOH-zoh
ah-DEE-gah-toh
DOH-ee-tah-shee-mah-shee-the
HAI (*clipped, cut off*)
EE-yeh (*clipped*)
sai-OH-nah-rah
mah-TAH MM ah-toh-deh
wah-tah-shee-noh nah-mah-EH-wah . . .
koh-chee-lah-wah ____ sahn dehs
ah-nah-tah-noh nah-mah-eh WAH nah-mm-deh-soo-kah
ah-nah-tah-WAH oh-ee-koo-tsoo DEH-soo-kah
wah-tah-shee-wah ____ sai DEH-soo
oh-tahn-JOH-bee oh-meh-deh-toh
nee-hoh mm-wah doh-koh-deh-soo-kah

Numbers

one	ee-chee
two	nee
three	sahm
four	yoh-mm
five	goh
six	loh-koo
seven	nah-nah
eight	hah-chee
nine	kew
ten	joo
eleven	joo-ee-chee
twelve	joo-nee

Days of the Week

Sunday	nee-chee-yoh-oo-bee
Monday	geh-tsoo-yoh-oo-bee
Tuesday	kah-yoh-oo-bee
Wednesday	soo-ee-yoh-oo-bee
Thursday	moh-koo-yoh-oo-bee
Friday	kee-mm-yoh-oo-bee
Saturday/Sabbath	doh-yoh-oo-bee/AHN-soh-kuh-nee-chee

Helping Father Decide

Yuki



GraceLink Connection: Community.

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Yuki lives just outside the city of Tokyo, Japan, one of the world's largest and busiest cities. Most people in Japan worship in the Shinto faith, a religion that combines elements of Buddhism with nature worship. People in this modern culture tie prayers to shrines or trees.

Only one person in 100 is a Christian, and just a few are Adventist Christians. The Adventist Church in Japan is growing very slowly today. It is hard to lead people to Jesus. Most people are more interested in making money or having lots of things than in knowing God. Not many people join the church in Japan. Yuki's pastor said that in the past five years only eight people have been baptized in his home church.

A Family Affair

Yuki's family were not Christians when Yuki was born. Then one day a neighbor invited Yuki's mother to a small group meeting for mothers and their children. She was glad for the chance to get out of the house and talk to other mothers.

Yuki's mother became interested in knowing more about God when some of the women in the small group asked questions about morals and religion. The woman sponsoring the group invited a pastor to answer the women's questions from the Bible. Yuki's mother decided to study the Bible with her friend. A few months later she started attending church.

Yuki's father was not excited about Mother's new interest in religion, especially when she decided that she would quit preparing meat for meals. Mother explained to Father that the family would be healthier if they avoided meat. Finally Father allowed her to serve vegetarian food. Father wanted Mother to stop going to the small group meeting and to church. But it was too late; Yuki's mother was determined to learn all she could about God.

Yuki's mother is a nurse, and she realized how harmful smoking and drinking sake [sah-kee, rice wine] was to his health. When Mother tried to get

Father to stop smoking and drinking, Father became angry. She realized that she could not pester her husband to change his habits, so she began asking God to change his heart.

Mother took Yuki and his brother and sister to church with her. They prayed for their father too. The children wanted Father to come to church with them, but they realized they could not force him, so they prayed for him.

God's Plan

Mother did not drive, so when she and the children wanted to go to church, they needed a ride. Father agreed to take them. Sometimes Father waited in the car for the family, but often he went into the church with them. Soon he was reading the Bible with the family and praying in church. But it took a long time for his life to change.

After going to church week after week for several years, Father became convinced that religion was important and he needed to be a good example for the children. Last year Father asked the pastor for Bible studies and prepared for baptism.

Yuki's parents decided that he should attend an Adventist school so he would not have to be in class on Sabbath. His parents visited the school and talked to teachers. Father was impressed as he watched the students in class and during breaks. They were so bright and alive, and had a different spirit from most children in Japan.

Yuki enjoyed the school as well. He likes the Bible classes, where he can learn more about God.

One day Yuki's family called to let him know that his father was going to be baptized; they wanted Yuki to come home and share the special time.

