

True story!

Kati Li is a teenage girl who loves Jesus and wants to spread the Gospel in her country of China. Some missionaries gave her an old-fashioned printing machine so that she could print parts of the Bible and other Christian books for secret churches. A tunnel was dug from an old hut into an underground cave and there the printing press was set up. