

A photograph of three children, two boys and one girl, wearing traditional Islamic headwear (kufi) and white clothing. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The boy on the left is wearing a black and white patterned kufi, the boy in the middle is wearing a white kufi with a green border, and the girl on the right is wearing a white kufi. They are all wearing white shirts. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

# Just for Kids

A FUN  
PRAYER GUIDE  
FOR CHRISTIAN  
CHILDREN  
AND FAMILIES

6 JUNE-5 JULY, 2016

30 DAYS

OF PRAYER

FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD



# Welcome

Hi Kids!

Last year more people than ever before prayed with us through the 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World prayer guide! It is exciting to think of so many people praying each day in their different languages for the same thing — for Muslim people to know of Jesus' love!

Lots of things are happening in the world today that affect Muslim people. It can be hard to understand what it's like for Muslims who have to leave their homes and countries because of violence and war and take refuge in strange new places. But sometimes when bad stuff happens, it causes us to see things differently, and sometimes that can lead to good things — like when a journey to a strange new place helps you to meet new friends and learn new things about God.

It is important for us to pray for Muslims who are facing difficult situations around the world so we can know how to love them like Jesus wants us to. We hope you'll have fun praying around the Muslim world again this year!

The 30 Days Team

# DAY 1

## 6 JUNE

# New ways for new movements

### Did you know?

In the first 700 years of Islam only three times did Muslims turn to Jesus.

In the next 500 years nothing happened and Muslims did not get to know Jesus.

In the past 150 years many Muslims started to follow Jesus.

Maybe you are asking yourself: what is different now? For many years Christians thought that they needed to bring a religion to Muslims. Sometimes they even used their armies and fought with Muslims. They did not understand that Muslims are a lot like us — they too need to know Jesus, who is our Lord. They need to know that Jesus died for Muslims too because He loved them so much.

Missionaries who are telling Muslims about the love of the Lord Jesus are finding that they are interested to get to know Him too.

A teenage girl in the Middle East went to a children's camp. She asked the camp leader: did Jesus die only for Christians or also for Muslims? When she heard that Jesus died for everyone she was very happy.



To go a new way is sometimes difficult because we don't know how it will be. Turn off the light, so that the room you are in is dark. Walk around in the dark while you pray: can you find the way? After you have prayed you can turn on the light again.

**This is what Muslims need (but you need to reorder the words):**

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Answers to all the quizzes and puzzles can be found on page 32.

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## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that many Christians can go the new ways of reaching Muslims.

● Pray that all Christians understand that we need to be different and not fight with our armies against Muslims.

● Pray that missionaries are able to show Muslims how much Jesus loves them and cares for them too.

# DAY 2

7 JUNE

## North Africa: the Lamb of God

### Did you know?

North African countries are:

Mauritania, Western Sahara, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya.

Many Christians lived in these countries before Islam came.

Today 100 million Muslims live there.

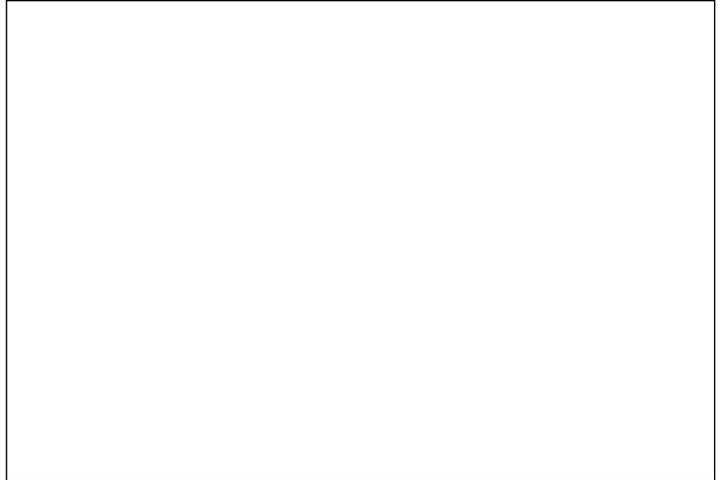
The people who have always lived in this region are called Berber. Many of them are shepherds. One of the Berber groups, the Tuareg, are nomads who move around with their herds and live in tents.

In many houses of the Berber you can see a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The Berber say: "Jesus was a shepherd, He knows us very well because we too have sheep. We know how much He loves us." Many of the Berber have become followers of Jesus.



Can you draw a sheep? Cut it out and write on it: Jesus loves the Berber. Hold it in your hand while you pray and carry it in your pocket throughout the day to remind you to continue to pray for the Berber.

Draw your sheep here



### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that they can get the Bible in new translations into their Berber language.

● Pray for the new churches, the new movements, that they can continue and that the governments will not hinder them.

● Pray for the people who work with radio and satellite TV, that their broadcasting will help the Berber to grow in their faith.

# DAY 3

8 JUNE

## The Maures of Mauritania

### Did you know?

Mauritania is almost three times the size of Germany but has only 3.5 million inhabitants.

The language of the Maures is Hassaniya.

Many of the Maures are also part of the Berber people groups.

Can you imagine a country that looks like a giant sandpit with no big cities and people living in tents. Would you like to play in the sand? Until about 50 years ago most Maures lived in tents and moved around in the desert with their cows and sheep. But after a drought, where it didn't rain for a long time, many had to sell their cattle and move to cities that were developing and growing fast.

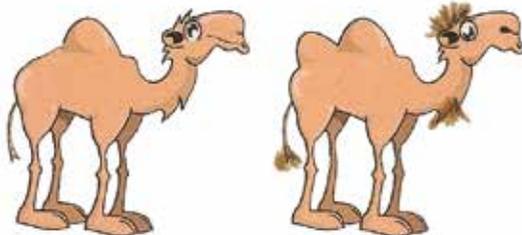
In their hearts many Maures are still nomadic people. They like to sit on carpets and not on chairs as in the days when they moved around in the desert, and they don't really like traffic rules.



