

Explore the World

with

Wycliffe Kids



Come learn about languages,
cultures and people as a family!



Hi, kids!

My name is Kate, and this is my best friend, Mack. Together we travel around the world learning about different people, languages and cultures. And today we're inviting you to travel with us!

Throughout this booklet, you and your family will have times where you'll get to talk about the Bible, times where you can pray together, and times where you'll get to laugh and have fun too! You'll learn fun facts from different countries, how to say "hello" in different languages and so much more. There will even be some fun activities that you can do together — like trying a new recipe (or two or three) from around the world.

We hope that your time with Wycliffe Kids is fun, exciting and, most of all, an adventure where you get to learn about how much God loves all of His kids around the world, no matter where they live or what language they speak.

Kate & Mack 



WORLD MAP

Americas

35 countries
More than 1,100 languages spoken or signed in the Americas.

Europe

45 countries
More than 300 languages spoken or signed across Europe.

Asia

49 countries
About 2,400 languages spoken or signed across Asia.

Africa

54 countries
About 2,200 languages spoken or signed across Africa.

Pacific

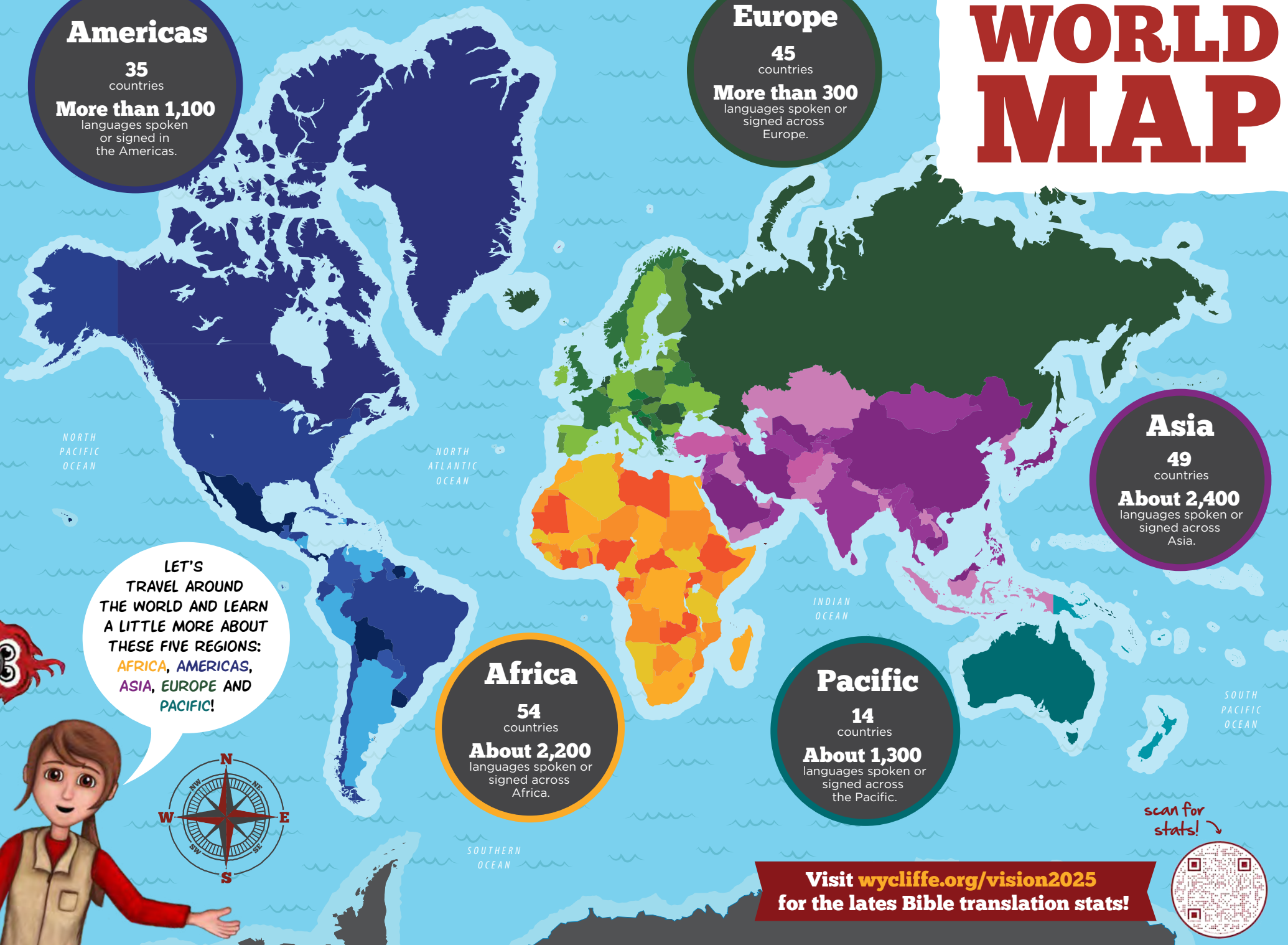
14 countries
About 1,300 languages spoken or signed across the Pacific.