Yuki's Turn

Yuki began to think about following Jesus in baptism. He talked with the school pastor and prayed about this decision. The pastor explained that baptism is a step of obedience and faith that Christians take after giving our life to Jesus. During school vacation Yuki went home and asked his pastor to baptize him. Everyone was happy for Yuki's decision to be baptized at home, in the church where he met God. Yuki would tell other children to live their lives in the presence of God.

Sing in Japanese

I Have the Joy

(*Sing for Joy* [Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1989], No. 109)

wah gah koh koh roh nee wah
yoh roh koh bee
yoh roh koh bee
yoh roh koh bee
wah gah koh koh roh nee wah
yoh roh koh bee
yoh roh koh bee ah rree
(trill the rr)

wah gah koh koh roh nee wah
shoo noh ah-ee
shoo noh ah-ee
shoo noh ah-ee
wah gah koh koh roh nee wah
shoo noh ah-ee
shoo noh ah-ee ah rree

Jesus Loves Me

(*He Is Our Song* [Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1988], No. 63)

shoo wah reh oh ah-ee soo
shoo wah tsoo yoh keh reh bah
wah ree yoh wah koo toh moh
oh soh reh wah ah rah jee

Chorus:

wah gah shoo yay soo (repeat three times)

wah reh oh ah-ee soo
wah gah tsoo mee noh tah meh
sah kah-eh oh soo the the
ah meh yoh ree koo dah ree
jyoo jee kah nee tsoo keh ree

wah gah kee mee yay soo yoh
wah reh oh kee yoh meh the
yoh kee hah tah rah kee oh
nah sah shee meh tah mah-eh

Alleluia

(*Sing for Joy* [Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1989], No. 16)

hah reh roo yah, hah reh roo yah, hah
reh roo yah, eh soo hee mee
hah reh roo yah, hah reh roo yah, hah
reh roo yah, eh soo hee mee

ay ee koh oh shoo nee ah reh, soo koo
ee noh shoo nee ah-eh
ay ee koh oh shoo nee ah reh, soo koo
ee noh shoo nee ah-eh

hah reh roo yah, hah reh roo yah, hah
reh roo yah, tah tah ay oh
hah reh roo yah, hah reh roo yah, hah
reh roo yah, tah tah ay oh

God Is So Good (Yasashii Kami Sama)

(*Sing for Joy* [Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1989], No. 13)

yah sah shee-ee kah mee sah mah
wah tah shee oh soo koo ee mah soo

yah sah shee-ee kah mee sah mah
wah tah shee oh mah moh ree mah soo

seh-ee nah roo kah mee sah mah
ah nah tah oh ah-ee shee mah soo

seh-ee nah roo kah mee sah mah
ah nah tah oh tah tah eh mah soo



God Answers Prayers

GraceLink Connection: Worship.

Two children from Japan thank God for answering their prayers.

Along the coast of southwestern Japan mountains climb out of the sea. Nestled on the side of one of these mountains is a pretty town with an Adventist church. There we meet two Adventist children who want to share how God answered their prayers.

Rintaro's Scary Night

Rintaro [RIN-tah-roh] is 9 years old. He is in the third grade at an Adventist school. His story is about the night his sister almost died.

Rintaro was awakened when his mother brushed against him. He heard her run across the wooden floor and pick up the telephone. She dialed a number then said, "Please, come quickly! My daughter is not breathing."

Rintaro sat up and stared at his sister. Her eyes were open, but he could not see her pupils. And she was not moving. "What's wrong with Momoko?" he asked his mother.

"I don't know," she said, her voice tense with fear.

Anxious Wait

The wail of a siren pierced the still night. The sound grew louder, then stopped. Mother hurried to the door and led the medics to his sister's sleeping mat. Rintaro sat in the corner of the room, where he could watch the medics work on his sister. When they called her name, she groaned.

As the medics gathered his sister and placed her in the ambulance, Mother told Rintaro to run to Grandma's house nearby, and stay with her. Then Mother climbed into the ambulance, and it sped toward the hospital.

Rintaro dressed and walked to Grandmother's house. He wiped tears from his eyes as he told her what had happened. "Is Momoko going to die?" he asked his grandmother.

"I don't know," Grandmother said, "but we can help your sister. We can pray." So Rintaro and Grandmother prayed for Momoko.

Grandmother sat up with Rintaro that night, for he could not sleep. The next morning as he dressed for school, his father arrived. Father was working out of town, but Mother had called him when

Momoko became sick. Father drove Rintaro to the Adventist school. Rintaro was glad that he had a chance to talk with his father.

At school Rintaro felt sad and worried. His teachers knew about his sister, and during prayer time, the teacher asked the children to pray for Momoko. A lump formed in Rintaro's throat, and a tear stung his eye.

Welcome Home

When Rintaro arrived home from school that day, his father and mother were there. "How's Momoko?" he asked, worried.

"Come and see," Mother said. She pointed to his sister, lying on her mat. She looked fine!

"I'm so glad you are OK," Rintaro said softly. "I was worried. We prayed for you at school today."

"Thank you, Little Brother," Momoko said, smiling.

God answered Rintaro's prayers, and Momoko never had another problem like that one scary night. Rintaro learned the importance of prayer that day. "I pray for other people now," he says. "My cousin is in the hospital, and I am praying for her. I am also praying for my father. He was not a Christian, but now he has begun coming to church. He is studying in the pastor's Bible class."

Saki's Brother

Saki is 10 years old and in the fourth grade. She likes to search for flowers on the mountainside behind their house. She takes them home and presses them, then she draws them.

Hearing Rintaro's story reminded Saki of the time when her older brother was in the hospital. He had pneumonia and other problems. Doctors operated on him. Saki was not allowed to go to the hospital to visit him, but she could pray for him. Her parents spent a lot of time in the hospital with her brother, so Saki stayed home with her sister. Every night when her parents returned from the hospital, they talked about her brother and prayed for him.

"The doctors said it would take him a long time to get better," Saki said. "But because we prayed, he got better much faster than they thought he would. I'm glad that Jesus loves to answer our prayers. He made my brother well."

Make a Chinese Lantern

The Lantern Festival is a special event in Taiwan. This year the festival falls in August. People make lanterns of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Some of them are in the shape of fish. Others look like cats, dogs, lions, and birds.

This special event is moon watching. Everyone goes to a high lookout in the out-of-doors. The children carry their lanterns. Everyone gets gifts of moon cakes during this festival. These cakes are usually round. They are made with lotus seeds, bean paste, and other items and can be purchased at Asian markets and bakeries.

Here is how to make your own Chinese lantern. When finished, put it over a flashlight, and go outside some night to look at the moon. That same moon is shining on the boys and girls in Taiwan. Think of the thousands of boys and girls there who don't know about Jesus. Ask Jesus to bless each one.

Materials:

construction paper	ruler
scissors	glue
crayons	flashlight

Directions:

1. Fold a square piece of construction paper in half.
2. Starting at the folded edge, cut slits down to within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the open edges. Your slits should be about one inch apart.
3. Open the paper. Draw or paint designs on the strips and along the bottom and top edges.
4. Bring the two edges together, making sure the design side is facing out. Paste.
5. Cut another strip of paper to make a handle.
6. Make several of these. Hang them from a piece of string to decorate your room.
7. Try different sizes of squares, little squares and big squares to make different sizes of lanterns. What is the smallest lantern you can make?

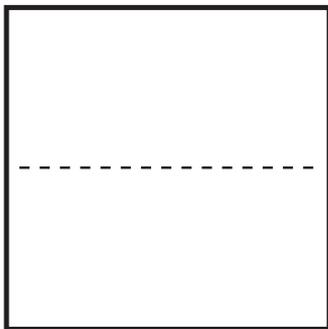


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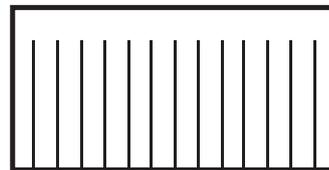