Take a little carpet or a pillow. The person who prays can sit on it and then hand it to the next person to pray.

**Can you spot the differences between these two camels?**

*Until about 50 years ago most Maures lived in tents.*



### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for new believers among the Maures, that they will be strong in their faith.

● Only a few people in the country are Christians: pray that the Maures get to know Jesus.

● Pray for missionaries to go to the Maures: pray for them to have courage and love for the Maures.

# DAY 4

## 9 JUNE

# West Africa: the importance of self-discovery

### Did you know?

In the West Africa Room live Muslims, Christians and animists (people who believe in spirits).

Muslims are supposed to read the Qur'an only in Arabic.

There are about 100 million Muslims in West Africa.



**D**o you remember last year's prayers for the House of Islam? Today we are again praying for the West Africa Room. Many Christians in West Africa pray, sometimes the whole night, that Muslims from their countries get to know Jesus.

Some Muslims who got to know Jesus said that they were reading the Qur'an but could not understand it because it was in Arabic. But they understood the Bible very well because it is written in their own language. They learn that Jesus loves them and that He answers their prayers. They also see that the Christians have done many good things, running schools and caring for the poor because they love Jesus. Many Muslims decide to follow Jesus as well.

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*When Africans pray and sing it is not silent, they pray their prayers out loud. Today you can all pray together out loud. Don't be shy!*



*They learn that Jesus loves them and that He answers their prayers.*

## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

- Pray that those who have started to follow Jesus will grow in their faith and become strong.

- Many things in West Africa are going wrong. There is a group called Boko Haram, which kills people, there is injustice and wrong beliefs. Pray that the new believers are protected.

- There are 514 different people groups in this Room. Some have never heard about Jesus. Pray that they too will get to know Him.

# DAY 5

## 10 JUNE

# The *Garibou* boys of West Africa

### Did you know?

The masters who train the *Garibou* boys are called *marabouts*.

The *Garibou* boys live in Mali, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Guinea-Bissau.

During planting season, the boys work as slaves for farmers.

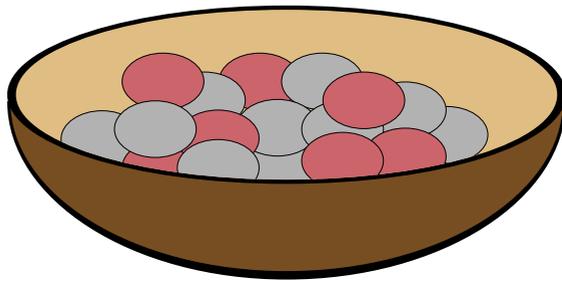
What would you say if you had to learn the whole Bible by heart as a child and — to make it more difficult — in a language that you cannot understand. Added to that you had to go begging for your food and for money. This is exactly what the *Garibou* (or *Talibé*) boys have to do. Their parents have sent them to the *marabouts* to learn the Qur'an by heart till they are 19, but if the boys don't understand or don't learn enough the *marabouts* punish them and beat them. Sometimes they are even taken to a different country. If they can, they run away and live as street boys, because if they go back to their parents they will return them to the *marabouts*.

Because the *Garibou* boys need to learn the Qur'an by heart, can you join them today and learn a Bible verse that shows God's heart for the boys? Learn Isaiah 1:17 together as a family and then pray for the boys.

**How many coins did the *Garibou* boys get from begging?**



Sometimes they are even taken to a different country.



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for Christians to start centres where the boys who have run away are cared for and receive help — defend the orphan.

● Pray for the governments of the countries in West Africa to make laws to protect the boys and stop the abuse — see that justice is done.

● Many *marabouts* only teach boys because they want to make a lot of money. Pray that they are exposed and that they have to stop — correct oppression.

# DAY 6

11 JUNE

## East Africa: becoming hyenas

### Did you know?

There are 19 countries in East Africa, from Sudan to South Africa.

Missionaries came to these countries 400 years ago.

Hyenas are animals in East Africa: perhaps you know them from the film *The Lion King*.

**O**n Christmas Day, Yusuf was gathering with 20 Muslim leaders. All of them had come to know Jesus and Yusuf was teaching them more about the Bible and what it means to be a follower of Jesus. All of them were sharing with other Muslims about Jesus. They continued to go to the mosque to meet with them.

A visitor asked them why they didn't start a church? One woman answered: we understand who Jesus is because He became a human, just like us, to save us. If He had wanted to save hyenas, He would have become a hyena for them. We want to share our faith with our Muslim brothers and sisters, so we have to go to the mosque to share with them, just like Jesus came to the earth to share with us.

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*Take a map, a globe etc, and find East Africa. Can you find the 19 countries and name them? When you pray put your hand on the countries. Take turns to pray.*



*All of them were sharing with other Muslims about Jesus.*



### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● It is still difficult to share about Jesus in East Africa: pray for more freedom to do it.

● Pray for those from the Muslim community who follow Isa-al-Masih ('Jesus' in Arabic), that they have wisdom and courage to share with their Muslim brothers and sisters.

● Pray for more people like Yusuf who are willing to share with Muslims and to teach them.

# DAY 7

## 12 JUNE

# The Afar: journey into an unknown future

### Did you know?

The Afar live in the neighbouring countries of Ethiopia, Eritrea and Djibouti.

This area is also called the Horn of Africa.

It is always very hot in the area: there is no winter.

The Afar are nomads who have travelled around with their camels and their smaller animals for many centuries. They are used to the hot weather and they know where to find food for their animals. The Afar themselves drink the milk from their animals as their main food.

The Afar often tell each other old stories about their history. They never wrote down those stories. Life is hard for the Afar, especially because they are losing their land and cannot travel with their animals any more. Some of the Afar have decided to follow Jesus and even though it is difficult, they know that Jesus is the hope for them and they share Him fearlessly with others.