LET'S TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD AND LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THESE FIVE REGIONS: AFRICA, AMERICAS, ASIA, EUROPE AND PACIFIC!



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Africa



Did You Know?

- 🕒 Camels were first tamed in Ethiopia.
- 🕒 Clothes that people traditionally wear in Ghana are made from bright and colorful kente cloth.
- 🕒 Part of the Nile runs through Uganda. The Nile is the longest river in the world!



**“Hello” in Swahili –
Jambo**

Swahili is the main language in various African countries including Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

Family Focus

Did you know that in Ghana, babies are often named after the day of the week they were born on? Babies can also be named after the languages of people groups in Ghana. Some Ghanaian language names are Akan, Ga, Ewe and Nzema. What a cool way to get your name!

What would your name be if you were born in Ghana? Find out what day of the week you were born on (you could ask a family member, or even look up the date on the internet to find the answer!), and see what your name could be on the list on the right.

GIRLS

SUNDAY	<i>Alkosua</i>
MONDAY	<i>Adjoa</i>
TUESDAY	<i>Abena</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>Akua</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Yaa</i>
FRIDAY	<i>Afua</i>
SATURDAY	<i>Ama</i>

BOYS

SUNDAY	<i>Kwesi</i>
MONDAY	<i>Kojo</i>
TUESDAY	<i>Kwabena</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>Kwaku</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Jaw</i>
FRIDAY	<i>Kofi</i>
SATURDAY	<i>Kwame</i>

Prayer Point

The African church is growing, and many people are working on translating the Bible in their own countries. That's wonderful news because it means that they see the value of having God's Word in their own language and want to make it happen for people all across their continent. Pray for the African church as they partner together to see translation work done so that all people in Africa can meet Jesus in a language that makes sense to the deepest part of who they are – their hearts!

Americas



Did You Know?

- 🌐 Peru is home to Machu Picchu, a famous ancient city in the Andes mountains built by the Incas.
- 🌐 Brazil is the largest country in South America and is home to the Amazon Rainforest, the largest rainforest in the world!
- 🌐 A Mexican tamale called the zacahuil is three feet long and weighs about 150 pounds.



Machu Picchu

zacahuil

**“Hello” in Spanish –
Hola**

Spanish is spoken by people in a lot of different countries in South America including Mexico, Peru and Colombia. In fact, it’s a main language in more than 20 countries!

Family Focus

We live in the Americas, but there are a lot of countries included in the Americas (that’s North, Central and South America combined) that we might know only a little about. What’s one thing you can do today to learn about another country in the Americas? Maybe you can learn some phrases in Spanish (one of the common languages spoken throughout countries in the Americas) or try a different food, like this delicious recipe for brigadeiros, a dessert from Brazil!



