The REALLY Amazing Race!!!



"... Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1

Learn to live the Great Commission!

"...Go, and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19)

"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation."

(Mark 16:15)





Go for the gold! Win souls for Jesus!

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." I Corinthians 9:24,25

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Parent Instructions for The REALLY Amazing Race !!!

Dear World Changer Parents,

Below is a link to *The REALLY Amazing Race* teaching. As the Bible says in Hebrews 12:1, the Christian life is like a race. The devil may try to slow us down or even knock us out of the race with sin, excessive debt, bad relationships, or bad habits, but, according to Hebrews 12:1, we are to "throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles" and to "run with perseverance the race marked out for us." The race of the Christian life includes spreading the Gospel as God gives us opportunities to share the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ with family members, friends, neighbors, and people all over the world.

Like a race, our lives have a beginning and an end. We each have a special time prepared for us on earth to walk in those good works that God has prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10). Part of these good works for all of us as disciples of Christ is fulfilling the Great Commission to "go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation." (Mark 16:15) Through this teaching, the kids will be learning that they have a purpose and a calling from God to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world as God directs them. We will be teaching about different nations, spiritual needs of peoples around the world, and strategies to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Kids will learn to pray for nations and open their hearts to God's plan for them in fulfilling the Great Commission in today's world.

Using a format similar to "The Amazing Race" reality TV show, teams of kids will compete by doing various tasks related to the country being studied each month. With lively games and crazy stunts, there should be lots of action and excitement as kids learn that they CAN make a difference in the world by sharing Jesus Christ with others!

Check out the links below and help your kids embark on *The REALLY Amazing*Race!!! Be sure to review the teaching power points with your children and then click on the [Prayer for Countries and Peoples of the World] link to pray with your children over these nations that need to hear the truth of the Word of God and come to a saving knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Feel free to use these power point presentations for kids in your home, your children's church, your Sunday School, or other Christian groups in which you are involved.

Yours in Christ, Windee World & Dr. Living Stone

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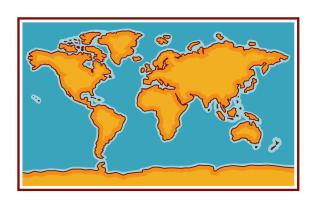
Kids' Instructions for The REALLY Amazing Race !!!

Dear World Changers,

Prepare to learn about God's great global plan to reach all people of all nations with the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Guess who God wants to use to spread His message of salvation to others? YOU !!!!

During "The <u>REALLY</u> Amazing Race", we will be learning about different nations, their spiritual needs, and how to pray for the many people around the world who still need to hear the Gospel - that God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, so that whoever believes that Jesus died on the cross to pay for their sin and rose again from the dead will be saved. Hebrews 12:1 says, "Let us throw off everything that hinders [holds us back] and the sin that so easily entangles [like a sticky spider's web], and let us run with perseverance [don't give up] the race marked out for us."







Our Christian life is like a race. Both have a beginning and an end. Each of you has a different course [like a race track] that God has planned for your life. Part of God's plan for your Christian life is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with others in your family, your school, your neighborhood, and around the world. As believers in Jesus Christ, we all have a part to play in finishing the job that Jesus gave to His disciples: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15)

The <u>REALLY</u> Amazing Race will include action-packed games and fun surprises as kids compete against each other to complete tasks related to the nations featured for each month. Be sure to check out the links below to review the teaching and games on the different countries, and pray for nations with your parents. <u>Print out the prayer sheets, collect all 5 and continue to pray for the T.H.U.M.B. people of the world!</u> [T is for Tribal, H is for Hindu, U is for Unreligious, M is for Muslim, and B is for Buddhist.]

Join the fun and learn God's truth in The REALLY Amazing Race !!!