*Horns of animals are sometimes used like trumpets. Take a piece of paper and make a 'trumpet' with it. You can shout your prayers for the Afar through the trumpet. You can make one trumpet for every person or pass one on.*

**Here's a video to show you how to make a trumpet:**

[http://www.ehow.com/how\\_5562062\\_make-paper-horn.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_5562062_make-paper-horn.html)



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for the Afar believers that they might have courage to share with others, even if it is tough.

● Pray that people have wisdom and know how to share about Jesus to the Afar in a way they will understand.

● Pray that the Afar find ways to stay themselves even if there are many changes in their lives.

# DAY 8

13 JUNE

# The Arab World – He knew! Amaal's story

## Did you know?

The Arab World is the place where Islam was begun.

The Qur'an was written 1,300 years ago and the language is very old.

Many Muslims don't really understand what they are reading.

Amaal from Egypt became friends with a family of Christians who lived in her country. She started to follow Jesus and wanted to share that with her family as well. Together with her mother she watched the *Jesus* film. After they had watched it Amaal's mother said, I should kill you for this.

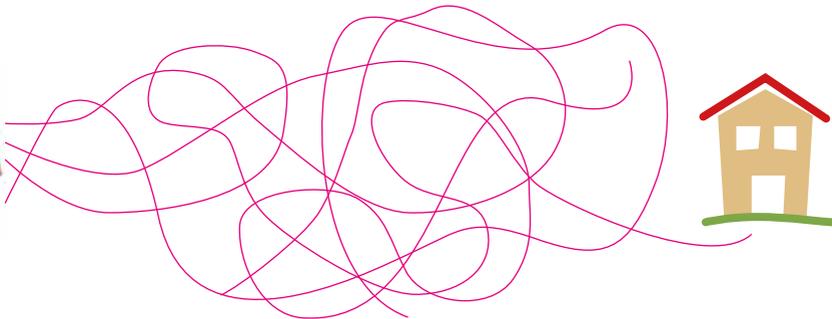
Amaal got really scared and left home. Other people and even the police threatened her too and wanted to know who told her about Jesus. Finally Amaal left Egypt to go to another country where she was safe. Before she left she read in Matthew 10 that Jesus spoke about persecution and she was very happy to know He understood.

Amaal says: Jesus knows everything, He lives in me and comes with me everywhere I go.



Like Amaal you cannot stay in one place today while you pray. Take the booklet and for every prayer point you have to go either to a different room in your house or a different corner of the room you are in.

**Amaal had to go to many different places. Find out which way she went.**



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for followers of Jesus like Amaal who are having a difficult time because they believe in Jesus.

● Pray that many young people in the Arab World can learn that there are other faiths besides Islam and that they will be free to learn about them.

● Pray that political and religious leaders in the Arab World would give their people the freedom to explore and to understand God in their own way.

# DAY 9

14 JUNE

## Iraq: from empire to chaos

### Did you know?

The area of Iraq with the countries around it was very important.

Many stories of the Old Testament took place there.

Baghdad is the capital of Iraq and used to be a famous university centre and a centre of arts and science.

These days almost nothing of the Iraqi empire is left. You've heard that the Islamic terror group Islamic State has destroyed many things and has much power in the area. Many people had to flee or were killed because they had a different faith: Christians, Yezidis and other Muslims.

But God did not forget these people. Courageous Christians still help the fearful and desperate people who are hiding, they stay with them and supply them with the necessary things. They are also sharing about Jesus, who has shown God's great love for them. People who did not know about Jesus are sitting with the Jesus-followers and ask many questions. In the midst of chaos they see that God has not forgotten them.

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*Hang a big cloth over a chair to build a cave. Collect your dolls, teddy bears or other toys and hide them in the cave. Then prepare a tray with food and a blanket and bring it to them. Now pray for the persecuted people!*



### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that the remaining persecuted people will see God's mercy and comfort in their lives.

● Pray that the few remaining Christians will not get tired of helping and comforting the people and telling them the good news about Jesus.

● Pray that a good government will be built that will accept the minorities.

# DAY 10

15 JUNE

## Turkestan

### Did you know?

Turkestan is not a state, but an area in Central Asia where many nations and tribes are located, including Uzbeks, Uighurs, Kazakhs, Tatars, Turkmen, Azeris and Turks.

There are about 200 million people living in this area.

About 160 million of them are Muslims.



There are Christians who meet secretly to share about the Bible and to pray together. It is difficult, they are beaten or even killed, and it is forbidden to tell the good news about Jesus. But Muslims get to know Jesus.

Abdallah visited John and told him that in a dream someone gave him a sacred book. He wanted to know what kind of book this was. Just at that time John remembered that a friend had given him an old Bible translation in Abdallah's language that his forefathers had spoken 100 years ago. Should he give him this book? With some hesitation he did. Abdallah was excited because his father had taught him to read such old scripts. He started immediately to read and study the book. After some time he visited John again and told him that he had become a Jesus-follower. He was the first known Uighur believer.

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"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" (John 1:29)

**Can you read the Bible verse in that old script? If yes, write it down in your modern script and then pray that the people in Turkestan will understand it.**

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## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for courageous missionaries who are reaching out to the 227 Muslim people groups.

● Pray for persecuted believers in Turkestan to have courage, confess what they believe, and by meeting with others grow in their faith.

● Pray that religious freedom will be granted in the countries of Turkestan so that believers don't have to fear arrest, beatings and death.

# DAY 11

## 16 JUNE

# Turkey: a bridge for refugees

### Did you know?

Turkey is like a bridge between Asia and Europe. Therefore Turkey plays an important role in the streams of refugees to Europe.

Five years ago, Turkey had already accepted many Syrian refugees.

Now Turkey has more than 1.7 million refugees from many countries.

*They cannot go back to their home countries because everything has been destroyed and the war continues.*

During all those years, Turkey has become a huge waiting place for refugees scattered from countries at war. They cannot go back to their home countries because everything has been destroyed and the war continues. It could also be that they would be persecuted. But they cannot stay in Turkey because they cannot get residency or a work visa. Some of the refugees in Turkey left to go to Europe to find a place to live. In Turkey the refugees often don't even have enough food and a roof over their head and many are suffering.