Brigadeiros

Ingredients:

- ✓ 3 tablespoons cocoa powder
- ✓ 1 tablespoon butter
- ✓ 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- ✓ Sprinkles or chopped nuts

Here’s how you make it:

1. Combine all the ingredients (besides the sprinkles) in a saucepan, and cook on low heat.
2. Stir constantly for 10-15 minutes so that it doesn’t burn!
3. When the mixture begins to boil, pay careful attention to the consistency — you want it to start firming up a bit.
4. Once the mixture is firm (you can test this by using your spoon to scrape through the mix and seeing if the cut holds its shape), it’s ready.
5. Turn off the heat and pour the mixture onto a buttered plate. Then let it cool.
6. Once it’s cool enough to touch, butter your hands and form bite-size balls from the mix. Then roll them in the sprinkles or chopped nuts, and enjoy!



Prayer Point

Praise God that the American Sign Language community has the whole Bible! They’re the first sign language in the entire world to have the whole Bible. As you pray for them, ask God to help translation projects start for more than 380 other sign languages used around the world that are still waiting for Scripture in a format that speaks to their hearts.

Asia



Did You Know?

- 🌐 India's Taj Mahal is one of the seven wonders of the world.
- 🌐 The Philippines is made up of more than 7,000 islands! (But people only live on 2,000 of them.)
- 🌐 The Great Wall of China is the largest man-made structure in the world. At 5,500 miles long, it could stretch from Los Angeles to New York and back, and there would still be some left over!

- 🌐 Nepal's flag is the only non-quadrilateral flag in the world! It's made of two triangles, rather than a rectangle.



flag of Nepal

**"Hello" in Korean –
Annyeonghaseyo**

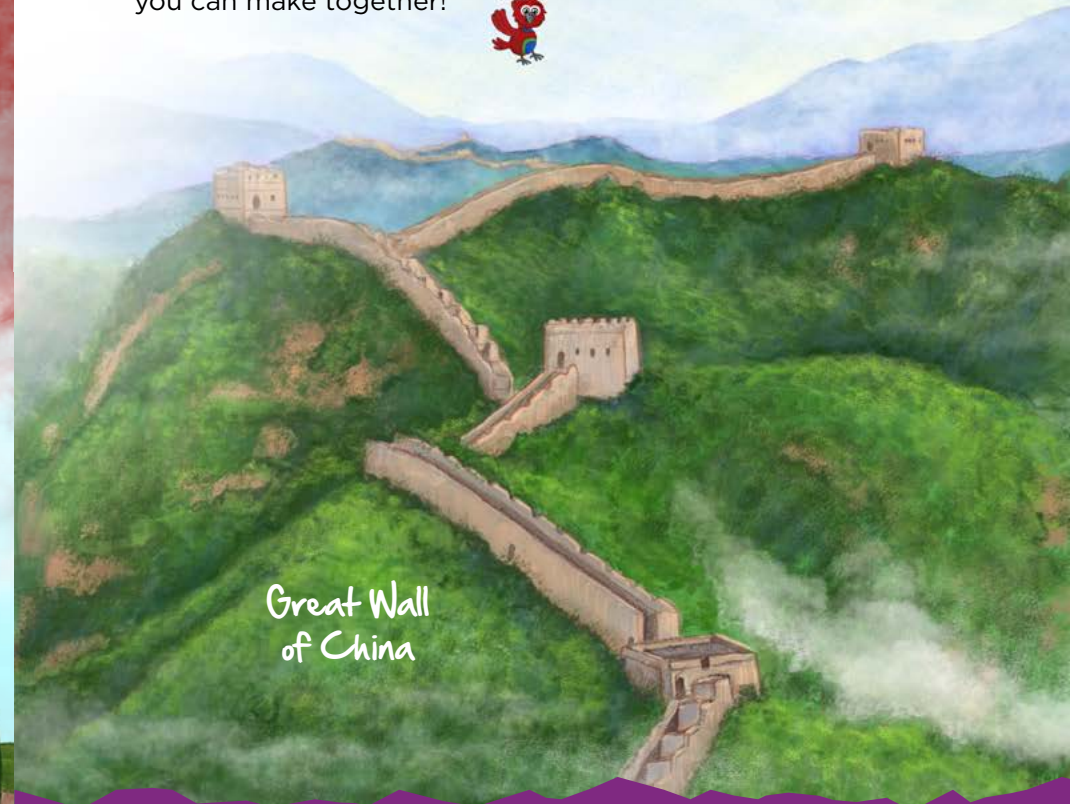
Korean is spoken in both North and South Korea, which are neighboring countries in Asia.