- Windee World & Dr. Living Stone

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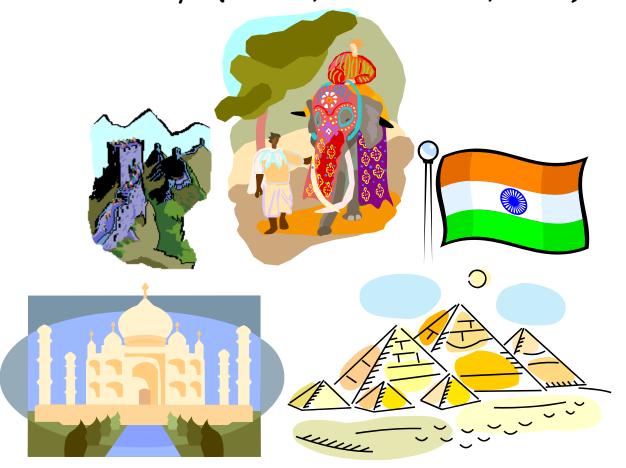
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Prayer for Countries and People of the World

("T.H.U.M.B." People)

- Tribal People (Africa, South & Central America, others)
- Hindu People (India, Nepal, others)
- Unreligious People (China, North Korea, Russia, others)
- Muslim People (Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Middle East, North Africa)
- Buddhist People (Thailand, Southeast Asia, others)



PRAYER FOR TRIBAL PEOPLE

Tribal People

- Live in small groups
- Have their own culture and language
- Believe everything in nature has a spirit
- Worship spirits and idols
- * Are afraid of making spirits angry
- Try to please spirits by offering flowers, food, and other gifts
- Consult witch doctors thought to have power over spirits
- Many tribal people have never heard of Jesus Christ.
- Many tribal groups do not have the Bible in their language.
- * Pray for tribal people to come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- Pray for more missionaries and more Bible translators to work with tribal people and share the Good News of Jesus with them in a way they can understand.
- Pray for more pastors and churches among tribal people groups so the people can hear the Word of God and learn the truth of salvation only through faith in Jesus Christ, God's only Son.
- ❖ Pray for tribal people to turn away from worshipping idols and spirits to serve the One True Living God. Pray that tribal people would be delivered from fear of spirits and that they would be blessed as they live for Jesus. Pray that witch doctors would be delivered from occult practices and ties with demonic powers so they can experience abundant life in Jesus.

"...'You [Jesus] are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.' "(Revelation 5:9)



Prayer for Hindu People

- > 800,000,000 Hindus live in India.
- > 18,000,000 Hindus live in Nepal.
- > 3,000,000 Hindus live in Bali.
- > 22,000,000 Hindus live in other countries around the world.

Hindu People:

- > Worship millions of "gods" and "goddesses"
- > Go to Hindu temples to worship idols
- > Believe cows are holy and will not eat beef
- > Believe they can live many lives (reincarnation)
- > Believe that their sins can be washed away by bathing in the Ganges River

Pray for Hindus:

- > Pray that Hindus know the truth that they have only one life to live and then to face judgment before God (Hebrews 9:27).
- > Pray that Hindus know the truth that only belief in Jesus as their Lord and Savior will save them, and that only the blood of Jesus can wash away their sins when they receive Him into their hearts (Acts 4:12; I John 1:7; Hebrews 9:14).
- > Pray that nearly 1 billion Hindus will turn away from idol worship and receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior (John 3:16; Acts 17:29,30; Romans 10:9,10).
- > Pray for Hindus to come out of the spiritual darkness and into the light of the Kingdom of God through faith in Jesus Christ!!! (I Peter 2:9; Isaiah 60:1,2)
- > Pray for more missionaries to preach the Gospel to Hindus and to translate the Bible into their languages so they can know salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ! (Matthew 9:37,38; John 4:35; Romans 10:14,15)

Jesus said, "'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' "

John 8:12









Prayer for Unreligious (Chinese) People





- China is the most populous nation in the world with over 1.3 billion people.
 About 1 out of every 5 people in the world is Chinese.
- o The most commonly spoken language in the world is Mandarin Chinese!
- o About 50% of the people of China believe there is no God. These people are called atheists.
- Another 40% of the people of China practice Buddhism (the worship of idols in the form of "Buddha") or traditional Chinese religions.
- o A little over 7% of China is thought to be Christian (about 91 million people).
- o About 2% of China is Muslim.
- Christians are often persecuted for their faith in China. Sometimes Christians (especially pastors) are arrested, put in jail, beaten, or even killed for their faith in Jesus. Many Christians in China do not have Bibles because the government allows only a certain number of Bibles to be printed each year. For this reason, Christians from other countries sometimes carry Bibles into China so they can be given secretly to believers there.
- Two kinds of churches exist in China: the government church, which is controlled by the communist government and must follow strict rules, and the "underground" church, which meets secretly in homes (house church movement). The "underground" church has freedom to worship and preach about Jesus, but believers there risk hardship and persecution.