Place two chairs 1 metre from each other and put a lengthwise folded bed sheet or a blanket like a bridge over the chairs. Two people will sit on the chairs and the bed sheet to stabilise the bridge. The rest of you collect backpacks or other bags and put them on the bridge.

Do you realise how difficult it is to keep the bridge stable? While holding the bridge, pray for the situation in Turkey!



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that the Turks accept the refugees and continue to serve them.

● Pray for peace in Turkey and that the believers will be a shining example of unity and love.

● Pray for patience for those Syrians who have already been in Turkey for a long time.

# DAY 12

17 JUNE

# The Persian Room: Haik Hovsepian

## Did you know?

100 million people live in the Persian Room and speak variations of the Persian language.

Iraq, Iran, Tajikistan and Afghanistan all belong to the Persian Room.

Most of the Muslims in this area are Shi'ites. In other Muslim countries, Sunni Muslims are the majority.

Many Muslim people do not find peace for their hearts in their faith. But if they leave Islam they will face persecution, torture and death. So they meet secretly or flee to other countries.

Haik Hovsepian was a Christian. He and his group were allowed to meet and worship. He was the national bishop, but was not allowed to witness to any Muslim. However, one day he led a Muslim man called Mehdi Dibaj to the Lord. Soon after that, Mehdi was arrested and tortured without any trial. He was told to deny his new faith but did not. Some years later he got a death sentence. His friend, Bishop Haik Hovsepian, tried to save his life. Surprisingly, Mehdi was released, but in return Haik had to pay for it with his own life.



Solve the riddle below and then pray for the people in the Persian Room.

To find out what the Bible says about what Haik did, put the words into the right order:

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## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for courageous Christians like Haik Hovsepian to tell Shi'ite Muslims about Jesus.

● Pray for all countries in the Persian Room, that they will grant religious freedom so that people can decide for themselves what to believe.

● Pray for all those who have come from the Persian Room into our countries to start a new and free life. Pray that somebody will tell them about Jesus our Saviour.

# DAY 13

## 18 JUNE

# Tajikistan: seeking Jesus

### Did you know?

There are more than 8 million people living in this little Central Asian country.

Seventy per cent of the people are younger than 30 years.

There are many in Tajikistan who are secretly searching for information about Jesus.

Ali was one of the students who belonged to a little group that studied the Bible to learn about Jesus. He wanted to own a Bible so he could regularly read it. For the break between terms he even took the book home to his village.

Six weeks later, at the start of the new term, Ali was back — but without his Bible. Who had taken it from him? Did he have difficulties at home? He told us about his sister Aysha, who was collecting everything that she could find about Jesus. He called her a “Jesus person”.

Like Aysha and Ali there are many Jesus-seekers in Tajikistan who want to know the truth and find hope for their lives.



Where are the sources where Aysha can find information about Jesus?

**Draw a circle around these things.**



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that the few national believers will increase in numbers and openly share their faith.

● Pray that Tajiks will be open to the good news about Jesus.

● Pray that they will meet Christians who will share about Jesus.

# DAY 14

19 JUNE

## Western South Asia: a new name

### Did you know?

Western South Asia comprises Afghanistan, Pakistan and parts of India.

300 million Muslims live in this area.

The people in this area often had wars with each other and with armies from the outside.

When Akbar was young, his people group (the Pushtuns) were fighting against the Russians, then against each other, and then the Americans came. Akbar became a refugee in Pakistan. His full name was actually Muhammad Akbar, meaning 'Muhammad is the Greatest'. He left Pakistan to find work in a different country. There he saw a cinema showing a film about Jesus and he decided to watch it. When he saw how Jesus was badly beaten and nailed to a cross, Akbar thought that Jesus would come down and take revenge on the bad people. To his great amazement he saw how Jesus forgave the people and died for all of us. That moment he decided to follow Jesus and he changed his name to Akbar al-Masih, which means 'The Messiah is the Greatest One'.



When you pray for the first point, turn your backs to each other as if you were really angry, then turn to each other and hold hands as you pray for people like Akbar. Then lift your hands up, as if you would lift all the 300 million Muslims in Western South Asia to God.

*That moment he decided to follow Jesus.*



### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for the 300 million Muslims in Western South Asia, that they will get to know Jesus.

● Pray that the countries in Western South Asia can understand that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that they stop fighting against each other.

● Pray for courageous people like Akbar who tell others about Jesus and for the missionaries in these countries.

# DAY 15

## 20 JUNE

# The Deoband and Deobandis

### Did you know?

Deoband is a town in North India. Only 80,000 people live there — that's small for an Indian city.

Around Deoband are sugar-cane fields and mango trees.

In the city you can see more motorbikes and ox carts than cars.

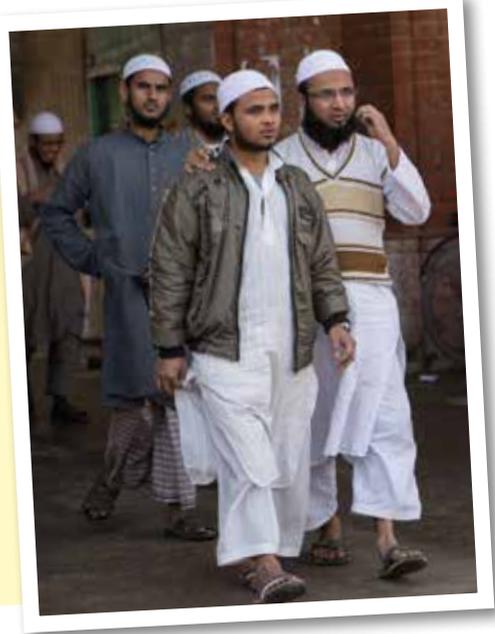
Even though Deoband is small, it is a very important city for Sunni Muslims because there is a university called Darul Uloom where many Muslims come to study. Darul Uloom is almost 150 years old. Muslim men who studied there have gone to many different countries, such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan but also Britain and North America, to start mosques and *madrassas* (Muslim schools). They call themselves Deobandis; there are about 75 million Deobandis in the world. One Muslim man who visited Deoband called it a place where God does great things. We will pray today that people in Deoband get to know Jesus and will spread this throughout the world.

