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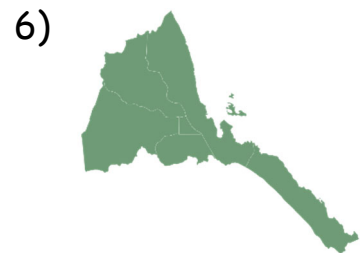
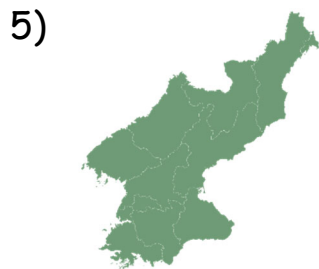
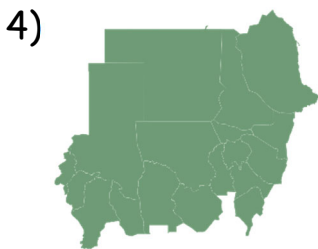
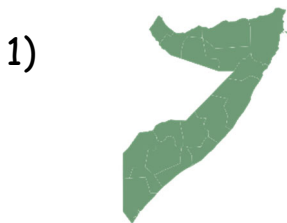


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While Jesus was still very young, he and his family had to run for their lives to stop Jesus being killed by King Herod. They had to flee to another country and start a new life until it was safe to return home. Nowadays Christian children, too, in many countries have to run from their homes with their families. They may be attacked, hurt and sometimes killed because some people do not want them to love or follow Jesus. These children and families have to try to find safer places to live in their own countries or escape to different countries to stay alive and well. They are refugees - just like Jesus when he was a child.

Here are the maps of 6 countries where Christian children and their families have to leave home as refugees to find safety elsewhere. Match the maps to the names of the countries. (Answers at the end - no peeking!)

(simplemaps.com/svg)



North Korea

Eritrea

Iran

Afghanistan

Somalia

Sudan



Dear Jesus,

Be very close to all Your children and youth who have to leave their homes in fear and panic, afraid of being attacked, kidnapped or killed. Let them feel Your presence with them, giving them courage, strength and peace. Amen.



Dear Jesus,  
 Give hope to all Christian children and youth who cannot go to school because they have had to leave their homes to stay safe. Make a way for them to get an education so that they can enjoy the thrill of learning new things once again.



Dear God,  
 Hold the children and youth in Your arms of love, in countries such as Nigeria, whose families and friends have been killed while being attacked in their homes and villages or as they tried to escape to safety. Give them loving families to look after them. Hold them close as they are so desperately sad and give them hope and comfort. Let them know their loved ones are with You, safe in heaven and they will see them again one day. Protect these youngsters from further attacks and harm. Help them feel the joy of Jesus' love in their hearts.



Crack the code to find out this month's Bible verse, found in Isaiah 41:13 (CEV) (1 = a, 2 = b, 3 = c, etc.)

" 9	1, 13	20, 8, 5	12, 15, 18, 4	25, 15, 21, 18	
7, 15, 4.	9	1, 13	8, 15, 12, 4, 9, 14, 7	25, 15, 21, 18,	
8, 1, 14, 4	19, 15	4, 15, 14, 20	2, 5	1, 6, 18, 1, 9, 4.	
9	1, 13	8, 5, 18, 5	20, 15	8, 5, 12, 16	25, 15, 21."



Dear God,  
 Help all persecuted children and youth know that You are their loving heavenly Father. You see them. You know all about them and You are with them every second of the day and night. You will NEVER leave them or abandon them! Let them feel You holding their hand, helping them to be brave and believe in You and Your love for them. Keep them safe by Your Almighty power! Thank You God! Amen.

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| 1) Somalia | 2) Afghanistan | 3) Iran | 4) Sudan | 5) North Korea | 6) Eritrea |
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