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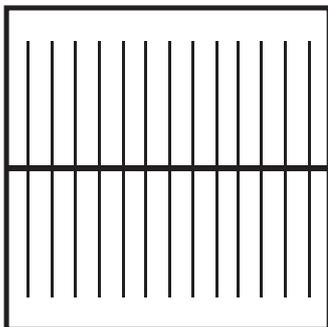


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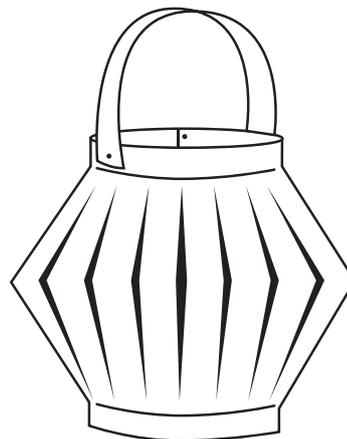
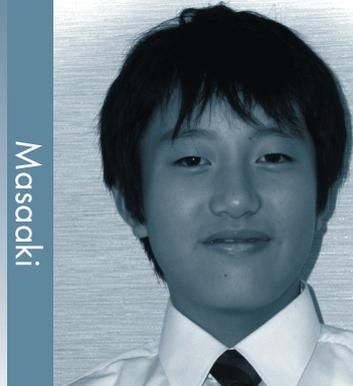


Fig. 4

For more information on Taiwan's Lantern Festival, log onto the following site or type "lantern festival" into your search engine.

Finding a Better School

Masaaki



GraceLink Connection: Service.

When a young boy needed help in school, Christian teachers reached out to help him. Today that boy is a Christian.

Masaaki [mah-sah-AH-kee] lives in Tokyo, Japan. Like most students, he was eager to start school. But when he entered the public school in the first grade, things did not go well for him. He has a minor learning disability, and other children began to pick on him and treat him badly. Some boys wanted to fight him. Masaaki was troubled, but he is a quiet boy, and he did not tell his parents what was happening in school.

Masaaki was finishing the third grade before his parents learned what was bothering their son and why he was unhappy there. His mother began searching for a school more suited to Masaaki's needs. She looked on the Internet and found an Adventist school near their home. She remembered the little Christian kindergarten Masaaki had attended. He had been so happy there! Mother decided to take Masaaki to visit the Adventist school.

Mother was disappointed that the school was not as modern as Masaaki's former school and did not have the latest computer equipment. But when she looked at the school policy, which followed the golden rule, she decided that the building and the outdated equipment did not matter if the teachers genuinely cared for the students. Mother noticed that the children were expected to treat one another with respect.

Mother enrolled Masaaki in the school. His class has only five students, not 32, like the public school. The teacher promised to give Masaaki all the extra help he needed.

Masaaki quickly settled into his new school. Within a few weeks his parents noticed that he was happier, and his grades improved.

Masaaki loved learning about God, studying the heroes of the Bible. His parents noticed that he was more willing to help others and had formed other good habits.

Masaaki was delighted to learn about the

Sabbath. He especially liked the idea of not working or studying from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. His teachers explained that our bodies and our minds need rest from work and school, so God gave us the Sabbath — special time with Him.

Masaaki loves to attend Sabbath School. He invited his parents to church, but the family business requires them to work on Sabbath. Sometimes Mother takes off work to go to church with him.

One day Masaaki asked his parents to allow him to become a member of the Adventist Church. He explained that when a person wants to follow God, he shows the world by being baptized. "That means they are dead to sin and alive to God," Masaaki explained.

His parents decided that Masaaki was old enough to make this important decision. "Now he has a faith he can hold on to during difficult times," his mother says. Even though the rest of the family does not attend church, they encourage Masaaki to follow his faith.

Masaaki wrote an essay titled "I Love God." In it he expressed his thanks for the Adventist school near his home. "The building was not nice, but the teachers really care. And the students learn to respect one another. Everyone really helped me succeed, and I am grateful to be here. I am glad I could read the Bible and learn how much God loves me. From the bottom of my heart I want to continue to get to know God better and follow Him."