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*Deobandis pass on what they have learned. Today one of you can read a prayer point and whisper it into the ear of the next person, and so on. The last person will pray and then read the next request and whisper ... and so on.*



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

- Pray for the women in Deoband who are often not allowed to leave their house, that they too will get to know God and know that He loves them.
- Pray that during their studies the students meet Jesus through dreams and visions.
- Pray that Deoband will be a place of peace and blessing, not of terrorism.
- Pray that justice, truth and peace come from Deoband to the cities and countries where the Deobandis have gone.



# DAY 16

21 JUNE

## Eastern South Asia

### Did you know?

Eastern South Asia includes Bangladesh, part of India and parts of Myanmar.

More than 850 million people live in Eastern South Asia — that's the most crowded Room in the House of Islam.

284 million of the people who live here are Muslims.



When Sharif was a boy, he would ask lots of questions when at school. But his teacher didn't like this and got really angry. He told Sharif that he was a sinner and would go to hell. That made Sharif's father so angry that he kicked his son out of the house. Sometime later Sharif got a New Testament from a missionary. He read it in one night and learned that he was not a sinner but that Jesus loved him and had come to save him. Life was not easy for Sharif when he started to follow Jesus but one day even his father decided to follow Jesus, and now they have a church in their house.



Find out what the verse below says, where 1 = A, 2 = B, etc. It is the verse that helped Sharif understand that he is saved. Read it out loud together as you pray for the people in Eastern South Asia.

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## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for the 284 million Muslims who don't know Jesus yet.

● More than 100,000 Muslims have started to follow Jesus in Eastern South Asia. Pray that many more will join them.

● Pray for people like Sharif who share about Jesus with others, even if it is very hard. Pray that they will stay faithful.

# DAY 17

22 JUNE

## Bihar

### Did you know?

Bihar is a state in India, and one of the poorest areas in the country.

Only 0.05 per cent of all people in Bihar are Christians: that's a tiny amount.

About 17–20 million Muslims live in Bihar.

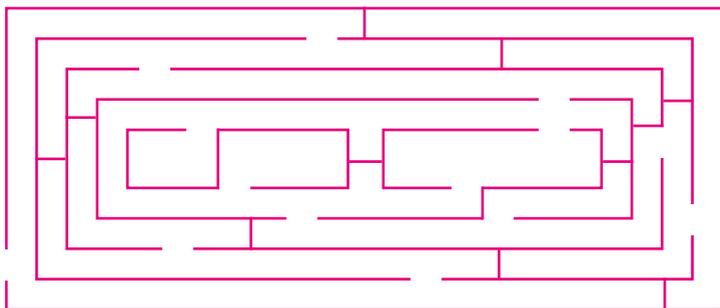
**A**bdul and his father live in Baisi, a small town in Bihar. They run a small shop at the side of the road. When somebody asked them if there was a church in Baisi they said that only Muslims and a few Hindus lived in their city.

But something has happened. For the last few months both Abdul and his father, together with some friends, have been reading books about Jesus, wanting to know who He is. Even some of the Muslim leaders want to read these books now. Maybe in a few years there will be a church in Baisi!



*The most important thing for Bihar is missionaries. Stand on a chair as you pray for missionaries, look out for them.*

**Show the missionary the way to Bihar.**



### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that many Muslims and Muslim leaders will read the books about Jesus and will start to follow Him.

● Not many Christians want to go to Bihar as missionaries. Pray that this changes and that many missionaries will go to Bihar.

● Pray that changes will happen in Bihar through the word of God, the Bible.

# DAY 18

23 JUNE

## Indo-Malaysian Room

### Did you know?

This Room includes Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia.

Indonesia is made up of more than 17,000 islands.

Indonesia is the most populous Muslim country in the world.

Many Muslims in Indonesia have never heard the good news of Jesus because they don't know any Christians. A man named Mike had an idea how Christians in the Indo-Malaysian Room could share with Muslims. He encourages Christians to get to know a Muslim and ask questions about God. Many Muslims love to talk about God, so they will love to share about it with a Christian. After listening to the Muslim the Christian will tell them about Jesus, how He saves us and how we can become followers of Jesus. Because of this approach many Muslims are now following Jesus.



Today we need to go to one of the islands to share with a Muslim. We need a boat. Take a big towel, put it on the floor and then the whole family can sit on it. While you sit in the "boat" you can pray together.



### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that many people will use Mike's approach to reach Muslims.

● Pray for protection for those who follow Jesus, that they are not persecuted.

● There are more than 282 different people groups in this Room. Pray that all of them will have a chance to hear about Jesus.

# DAY 19

24 JUNE

## An Indonesian journey: *merantau*

### Did you know?

*Merantau* means “to wander about”.

Sumatra is one of the big islands of Indonesia.

**H**ave you ever been wandering around and not really known where you are going? Normally we do know where we are going if we go for a walk. Young men in Indonesia, especially if they are from the villages in Sumatra, like to go on *merantau*. For a few years they will leave their families and go to the big cities. They often don't know where they are going and just wander around. They hope to find a good job and to earn money, but they also want to experience adventures. I'm sure you too like adventures and in prayer you can join the young Indonesians today.



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*Today you can “wander about”. All of you can walk around a room in your house in all different directions. Whenever you ‘bump’ into someone the two of you will stop and pray together. Then you can continue to wander.*



### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

- Pray that businesspeople who know Jesus will hire these young men and tell them about Jesus.

- Pray for the young Indonesian men who are on a *merantau*, that while they wander around they will meet Christians and get to know Jesus.

- Pray for young Christians in Indonesia to go on *merantau* as missionaries, sharing the gospel while they are wandering about.

