

Missions Lesson
IMB Affinity Group: Southeast Asian People

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Objectives:

- Children will name the countries of Southeast Asia.
- Children will learn about different religions in Southeast Asia.
- Children will learn how Christian workers are sharing the gospel in Southeast Asia.
- Children will learn how to pray for the people of Southeast Asia.

Materials:

- Copies of "Southeast Asian Countries Word Search," pencils
- World map with Southeast Asian countries labeled
- Craft sticks or some other object for the "bones" in the review game
- Buddha picture
- Optional: colored paper, scissors, staplers

Preparation:

Display world map.

Optional: Set up a laptop to show a Creation to Christ video. Download complete video from: <http://www.creationtochristvideo.com/>

Alternate video: <https://vimeo.com/104119967>

Procedures:

1. Distribute the "Southeast Asian Countries Word Search" and pencils. Challenge children to find all nine countries of Southeast Asia in five minutes or less.
2. Show the world map. Ask volunteers to point out each Southeast Asian country.
3. Say: *Southeast Asia has many religions. Each country has a major religion. Religions in Southeast Asia are Islam, Spirit worship, Confucianism, Roman Catholicism and Buddhism. Many people follow Buddha. Buddhism has no gods. The leader was Buddha. (Show Buddha picture.) He is known as the "Awakened One." The goal of Buddhism is Nirvana, which is the stillness of mind. Buddhism has four noble truths. These truths talk about the meaning of suffering and how to avoid suffering.*

Christian workers try to explain that Jesus loves the people of Southeast Asia and that He died to set them free. Christian workers show God's love in many ways. In 2013, the Philippines experienced a typhoon. Thousands

of people were killed and homes were destroyed. Mission teams went to the Philippines to help the people rebuild their lives. Christian workers throughout Southeast Asia help people with farming and health clinics. Missionaries hope that churches will form. Other workers help people by teaching them a skill, such as sewing. The people can use this skill to earn a living. Say: Another way Christian workers share the gospel is through the "C2C" which means "Creation to Christ." They tell the God's story from the beginning (creation) to Jesus' death and resurrection.

4. Optional: Show the C2C video.

5. Play "Pusa At Aso" (Cats and Dogs). This is a game from the Philippines.

- Mark a large circle on the ground or floor. Place objects to be used as bones in the center of the circle. Use as many bones as are players.
- Choose one player to be the "Dog." He must sit inside the circle guarding the bones. He may tag other players with his feet or hands but **must remain seated**.
- Remaining players are "Cats." They must take the bones without being tagged. If they take all the bones without being tagged, the same player remains as the "Dog" for the next game. If a "Cat" is tagged, he becomes the new "Dog" and answers a review question.
- Review Questions:
 - Name a common religion in Southeast Asia.
 - Who is the leader of Buddhism?
 - What is the goal of Buddhism?
 - What happened in the Philippines in 2013?
 - How did Christian workers help the victims of the typhoon?
 - How did Christian workers show God's love after the typhoon?
 - Name another way Christian workers show God's love?
 - What does "C2C" mean?
- Continue play as time allows.

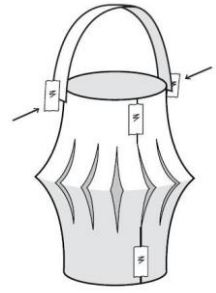
6. Share the following prayer requests:

- Pray for the many poor in Southeast Asia.
- Pray for the people who follow a different religion, such as Buddhism or ancestor worship. Pray that they will hear about the One, True God.
- Pray that the Christian workers will continue to find new ways to share God's love.

Lead a prayer for the needs of Southeast Asia.

Optional: Make a Prayer Reminder Lantern

1. Start with any rectangular sheet of colored paper.
2. Cut a 1-inch wide strip off on one short side. Set this aside for the handle.
3. Fold the sheet of paper in half vertically.
4. Draw a horizontal line one inch from the long edge opposite the fold. (This line is just a guide for where the lines in step 5 should stop.)
5. Draw straight lines from the fold up to the horizontal line, leaving about an inch of space between each line.
6. Cut on the lines. Be sure to stop when the line ends.
4. Unfold the paper.
5. Write a prayer request for Southeast Asia.
6. Bring the short ends together.
7. Staple at the top and bottom.
8. Staple the strip of paper cut earlier to the top of the lantern to form a handle.
9. Remind children to pray for Southeast Asia each time they see their lanterns.





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Southeast Asian Countries

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