Masaaki wants to study at the Adventist junior high school now. The school is a long way from his home, so he will live in the dormitory there. "I know that I will have to be away from my family," he adds, "and I will have to learn to take care of myself. But that is OK. I don't know what is ahead of me, but whatever it is, I am sure God will help me. I love God very much, and I want to know Him even better."

Boys and girls, through a difficult experience in one school, God led Masaaki to the Adventist school, where he learned to love and obey Jesus. Let's pray that God will use Masaaki's testimony to lead his parents to Jesus, too. *[Close with prayer.]*

LET'S PLAY ASIAN GAMES

Invite the children of your Sabbath School to your home on a Sundoo to play the following games. Serve wonton cookies and a drink.

“Kicking Bird”

Korean and Chinese children love to play “kicking bird.” They wrap a stone or several coins in cloth or paper and toss or kick it into the air. The object is to keep the “bird” from touching the ground by kicking it back into the air. The object is to see who can keep the “bird” in the air the longest.

Invite Sabbath School children to your home on Sunday to make their own kicking birds.

For each “kicking bird” you will need:

- a piece of lightweight paper (pages from an old telephone book work well)
- a small rock or several heavy coins
- a piece of yarn or string, 6 to 8 inches long

Directions:

Fold the paper into quarters. Cut the paper into thin strips from one edge to about an inch from the center fold. Do not cut all the way through.

Carefully unfold the paper and place the rock, metal slugs, or coins in the center of the paper.

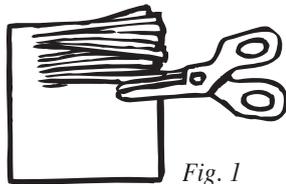


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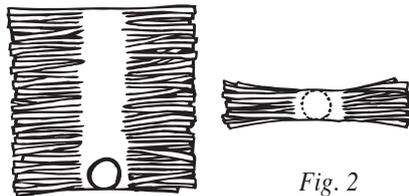


Fig. 2

Fold the paper around the heavy object(s) as shown in the illustration.

Fold the cut ends together around the rock or coin, and tie with string. Gently separate the strips of paper into “feathers.”



Fig. 3

To Play

The object of the game is to keep the “bird” from hitting the ground. Drop the bird from shoulder height and keep it in the air by kicking it or scooping it upward with the foot. As children practice, they will develop



techniques for kicking that will save energy and keep the bird aloft for several minutes.

Catch the Dragon’s Tail

Players line up with their hands on the shoulders of the player in front of them. The first player in line is the dragon’s head; the last person in line is the dragon’s tail. At the signal, the “head” tries to catch the “tail” without the body breaking apart. If the body breaks, the “head” becomes the “tail,” and the second child in line becomes the “head.”

Paper, Scissors, Rock (Jahn, Kehn, Poh)

This universal game is recognizable almost anywhere. In Japan the children play it anywhere they have a few minutes. The children chant “jahn ken poh, ai koh deh shoh,” then display the finger symbol of their choice, paper (flat hand; palm up), scissors (index and middle fingers pointing and spread open), or rock (closed fist). (“Scissors” wins over “paper,” “paper” wins over “rock,” and “rock” wins over “scissors,” so no single symbol has an advantage over the others when it comes to winning a round.)

In order to make the game more fun and challenging, children repeat the second phrase in rapid succession, each time displaying one of the three symbols in an attempt to “win” the round. For example, “jahn-ken poh, ai koh deh shoh” (display a symbol), “ai koh deh shoh” (display another symbol), “ai koh deh shoh” (display another symbol). The game is played entirely for fun and often ends in giggles.

Hiding Eyes

Equipment and players: blindfolds and large paper bags, 10 to 20 players.

One child is blindfolded; the others form a circle around the blindfolded child. The child in the center, It, holds out one hand, palm up, while the other children circle around. It commands those in the circle to tiptoe, jump, hop, or clap. As the children pass by, any one of them may reach out and touch It’s palm. It tries to grab the finger or hand. If successful, the person grabbed is blindfolded and joins the first child in the center of the circle. The remaining children continue passing by, touching the outstretched palms, until they, too, are captured. The game continues until only one person remains unblindfolded.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROGRAM

If your division will present the Thirteenth Sabbath program for the adults, the following suggestions should help you plan.

