

ADVENTURE TO THE

# Pacific



HI, KIDS!  
IT'S ME, KATE, WITH  
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 TO THE  
PACIFIC!

Throughout our Adventure to the Pacific, you and your family will get to talk about the Bible, pray together, laugh and have fun! You'll learn fun facts about different countries, discover how to say "hello" in Bislama and so much more. There will even be some activities that you can do together.

We hope that your adventure with us is exciting and that, most importantly, it's a chance to learn about how much God loves all of his kids around the world, no matter where they live or what language they speak.

## Did You Know?

### Around the world ...

About **1.5 billion people** do not have the full Bible in their language.

At least **7,000 languages** are spoken or signed around the world.

At least **1,800 languages** still need a Bible translation started.

More than **700 languages** have a full Bible.

At least **1,600 languages** have a New Testament.



### In the Pacific ...

There are about **1,300** total languages across the **14** countries.

Approximately **400** languages are waiting for Bible translation to begin.

These languages represent around half a million people waiting to meet Jesus in their own language!

## 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!



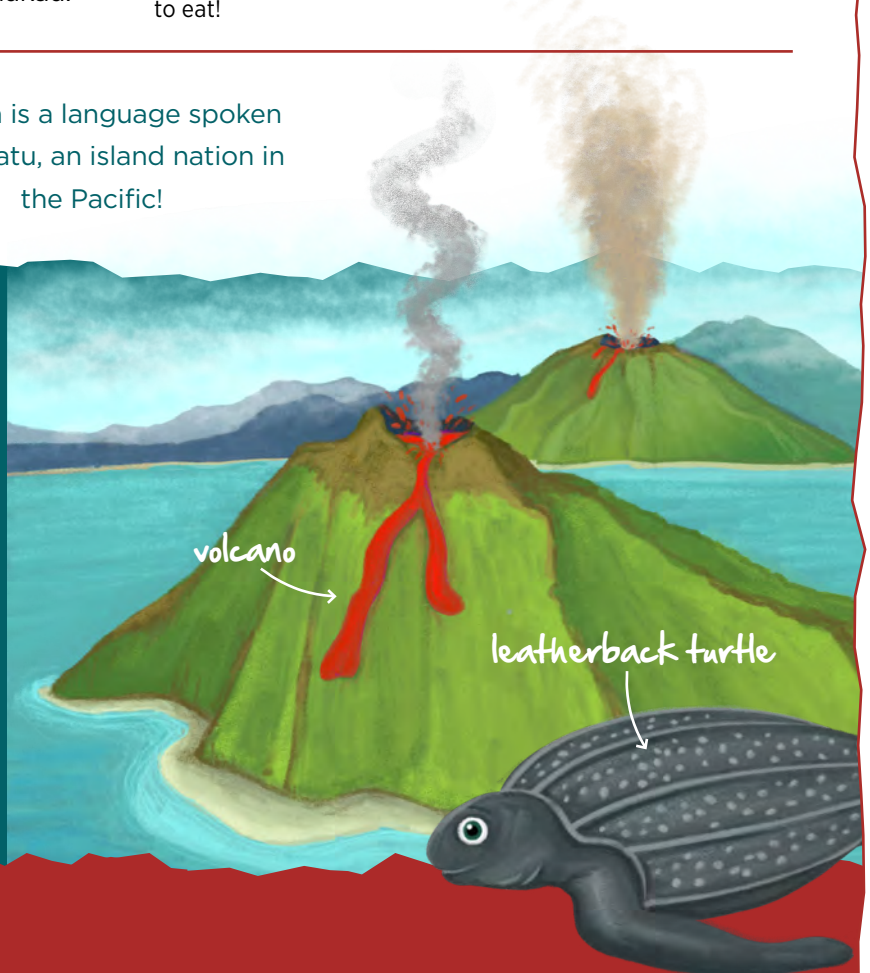
## "Hello" in Bislama – Halo

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



### 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.



## Fun Facts!

- 🌐 There are about 1,300 total languages across the 14 countries.
- 🌐 Approximately 400 languages are waiting for Bible translation to begin.
- 🌐 These languages represent around half a million people waiting to meet Jesus in their own language!
- 🌐 The endangered leatherback turtle lives in the Solomon Islands. It can grow up to seven feet long and weigh more than 2,000 pounds.
- 🌐 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!

