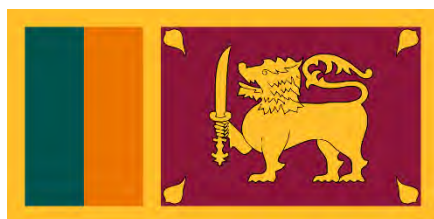




You can make a difference!

Pray for persecuted children!



This month we are praying for children in Sri Lanka. On Easter Sunday, bombs exploded in three churches and three hotels. 253 children, women and men were killed. More than 500 people were hurt.

### Zion Evangelical Church, Batticaloa



29 people were killed in the bomb blast outside Zion Church including 14 children. Many of the children had been to Sunday School. A man named Ramesh Raju was very brave. He saw a man come into the church with 2 very big bags. Ramesh told him to leave the bags outside. The bomb went off as Ramesh took the man outside. Ramesh was killed. He

saved hundreds of children and adults from being killed inside the church. Ramesh's Dad is very sad but says he is proud of his son because he saved many children's lives.



Dear Father God,

Please pour Your love into the hearts of Mums, Dads and families whose children were killed. Their hearts are hurting so much and they are very, very sad. Help them be strong. Help them remember the wonderful times they had with their children and give You thanks. Thank You for the life you gave every one of these children. Thank You that they knew how much Jesus loved them and that they are now with Him, having a great time in heaven.



Flag activity on the last page. Cut along the lines of the Sri Lankan flag on the bottom of the last page. Muddle up the pieces then stick them together in

the empty rectangle to make the flag.





How many words can you find in the word: **families**

Use each letter once. You can use words of one letter and upwards.

(BBC)



Dear God,

Thank You for helping Ramesh to be so brave. Thank You that he gave his own life, just like Jesus, so many others could be safe - especially, children. Thank You for loving Ramesh so much and that he loved you too. Please bless his Dad, wife, children, sisters and brother. Let them know Your great love and peace in their hearts. Please give them what they need to live - food, money, clothes, a home, schooling and anything else. Keep them safe. Thank You. Amen.

St Anthony's Church in Colombo



St Sebastian's Church near Negombo



Dear Father God,

Please be very near to all the men, women and children whose children and families were killed at these churches. Let them feel Your great strength and love in their hearts. Give them hope to face every day when they are so terribly sad. Help them to remember their loved ones with great joy and to thank You for the love they shared. Amen.



**Crack the Code!** Use the following code to work out the Bible verse: a = b, b = c, c = d, d = e, etc. (z = a!) You can find it in Mark 10:14 - 16 if you get stuck (CEV).

I d r t r      r z h c,      "K d s      s g d

b g h k c q d m      b n l d      s n      l d!

..... S g d m      I d r t r      s n n j

s g d      b g h k c q d m      h m      g h r

z q l r      z m c      a k d r r d c      s g d l. "



Dear Jesus,  
 Thank You for loving children so much. Thank You for holding them tight in Your arms. Please help the children in Sri Lanka whose Mums, Dads and families were killed in the bombings. Fill their hearts with Your great love and let them feel held by You. Give them family and friends to love them and look after them. Bless them when they are so sad and hurting. Amen.



Dear Jesus,  
 Please lay Your healing hands on all those who have been hurt by the bombings in the churches and hotels. Heal their bodies and minds and give them strength. Bless the Christians who are helping those who suffer. Give them wisdom, strength and protection. Keep Your people and everyone safe in Sri Lanka. Use Your Almighty power to stop any more attacks. Help Your children and Christians to be brave when they feel so scared. Thank You. Amen.