Taj Mahal

Family Focus

When you think of Asia, what countries come to mind? Maybe you think of China, Thailand or India. But did you know this region of the world also includes Pakistan, Sri Lanka and others too? As a family, choose at least one country that you'd like to learn more about. Then spend a few minutes searching the internet for fun facts, pictures or even a recipe you can make together!



Great Wall
of China

Prayer Point

Asia is home to the most languages in the world that need the Bible translated. Pray for translation to begin so that people all throughout Asia can understand God's love for them in a language and format that speaks directly to their hearts.

Europe



Did You Know?

- 🕒 The gummy bear was invented in Germany and was first named “Gummibar.”
- 🕒 The word “Spain” comes from the word Ispania, which means “the land of the rabbits.”
- 🕒 Russia is the biggest country in the world. It’s so big that it takes up one-tenth of all the land on the planet, covers 11 different time zones and has coasts on three oceans (the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Arctic)!



**“Hello” in Romanian –
Salut**

Romanian is a language spoken in Romania, a country in Europe!

Family Focus

Europe is where Bible translation first began back in the 14th century when a man named John Wycliffe decided that people like you and me should be able to read the Bible for ourselves. He translated the Bible from Latin into English and as a result, you and I can now read the Bible in a language that speaks to our hearts.

Stop and read the following verses, then discuss what they mean to you and why it’s important for everyone to have the Bible! Write below what stuck out to you the most.

1 John 14:19 • Matthew 28:19-20 • Isaiah 52:7

Prayer Point

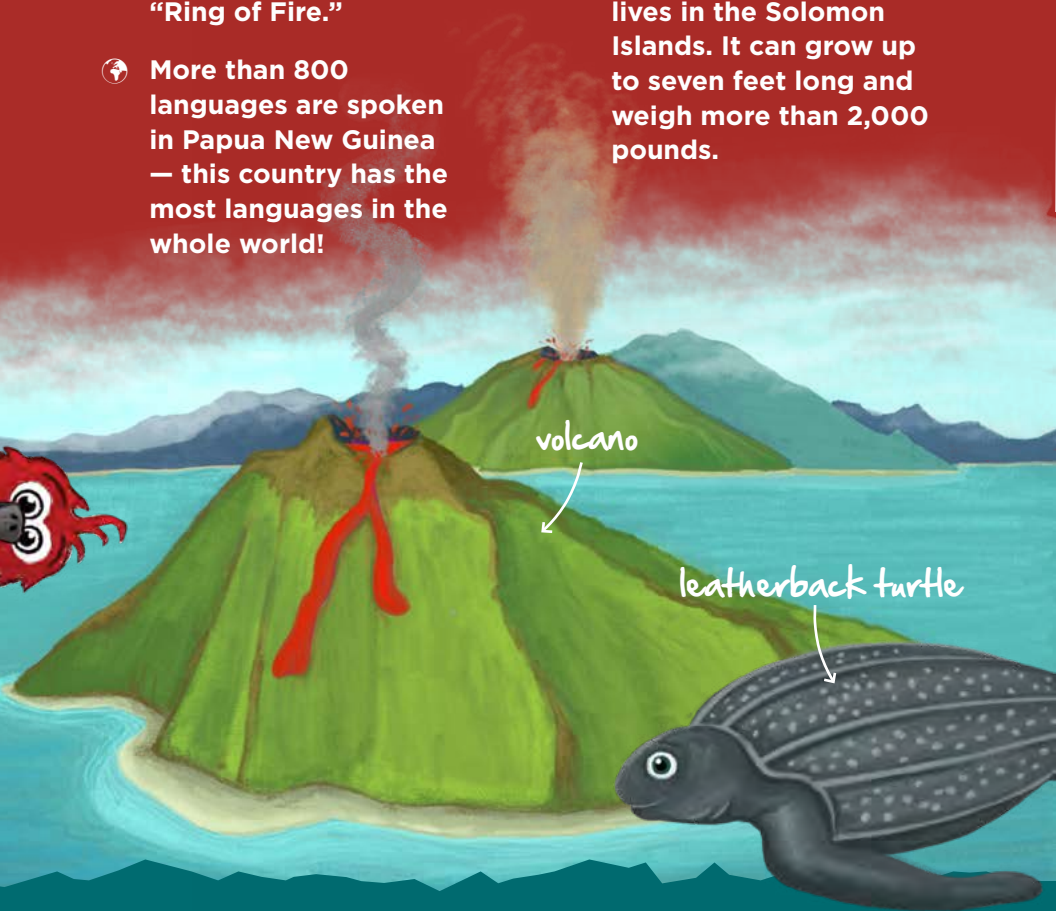
Lots of languages in Europe already have at least part of the Bible, and that’s awesome! Pray that translation would start for every language in Europe that still needs it. And ask God to help people all across Europe read, watch or listen to the Bible so they can learn more about how much He loves them!