- Practice the songs you have chosen from pages 14, 20, and 24 during the quarter so that the children are comfortable singing them for the adults.
- Ask an adult or teen to be the narrator for this program, and assign the parts to primary or teen youth who can relate the stories in their own words. They do not have to memorize the parts but should be able to tell the stories as if they were their own.
- A week or two before Thirteenth Sabbath, send a note home with the children reminding them to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. As part of the offering appeal in the adult Sabbath School, let the children bring their special offering for Jesus to the front.

Narrator [to the audience]: This quarter our children have been studying about the people who live in the countries of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Let's meet some children from that division now.

Korea

My name is Sion [shee-ohn]. I live in South Korea.

My mother and I attend church on Sabbath, but my father does not go. When I see my friends sitting with their mother *and* father, I feel sad and wish that my father would come to church with us.

One day I went to my father and bowed respectfully. Then I asked, "Father, why don't you attend church with Mother and me?" My father told me he was busy, and I should go to church with my mother and let him work." That made me feel even sadder.

When Mother and I have worship together, we invite Father to join us. But he does not want to. He leaves the room when it is time for worship. So Mom and I pray for Father. When my mother tells Father that we are praying for him, he waves his hand and pays no attention. But his face tells us that he is glad we were praying for him.

My father is gone a lot with his work. Mother often asks him not to work so hard and spend more time with us. We hope that then he will want to spend time with Jesus.

My father is not going to church with us yet, but we are still praying for him and we see lots of good changes in him that tell us that God is working in his heart. I am sure that my father will come to Jesus soon. I can't wait for that day.

If your division will not join the adults for a special program, use the suggestions that follow to make Thirteenth Sabbath special:

- Remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. If they have made special banks for their offering, encourage them to finish filling them and bring them on Thirteenth Sabbath.
- Use the following program as your Thirteenth Sabbath program, featuring the countries and special needs this quarter.
- Invite a special guest to speak to the children about one of the countries featured this quarter. See "Making Missions Fun" for more ideas and suggestions.

Japan

My name is Yuki, and I am 8 years old. I live in Japan. For as long as I can remember, my father was sick. The doctors said he had cancer. My mother is a nurse, and she spent lots of time helping take care of Father. He did well for several years, then he grew weaker and had to go to the Adventist hospital.

While Father was in the hospital, Mother spent a lot of time at the hospital taking care of him. Sometimes I had no other place to go, so I spent time there too. I made friends with doctors and nurses and housekeepers and the hospital chaplain. The chaplain would let me go with him to visit some of the patients.

One day the chaplain invited me to go home with him. He has a little boy my age. Mother said it was good, so I went. I had a good time with the chaplain's family. They made a bed for me and made me feel as if I was part of the family. I liked it there.

But at bedtime, I felt sad. I missed talking to my mom and dad. So the chaplain called the hospital and let me say good night to my parents. Then I felt better and could sleep all night.

Before my father died, he gave his heart to Jesus. He told me he would see me again when Jesus comes. I miss my father a lot, but Mother reminds me that one day we will see my father again if we are faithful to God. I want to be faithful, so my father and mother and I can live together forever in heaven.

Mongolia

My name is Otgo, and I live in Mongolia. I have

(THIRTEENTH SABBATH continued)

six older brothers and no sisters. God has really changed my family's life.

First my mother, then my father became Christians. When we became Christians, we did not have a real house to live in, and it was hard for them to find food. My parents sold whatever they could to earn a little money each day. If they did not work, we did not eat.

Jesus helped my father to find good work as a carpenter. Now we live in a house that has two rooms—a livingroom and a kitchen. We all sleep in the livingroom at night.

I love to go to Sabbath School. I love to sing and listen to the stories about Jesus. I am happy when I learn that Jesus loves me. I invite my friend Gana to go with me to church. Last summer Gana went with me to a special children's summer camp. It was nice!

I pray that my father's carpentry business will go well so we have food to eat.

When we go to church, my parents give me a little money to give to Jesus. After we give, Father has more work and gets more money! Jesus is helping my parents work hard so we will have money for food and clothes and money to give back to Jesus.

Mother and Father have invited people to come to our house to study the Bible and worship God. More than 10 people come every week. We like to tell our neighbors what God is doing for us. We live in a poor neighborhood, and people need all the help they can get. We try to help our neighbors, and when they thank us, we tell them to thank God. We are just passing God's blessings on to them. We want everyone in our neighborhood to know that God loves them.

Our church in Mongolia is small. We have just 600 believers. Three years ago the Adventist churches around the world gave a special offering to help Mongolia. Now we have churches in the biggest cities of the country. Thank you!

Narrator:

Otgo told us where part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering went three years ago. Today our offering will be shared by Taiwan, Japan, and Korea. Every country has special needs that we can help supply. Our little offering may not go far, but when it is combined with thousands—millions—of other believers' offerings, it can do a lot! Let's ask Jesus to bless our offering today, so that lots can be done to help everyone know that God loves them and wants to invite them home to live in His house forever.

[Offering]

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RESOURCES

Following are sources of information that have proved helpful in preparing programs for *Children's Mission*.

Books

The Great KidMission, edited by Mary Gross (Ventura, Calif.: Gospel Light Publishers, 1996), contains reproducible learning activities, crafts, drama, games, and patterns for activities related to Japan.

A World of Children's Games, Mary Duckert (Friendship Press, PO Box 37844, Cincinnati, OH 45222-0844), describes more than 100 games from countries on all continents.

You Can Change the World: Learning to Pray for People Around the World, Jill Johnstone (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993), volume 1. This book is rich in full-color illustrations to help children learn about unreached people groups around the world.

Origami Books

Absolute Beginner's Origami, Nick Robinson (New York, NY: Watson Guptill Pub. 1999).

Origami Plain and Simple, Robert Neale and Thomas Hull (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994).

Cookbooks

Adventurous Vegetarian, Colin Spencer (London: Adrian Morris Publishing, Ltd., 1989).

Adventist International Cookbook, Debby Shabo Wade (Nampa, Idaho: Pacific Press Publishing Assoc., 2000).

Other Resources

Library: Browse through the children's section and travel section of a public library or bookstore for picture books on Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

Travel agencies: Call or visit one and ask what they have available to help you portray the scenery and cultures of Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

Embassies: embassies and consulates are able to provide interesting information on their country. In North America you may contact the Korean Cultural Service at 2370 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008; 202-

797-6343. The embassy of Japan is located at 2520 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008; 202-238-6700, or check out their website at http://www.embassyworld.com/embassy/japan_usa.html. The cultural office of Taiwan, 90 Park Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10016-1301; 212-557-5122 or fax 212-557-3043, or www.taipei.org.

Check out information on the Internet by typing in the name of the country. Be aware, however, that unofficial sites may not be as accurate as a country's official website.