# Meet Keoni

**Language:**

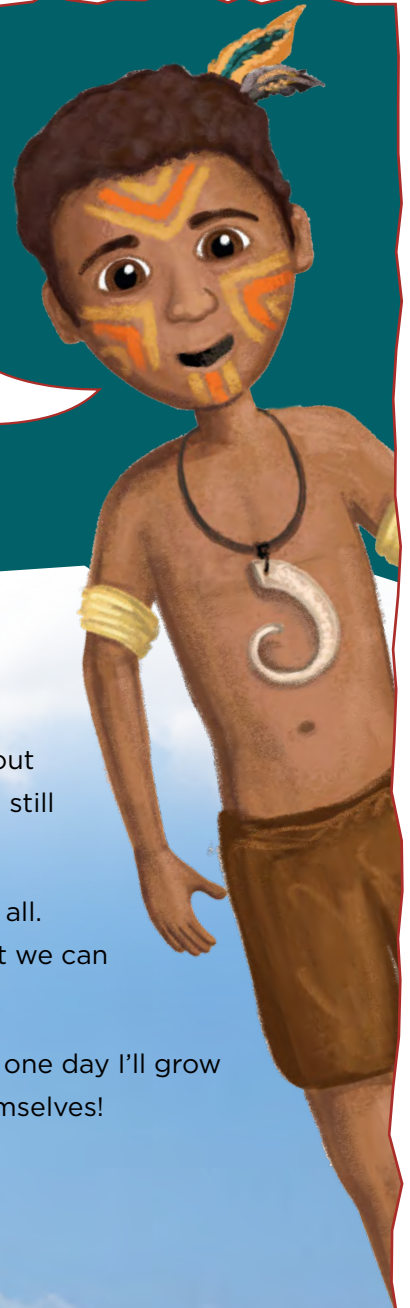
**Maii**

**Country:**

**Vanuatu**



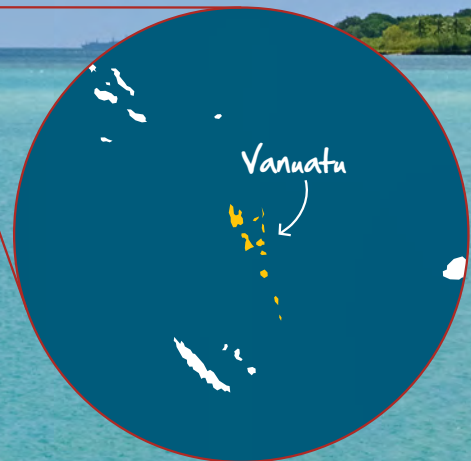
HELLO! MY NAME IS KEONI. I LIVE IN VANUATU, AN ISLAND COUNTRY IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN. IF YOU LOOK AT THE WORLD MAP, IT'S TO THE RIGHT OF AUSTRALIA. VANUATU IS MADE UP OF 13 BAY ISLANDS AND AROUND 70 SMALLER ISLANDS.



I speak Maii, one of approximately 110 languages in Vanuatu. The cool thing about Vanuatu is that most people already know about Jesus and love him. But we all still need God's Word in our languages so we can know him and understand him!

There are only around 300 people who still speak Maii. That's not very many at all. Our language is unwritten, but we have some audio recordings of the Bible that we can listen to.

I love learning about Jesus, and I want everyone to learn about him too. Maybe one day I'll grow up to be a missionary and help people in my own country get the Bible for themselves!



## Prayer Points

- 🌍 Praise God that many people in Vanuatu already know and love Jesus!
- 🌍 Pray that people's faith would grow stronger as they learn more about Jesus.

# Volcanoes Everywhere!

Vanuatu sits on top of the Ring of Fire, a path along the Pacific Ocean filled with active volcanoes and frequent earthquakes. In fact, most of Earth's volcanoes and earthquakes happen along the Ring of Fire!

Out of the 83 islands that make up Vanuatu, nine of them are active volcanoes which means they have either recently erupted or look like they might erupt in the future.

Many of us will never see a volcano erupt in person, but you can create a volcano eruption at home using a few ingredients. (If you want to be fancier, you can create a whole volcano using a water bottle, paper strips and glue. But for now, let's just make a volcano eruption!)

## Ingredients

- ✓ 1 tablespoon baking soda
- ✓ 1 tablespoon liquid dish soap
- ✓ 2 tablespoons water
- ✓ ½ cup vinegar
- ✓ 1 tablespoon red food coloring (optional)

## Here's how you make it

1. In a bowl, combine the baking soda and dish soap liquid. Add the water and mix thoroughly. Pour this mixture into your "volcano" (a water bottle or vase works great).
2. In a cup, mix together the vinegar and food coloring.
3. When you're ready, pour the vinegar into the bottle with the baking soda and dish soap mixture. Wait for it to erupt, and watch how the lava flows!