Pacific



Did You Know?

- 📍 Vanuatu is situated on the Pacific's volcanic "Ring of Fire."
- 📍 More than 800 languages are spoken in Papua New Guinea — this country has the most languages in the whole world!
- 📍 The endangered leatherback turtle lives in the Solomon Islands. It can grow up to seven feet long and weigh more than 2,000 pounds.



**"Hello" in Bislama –
Halo**

Bislama is a language spoken in Vanuatu, an island nation in the Pacific!

Family Focus

There are only 14 countries in the Pacific, but there are thousands of islands! Australia is the biggest (it's also the only country in the world that is its own continent), but countries like Nauru and Marshall Island are among the smallest in the world.

When we think of islands, we often think of delicious tropical fruit. But a lot of vegetables are grown on islands too, like sweet potatoes or plantains. Go to the grocery store and grab a bag of plantain chips to try, or make this yummy sweet potato dish from Papua New Guinea called kaukau.

Kaukau

Ingredients:

- ✓ Sweet potatoes (one potato per person)
- ✓ Coconut milk, enough to cover the potatoes

Here's how you make it:

Kaukau is usually boiled in a big pot with freshly scraped coconut. But you can make it with sweet potatoes and coconut milk.

1. Wash the sweet potatoes and then peel them.
2. Cut them into chunks that you can easily eat.
3. Put them in a pot and cover them with coconut milk.
4. Now let them boil on the stove until they're tender.
5. When your fork slides into the potato easily, they're ready to eat!



Prayer Point

Ask God to help the people living in the Pacific, especially Papua New Guinea, get the Bible in their language. Pray for people who are translating even now; ask that God would help them to translate quickly and correctly so that people can learn about his amazing love for them in a language and format that speaks to their hearts.

Decoding God's Special Note

Have you ever received a special note from someone? Maybe it was from your mom or dad, and the note said how much they love you. Or maybe you got a special note from a friend at school for your birthday or holiday. How did that special note make you feel? If you're like me, you probably felt very excited and, most importantly, loved!

Did you know that God has written a special note for you? It's true! God's special note is the Bible. It's a note written for you and me, and for everyone in the whole world throughout all of history! In the Bible, God not only gives us instructions for how we should live but also notes of encouragement for when we feel sad or afraid. The Bible also tells us the greatest thing ever — that God loves us all so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us.

But what if you couldn't understand God's special note to you? You wouldn't know what He has to say or what He thinks or feels about you. That's what it's like for people who don't have the Bible yet. They don't know what God is saying to them in their special note!

Mack and I thought we'd decode some verses for you — special notes from God to you and me! — so that you can “translate” them and understand what God says to us through the Bible. While you do it, you can pray for people all around the world to get the Bible in their language so that they can understand God's special notes too.