# DAY 20

25 JUNE

## Western Cham of Cambodia

### Did you know?

The Cham people live in Cambodia along the rivers.

Many years ago the Cham moved from Vietnam to Cambodia.

There are hardly any Cham believers.

**K**andi was worried: she was sick and needed medical care. But there was nobody in her village who could help her. Kandi knew a couple who were not from Cambodia but had learned her language. They told her about a medical centre where she could find help. People at the medical centre also told Kandi about Jesus and what He has done for us.

Many years later the couple who had sent Kandi to the centre met her again. They were happy when they heard that Kandi was healed and that she and her son had accepted Jesus. Because people in the village had many questions about Jesus that Kandi could not answer, the couple encouraged Kandi to start a Bible study group in her house.



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*How well do you know the Bible? Could you answer the questions the villagers had? Try to answer the following questions together, then pray.*

- 1 Can you name two disciples of Jesus?  
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- 2 How many brothers did Joseph have?  
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- 3 What are the titles of the two books in the Bible that are named after a woman?  
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- 4 What is the name of the place where Jesus was born?  
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- 5 Who was the first missionary (he also wrote many letters in the Bible)?  
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### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for Kandi and her son, that they will grow in faith. Pray for the rest of their family to get to know Jesus.

● Pray that the Cham people will soon have a Bible in their own language.

● Pray that many Cham people, like Kandi, will get to know Jesus.

# DAY 21

## 26 JUNE

# The journey of faith

### Did you know?

Muslims are supposed to read the Qur'an in Arabic, even if they don't understand the language.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia wanted to change that and gave money for the translation of the Qur'an in many languages.



Imagine you have to read the Bible in Hebrew and Greek. Would you understand anything? It has been like that for Muslims, they had to memorise the Qur'an but did not understand it.

Once they were able to read it in their own language, some realised that even if you are a very good Muslim, there is no salvation or assurance to go to heaven. Others realised that the Prophet Muhammad was not a very good man and had done many wrong things.

Muslims often say that Islam is a religion of peace, but many have realised it is not true and many wars have happened among Muslims.

Because of all these things many Muslims search for a different faith and find it in Jesus.

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*One of you can read Isaiah 9:6, one John 3:16, one Psalm 1:6. All these verses show something that Muslims are searching for: find out what it is and pray for it.*

*Write it down here*

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## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that the Muslims who look for a new faith find others who did the same and found Jesus.

● Pray that the teachers who study the Qur'an will do it with open hearts and courage to ask difficult questions.

● Pray for Muslims who have decided to follow Jesus to have fellowship with believers and learn more about Jesus.

# DAY 22

27 JUNE

## Seeking God's presence

### Did you know?

Many people in the world want to be close to God so that they can feel His presence.

God also answers prayers of Muslim people.

Those who have experienced God's presence are not afraid if they have to suffer for Jesus.

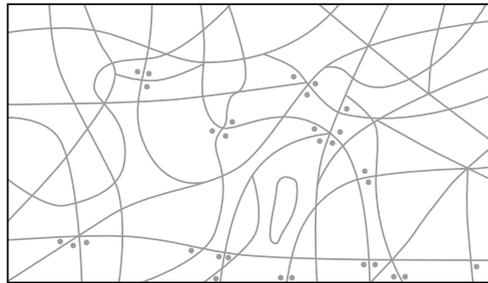
Sayeed was one of those people. He grew up in Cairo as a Muslim boy. At the age of only 10 he tried to do everything that he had learned in his religion lessons just to get closer to God. Over many years he intensified his prayers, fasted a lot and went to mosques often. But God seemed far away. Sayeed couldn't get closer to God. Did God not listen to his prayers?

One day, a Jesus-follower explained to him that only through Jesus can we come close to God. Sayeed was excited. He went to church and learned a lot from the Bible about Jesus. A few weeks later, he accepted Jesus into his heart and finally felt very close to God, something he had always wanted. It was not easy for him because his family persecuted him. But Sayeed did not give up because Jesus lived in him and gave him joy.

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*In the Bible, in Matthew 7:7–8, we read God's promise that everybody can find Him. Get your Bible and read the verses! Write down the three main words of what we have to do.*



*He went to church and learned a lot from the Bible about Jesus.*



**Sayeed was searching for a long time, now you need to find out what is on the picture. It is something that is seen in Egypt. Colour the fields with a dot and you will see.**

### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that Muslims (adults and children) will seek God and not a religion.

● Pray that Muslim-background Jesus-followers will find ways to give testimony about how they found Jesus and He changed their lives.

● Pray that Muslims who are seeking God will find Him.

# DAY 23

## 28 JUNE

# Luton: a stand against extremism

### Did you know?

Luton is a large town north of London; people go there mainly because of the airport.

In Luton, 25 per cent of people are Muslims.

In March 2009 some people who are against Muslims threw a firebomb into a mosque.

**P**eter, who was working with a church in Luton, was watching what was happening when the firebomb was thrown. He was convinced that to hate each other would not help anyone. He started to meet with other Christian and Muslim leaders. They declared that they wanted to work together and to love each other instead of hating each other because the Holy Scriptures say that we need to love God and love our neighbours.

Peter and the different leaders are becoming better and better friends, and if there are difficulties they meet and talk with each other to solve the problems.

*Can you read this verse from the Bible? What does that mean to you? Together, ask God to give you love for Muslims.*



raef yawa sekat evol tcefrep s'dog esuaceb,  
raef on si ereht, si evol s'dog erehw

*Write it down here*

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*They declared that they wanted to work together and to love each other instead of hating each other.*

## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that many people will start to see Muslims differently and have love for them.

● Pray for yourself and your family to be able to show to Muslims that you love them and care for them.

# DAY 24

## 29 JUNE

# US migrants: a global gateway

### Did you know?

Over 250 million people in the world today are immigrants — that means, people who moved away from their own country to live somewhere else.