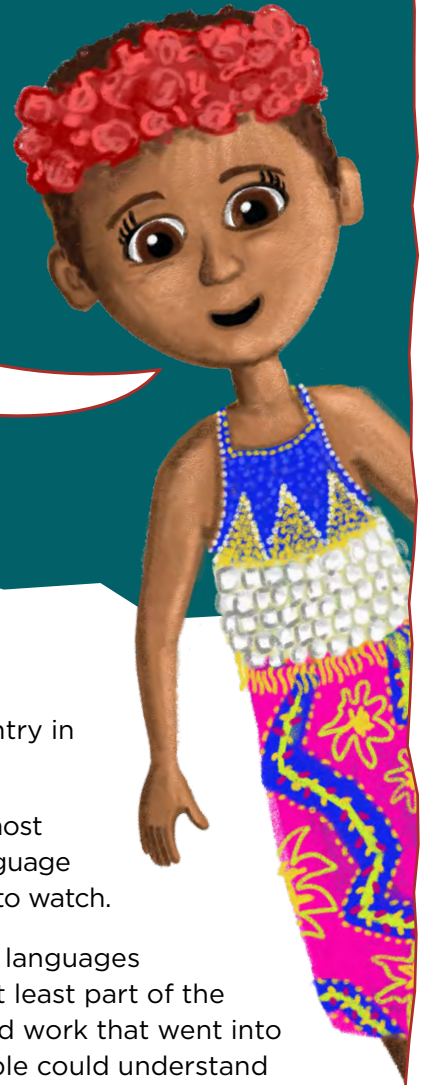
# Meet Karri

**Language:**  
Eastern Arrernte

**Country:**  
Australia



G'DAY,  
MATE! THAT'S  
HOW YOU OFTEN HEAR  
PEOPLE SAY "HELLO"  
OR "GOOD MORNING"  
TO EACH OTHER IN  
AUSTRALIA, WHERE  
I'M FROM.



Australia is the largest country in the Pacific Ocean, and it's also the only country in the world that is its own continent!

There are more than 200 languages that are spoken or signed in Australia, and most of them have at least the New Testament, if not the complete Bible. I speak a language called Eastern Arrernte. We have the New Testament as well as the "JESUS" film to watch.



When I think about all the languages in my country that have at least part of the Bible, I think of all the hard work that went into translating it so that people could understand God's amazing love for themselves. It reminds me of what Paul wrote in Galatians 6:9: "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up" (NLT).

In Eastern Arrernte, that verse reads:

*Alakenhe ikwerenge anteme anwerne arne mwerre mpwarerlte-anetyeke apurrke-irretyale. Apurrke-irretyakenhele-arle anwerne arne mwerre areye mpwaremeke iperre, anwerne arne mwerre akngerre anthurre-arle inetyenhe. Arrantherre itelareme, artwe nhenge apurrke-irretyakenhe-arle kartenele warrke-irretyarte, urreke merne inetyenhe mpenge-irrerlenge, alakenhe akwele.*

As I grow up, I want to remember that I shouldn't give up doing what is good because God never gives up on me. And at just the right time, God will let us reap "a harvest of blessing." Isn't that awesome?

God, help us to keep our eyes focused on you! Help us to be all that you want us to be and do all that you want us to do. Amen!



## Prayer Points

🌐 Pray that people across Australia who have God's Word would read, listen to or watch it and learn more and more about Jesus.

🌐 Pray that people across Australia would share God's love to their neighbors, communities and to other parts of the world too.

# Australian Fairy Bread

Want a fun, colorful, easy snack to make? Then try making Australian fairy bread! The best part is that you only need three ingredients: white bread, butter and sprinkles.

It's literally as simple as that: Get a piece of bread, spread butter on one side and completely cover the top with bright, colorful sprinkles (in Australia they're called "100s and 1,000s"). Then cut the bread diagonally so you have two triangle-shaped slides of fairy bread. And just like that, you have a quick snack!

Australian fairy bread is a fun party snack or just a way to make your post-school snack a little more exciting!



# Meet Peter

**Language:**

**Yopno**

**Country:**

**Papua New Guinea**



HI,  
KIDS! MY NAME  
IS PETER, AND I LIVE  
IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. DID  
YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE  
MORE THAN 800 DIFFERENT  
LANGUAGES SPOKEN OR SIGNED  
ACROSS PAPUA NEW GUINEA?  
THAT'S ABOUT 10% OF ALL  
THE LANGUAGES IN THE  
WORLD!



Yopno has the book of Psalms and the New Testament. I was a little boy when the New Testament was printed in 2010. I couldn't read it back then, and I was too young to understand what the pastor was saying in church.

But I'm older now, and I can read the Bible for myself! Reading about Jesus has changed my life, and I want everyone to be able to meet Jesus for themselves.

My favorite story in the Gospels is when Jesus feeds 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Can you imagine? If I were one of the disciples watching Jesus, I'd have been thinking there's no way that you can feed so many people with so little food! But guess what? Jesus performed a miracle, and not only was everyone fed but there was food leftover! How amazing would that have been to witness?

Every time a language gets the Bible, it's kind of like Jesus multiplying the fish and loaves of bread. One Bible can reach many people, and people who decide to believe in Jesus can reach even more people. We can pray to Jesus, "Use me to satisfy people's spiritual hunger by helping them get the Bible in their own language."



## Prayer Points

- 🌐 Pray that people in my country and all across the Pacific would learn about Jesus in their own language.
- 🌐 Pray that more people would believe in Jesus and would tell their families, friends and neighbors about Jesus' love too. Together, we can multiply the spiritual food (God's Word) by sharing it with people everywhere we go.



Papua New Guinea