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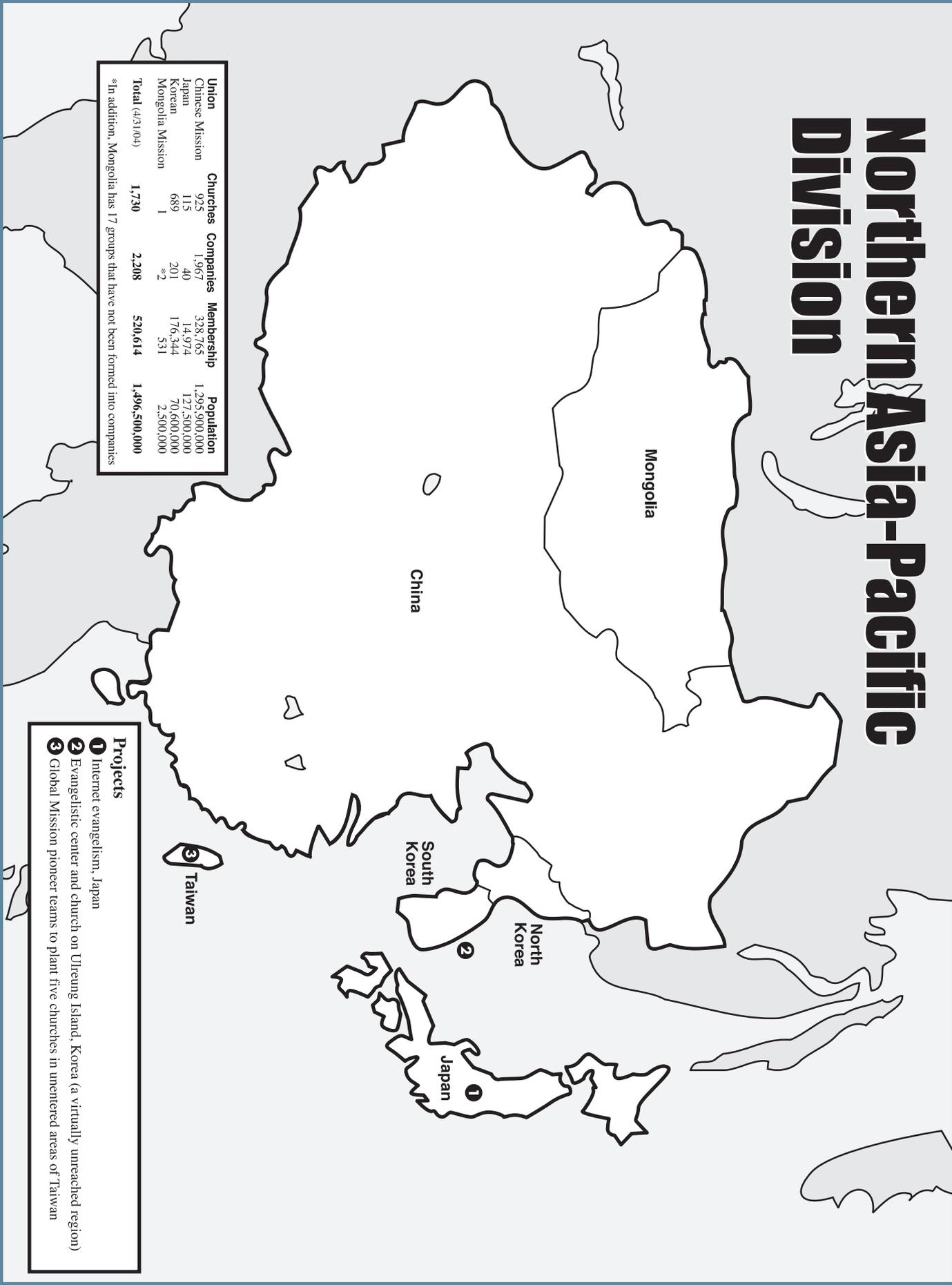
The Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook (Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 2004) contains names and addresses of Seventh-day Adventist institutions and workers around the world. Available through local Adventist Book Centers.

Videos and Visual Aids

Kids' Mission Discovery Kit has a mission wall mural to color that illustrates the mission stories for the current quarter. It contains felt figures to help tell the weekly mission stories. BJK Triplets, E. 601 Cameron Road, Spangle, WA 99031.

Where legally possible, offerings will go to these projects, otherwise special arrangements will be made with the General Conference for distribution of funds based on the laws of the countries where these offerings are collected.

Northern Asia-Pacific Division



Union	Churches	Companies	Membership	Population
Chinese Mission	923	1,967	328,765	1,295,900,000
Japan	115	40	14,974	127,500,000
Korean	689	201	176,344	70,600,000
Mongolia Mission	1	*2	531	2,500,000
Total (4/3/04)	1,730	2,208	520,614	1,496,500,000

*In addition, Mongolia has 17 groups that have not been formed into companies

- Projects**
- 1 Internet evangelism, Japan
 - 2 Evangelistic center and church on Ulreung Island, Korea (a virtually unreached region)
 - 3 Global Mission pioneer teams to plant five churches in unreached areas of Taiwan