Some of these migrants are from people groups who have not heard the gospel — such as Kurds, Yemenis, Pushtuns, and Somalis.

They often live in the big cities of the world such as New York, London, Los Angeles or Amsterdam.

**W**hen Chris was a young man he went as a missionary to the Wassoulou people in Mali. He learned their language and shared about Jesus with them. They were very open. But soon Chris became very ill and had to fly home. Chris was not allowed to go back to Africa, but he really wanted to reach out to the Wassoulou. Together with his wife he went to New York and found out that a Wassoulou community lived there. He met Jamal, a Wassoulou who had a dream about *Isa-al-Masih* [Jesus] 22 years ago and had been following Jesus ever since. Jamal told Chris that he had prayed to meet somebody who would help him to reach the Wassoulou. Chris and his wife moved to New York and today there are over 100 believers, many of them in Jamal's village in Mali.

If you want to know more go to [www.GlobalGates.info](http://www.GlobalGates.info).



With some chairs make a bus/ aeroplane/train and pretend to be immigrants who travel to a different country. Sit in your bus to pray.

**Find among the many Wassoulous where Chris and Jamal are. Paint their faces with a shining colour!**



*He learned their language and shared about Jesus with them.*

## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that many people will start to see Muslims differently and have love for them.

● Pray for yourself and your family to be able to show to Muslims that you love them and care for them.

# DAY 25

## 30 JUNE

# Many reasons, one goal

### Did you know?

All the refugees coming to Europe have different reasons why they left their homes and everything.

Many of them are not only looking for a new place to live, they are also searching in their hearts.

They are looking for people who they can ask their questions to and have their needs met.

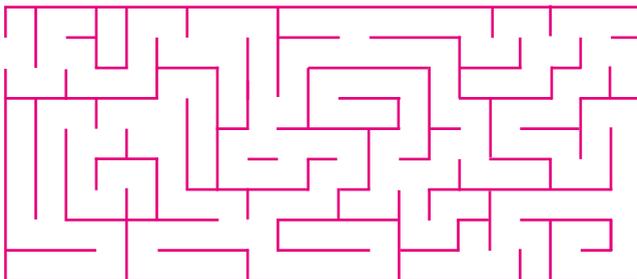
We know that Syrian refugees are coming because the war destroyed their homes. Christians are fleeing from Nigeria because they are afraid of the Boko Haram group who try to kill them or force them to accept Islam. In Afghanistan, the Taliban forces people to believe what they want. Other refugees are disappointed in the “peaceful” Islam that leaves so much destruction. Many ask if there is another way to God. All of them want to find Jesus.

It is necessary for them to have Jesus-believers who will tell about the One who says: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me!” (John 14:6)



Take a map and look up all the countries the refugees are coming from. Can you see that they come from many different places?

**Help Abdullah and Fadime to find the way to Jesus the Messiah!**



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for the many refugees on their journeys, that they will survive and arrive safely at their destination.

● Pray for Christians in the accepting countries, that they will reach out to the refugees with God's love, help them and share about Jesus the Messiah.

● Pray for peace in the countries of the refugees, that the people who are still there can have peace and a future.

# DAY 26

## 1 JULY

# Syrian refugees on an uncertain journey

### Did you know?

Before the terrible war Syria was a prosperous country where Sunni and Alevi Muslims lived peacefully together with Christians.

More than half of the population fled to foreign countries and do not know what the future will bring.

Many of the refugees are open to hear about other faiths because they are disappointed with Islam.

**O**ne big family who fled from Syria to Lebanon left behind everything that they owned. Now the many family members live in very cramped conditions in a small flat. It is so difficult to feed the many hungry mouths and supply all their needs. Now and then the children have some classes but there is no regular school. It is so boring when you do not know how to fill your days with something meaningful. This is a difficult and unsatisfying situation for the whole family.

But the father of that family said about this situation: "When we fled from our country we lost our home and everything. But with Jesus we found something more precious."



Find out in the chaos of the way from Syria to Lebanon the things that drew the family to Jesus!

**Colour the words with a red pencil!**

War	Hunger	Fear	Peace	Rejection
Bombs	Cold	Love	Islamic State	Enemies
Hope	Shooting	Thirst	Persecution	Destruction

## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that the terrible war in Syria will finish, even if it seems impossible to us.

● Pray for the many millions of Syrian refugees, that they will receive everything they need.

● Pray that all those helpers who love Jesus will care for the refugees with a cheerful heart and not hesitate to share with them the good news about Jesus.

# DAY 27

## 2 JULY

# Refugees in the Yida camp as messengers of Christ

### Did you know?

Many Muslim tribes like the Dagig, Ashron, Lira, Moro, Shad and Tabanya had to flee from their region during the civil war in Sudan.

Many of them are now living in the Yida refugee camp in South Sudan.

Some of the refugees have come to faith in Jesus and want to tell it to others.

*In this way many refugees have become Jesus-followers.*

In Yida there are also churches. Some of the Christian leaders want to reach all the 70 people groups in the camp. But every tribe speaks a different language, and many tribes don't have an alphabet yet and cannot write. Therefore they don't have the Bible.

The believers are telling the biblical stories with dramas to the refugees. With God's help the people understand the stories and the meaning and open their hearts. In this way many refugees have become Jesus-followers. Some of them continue telling the stories to other refugees and help them to follow Jesus as well.



*Every one of you draws people on a sheet of paper — men, women and children. These will be your audience. Put them in a very visible place. Play a drama together, use only a few words. You could use the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10), for example.*



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray for these new believers to grow in faith and to become a light for the other refugees.

● Pray for security, good care and supply for all the refugees in this huge camp.

● Pray for peace in this area, that the refugees can return

to their homes in the Nuba mountains and tell the other people the good news about Jesus.

# DAY 28

3 JULY

## The Night of Power: dreams

### Did you know?

The 27th night in the month of Ramadan is called *Laylat al-Qadr*, which means “The Night of Power”.