Handwriting practice lines for the verse 1 John 4:9 (NLT). Each line contains a sequence of red symbols representing letters, designed to be decoded by the student.

- 1 John 4:9 (NLT)

Prayer Point

Think of someone you know who needs to hear about God's love for them. Pray for them and think of ways God can use you to spread His love — to your friends, family and neighbors, but also to people living all around the world.

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



How to Pray for People Around the World

“Prayer” is just a fancy word for talking with God. We talk to lots of people every day, but talking to God is different because we can't see him. It's hard to know when He's talking back to us because we don't hear His voice the same way we do when we talk to our family or friends.

But prayer is important. And our prayers can really change things! God loves hearing our prayers, and He wants to answer them. Sometimes He answers them like we ask, and sometimes He answers differently — because he knows what we need better than we do!

We can pray about anything and everything we want because God loves us and cares about what's important to us. We can pray for ourselves or for people we know, but we can also pray for people we don't know — like people all around the world who need the Bible in their own language.

Here are three ways you can pray for people around the world:



1

Pray for People to Understand God's Love

God made people — all different shapes, sizes, colors and personalities! He also made languages and He knows every single one. So whether someone lives in the United States and speaks English or lives in Guatemala and speaks Cakchiquel, God

knows what they're saying. And He loves each and every one of us too! When you pray for people living around the world, ask God to help them learn about His great love in their language so that it makes sense to them and changes their lives.



2

Pray for Communities to Believe in Jesus

When people understand God's love for them in a language that makes sense to their hearts, they're able to believe in Jesus, God's one and only Son. When people believe in Jesus, they can tell others about him too — and before you know it, their friends, family and neighbors might hear about Jesus for the very first time! You can pray that people all around the world would share about Jesus in their communities so that more and more people can learn about him. Because when people believe in Jesus, their whole lives change! And that's something we want to see happen in our own neighborhoods, communities, cities and countries too.

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3

Pray for the Bible to Be Translated


God to help people around the world get access to the Bible in their own language. That way they can understand exactly what He's saying in a way that makes sense to them.

It's important for people to understand God's love and believe in Jesus. When people are able to read verses and stories from the Bible in their language, it makes sense to them! You can ask

Living Generously: Giving All We Have and Are Back to God

Generosity. It's a big word that is all about a big action: giving something to someone else. And not just giving something to someone else, but giving it willingly and gladly. That means giving it with a happy heart and not expecting anything in return.

God made this biggest act of generosity when He gave us Jesus. We see that described in John 3:16, a verse many of us know by heart. The New Living Translation says this:



**For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and
only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life.**

Can you imagine that? God loved you and me so much that he gave us Jesus, His one and only Son, so that you and I can have eternal life with Him. Wow!

When we choose to accept that gift and believe in Jesus, we're given the gift of eternity with God. Even though you and I are sinners and don't deserve eternal life, God gave us that amazing gift! Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (NLT).

Now it's our turn to give a gift back to God. But how can we do that when God gave us the greatest gift of all through Jesus?

We give **ourselves** to Him.

Yup, you read that right! We give Him **us!**

There's a lot the Bible has to say about giving ourselves to God. But basically, it all can be summed up by giving ourselves to him — our words, thoughts and actions. Everything that we are is already His, and so we should give it all back to him freely and with a happy heart!

So whether you're cleaning up your room or making your bed ...

Or helping your parents make dinner ...

Or listening to your teacher at school ...

Or giving money and food to the poor ...

Or reading the Bible and praying ...

All of that can be done as a gift back to God. Isn't that great? God gives the opportunity to make our entire life a gift back to Him. And we should do just that in response to the greatest gift God has ever given us: Jesus Christ!

So what are some practical ways you can give yourself to God?

Visit wycliffe.org/kids-give for ways your kids can help people get the Bible in their language!

GOD IS ON THE MOVE
TO MAKE HIS LOVE KNOWN
IN EVERY LANGUAGE, TO EVERY PERSON, IN EVERY COUNTRY!