God loves the people of China and wants them to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior! (John 3:16)

- o Pray for people in China to know that there is a God who loves them!
- Pray for people in China to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. (Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:9-13; Acts 10:34,35)
- o Pray that every Christian in China can have a Bible! (Ps. 19:7-11; Ps. 119:105)
- Pray for protection for Chinese Christians and pastors that God would keep them safe and protect them from persecution. (Ps. 91)













Prayer for Muslim People









- There are over 1 billion Muslims in the world.
- Muslims live mostly in the Middle East, west and north Africa, central and south Asia, and Indonesia. The most populous Muslim nation in the world is Indonesia, followed by Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh.
- The Muslim religion called "Islam" was started over 1400 years ago in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, by a man named Mohammed. He believed that the angel Gabriel gave him messages from "Allah", the Muslim God. Mohammed wrote down these messages in the Muslim holy book called the Koran.
- Muslims worship in buildings called mosques. Friday is their holy day.
- Muslims believe they must follow many strict rules and work very hard to please God. They think that it is not possible to really know God or to have a personal relationship with Him.
- Muslims follow "The Five Pillars of Islam", which tell them to recite their belief in Allah and Mohammed as God's prophet, to pray five times a day, to fast during a special holy month they call Ramadan, to give to the poor, and to make a pilgrimage (special religious trip) to Mecca, their holy city.
- Even if Muslims do all these things, they are not sure that they could go to heaven. They think that God weighs all their good deeds and bad deeds on a scale. They think if they have more good deeds than bad, then they might go to heaven ("paradise").
- Muslims do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. They do not believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for their sin and rose again from the dead to give them eternal life. They believe that Jesus was a prophet, a teacher, and a worker of miracles, but they do not accept Him as Lord and Savior.
- Muslims do not understand the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit as three in one). They think Christians worship 3 gods.

Pray for Muslims:

 Pray that Muslims will know that Jesus is the Son of God who died on the cross and shed His blood to pay for their sin. (I Corinthians 15:1-4)

- Pray that Muslims will know that they do not have to work for their salvation. Only faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will save them. (Ephesians 2:8,9)
- Pray that Muslims will have dreams and visions of Jesus as Lord (Joel 2:28) and that they will know that they CAN have a personal relationship with God and truly know Him through Jesus Christ (John 14:7-9).

Prayer for Buddhist People







- Over 400 million Buddhists in the world live mostly in Southeast Asia (China, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, and Japan).
- Buddhists follow the teachings of Prince Siddhartha Gautama, a man who lived a life of luxury in northern India about 2,500 years ago. As he looked for meaning in life, Siddhartha saw that life was full of suffering. He believed that a person lived many lives (reincarnation), so he wanted to find a way to end the cycle of birth, suffering, death, and rebirth that he believed caused life to be meaningless. As he meditated (thought long and hard), he believed that he reached a state of "enlightenment" and escaped the cycle of reincarnation. He called himself "Buddha", which means "enlightened one".
- Buddha taught others to follow the 8-fold path to enlightenment: right understanding, right thinking, right speaking, right action, right livelihood (work), right effort, right mindfulness, and right connection. Buddha thought that others could be free of suffering if they followed his path and if they meditated long enough, they also could become "enlightened".
- After Buddha's death, his followers made images of him and began to worship the idols of their former teacher. Buddhists worship idols in Buddhist temples, in their homes, and at other places holy to them all over the world.
- Buddhists believe in "karma" that their present and future life is determined by the good and bad deeds they have done. Buddhists try to earn "merit" (good karma) by doing good deeds and following Buddha's teaching. They have no hope of forgiveness of sin, salvation, or a personal relationship with God.

Pray for Buddhists:

- Pray that Buddhists will believe in Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life and the ONLY WAY to come to God (John 14:6).
- Pray that Buddhists will realize their need for Jesus to be their Lord and Savior and to receive forgiveness for their sin (bad deeds). Help Buddhists to know that they have only one life to live and then to face judgment before God (Hebrews 9:27). Help them to know that their good deeds and will not save them (Ephesians 2:8,9).

- Pray that Buddhists will be "enlightened" in their hearts to know Jesus and to receive His truth and power working in their lives (Ephesians 1:17-19) that they can truly be free from suffering and the hopelessness of Buddhism.
- Pray that Buddhist countries will be open to the Gospel and will receive missionaries, Bibles, and churches; pray that they will turn away from worshipping idols of Buddha and worship only Jesus! (Acts 4:12)

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