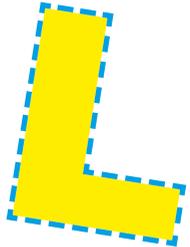
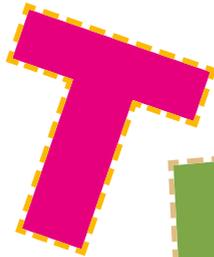
On this day, the Muslims remember that Muhammad received the first Qur’an *sura* (chapter) through the Archangel Gabriel.

This is the night many Muslims expect that God will talk to them.

Through dreams God is giving messages about His love and care to many Muslims. A Pakistani taxi driver, Ahmed, had several dreams. He saw a person of light with open arms full of love approaching him. He didn’t know what this could mean, but asked his friend. His friend opened an Urdu Bible (Urdu is the official language in Pakistan) at Matthew 17:1–2. Ahmed read aloud: “After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.” Ahmed stopped and looked with big wide eyes to his friend and said: “This is exactly the man I saw in my dreams. Who is he?” Now his friend could tell him about Jesus the Messiah.

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*Because this is the Night of Power and we will be praying for dreams, you can all lie down on the floor and pray. Maybe you also want to get up at night to have a prayer time together.*

**Trace or cut out the letters and arrange them to find out what Jesus’ clothes appeared like in the dreams.**



### WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that many Muslims will have dreams where they meet Jesus in the Night of Power.

● Pray that through their dreams of Jesus many Muslims will be encouraged to find out who He is.

● Pray that believers will be able to help understand the messages in the dreams and show how to follow Jesus the Messiah.

# DAY 29

## 4 JULY

# Bridges of God: translating the Bible in a language Muslims understand

### Did you know?

Christians all over the world use many different names for God — Bog, Dios, Tianzhu, Dieu, and many others.

Muslims and Arabic Christians use the word 'Allah' for God.

A Bible in their own language is like a bridge that helps Muslims to come to God.

You can find Muslims and Christians all over the world, but there is one big difference. When you go to a church in a different country, the people in that country will worship God and read the Bible in their own language and will understand it very well. When you go to a mosque in any country around the world, it will all be in Arabic — the prayers, the reading of the Qur'an, everything. Can you imagine that most people will neither understand what they are praying nor understand the Qur'an reading? Christians have understood that it is not important what language we use, God understands them all. In most places where many Muslims get to know Jesus it is because they have received a Bible in their local language. For them it is as if God is suddenly speaking their own language.



Go and get all the Bibles that you can find in your house, stack them up and see how many you have. Thank the Lord for having a Bible in your own language. When you pray, hold a Bible.



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that all Muslims will get a Bible translated into their own language or dialect.

● Pray that Muslims who are not Arabic speakers understand that they can use their own language to worship God.

● Pray that Christians understand that many Muslims will still use the name 'Allah' when they pray to God.

# DAY 30

## 5 JULY

# Bridges of God: movements

### Did you know?

There is a big old church in Tunisia that was built in 1884 to serve the Christians.

Today the church is used as a concert hall and has a different name — Acropolium.

Sometimes Christians believe that we need big churches to spread the gospel and so they build churches and hospitals. But Jesus said that we — those who believe in Him — are really the Church. We don't need a big building to come together.

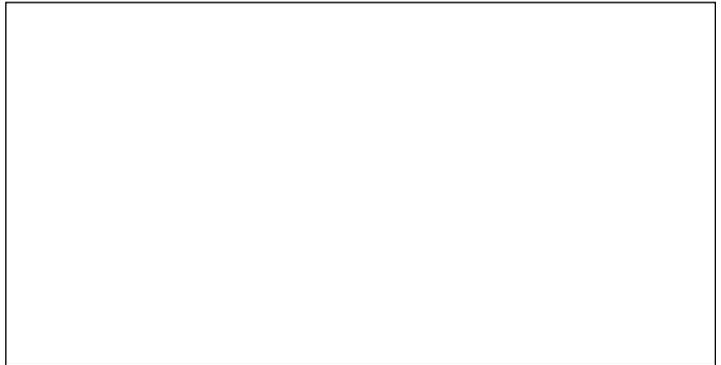
In Tunisia Christians are not gathering in the big church any more, but at the same time, there is a movement of many Muslims getting to know Jesus and becoming His followers. They come together to have fellowship and to study the Bible. Maybe some day they will build a new church, but they understand that it is more important to know God and to build His kingdom than to build church buildings.



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*Because a church is not made of stone but of the people who know God you can build a church with your bodies. You can use your arms to build the roof. Pray while you are standing together as a church. You can also read 1 Corinthians 12:27 together.*

***If you want you can draw the church to remind you that we, the followers of Jesus, are the Church.***

*Draw your picture here*



## WHAT 2 PRAY 4

● Pray that Christians understand that we — the believers — are the Church, not the building.

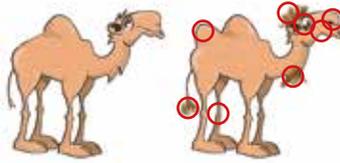
● Pray that Christians will not spend money on building churches but on reaching people and sharing the gospel with them.

● Pray for the movement of Muslims getting to know Jesus in North Africa, that they will continue to tell others about their new faith.

# Answers to quizzes

**Day 1** "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and all who live in your house" (Acts 16:31)

**Day 3** Spot the difference



**Day 6** 17

**Day 10** "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'" (John 1:29)

**Day 12** The greatest love you can show is to give your life for your friends (based on John 15:13)

**Day 16** God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent Him to save them!

**Day 20** 1 – (two of) *Simon (whom Jesus named Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas [also called Thaddeus or Jude] the son of James, and Judas Iscariot*

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3 – Esther, Ruth

4 – Bethlehem

5 – Paul

**Day 21** Isa 9:6 — Peace, a strong God. John 3:16 — Salvation. Ps 1:6 — Righteousness

**Day 22**



**Day 23** Where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love takes away fear

**Day 24**



**Day 28** LIGHT

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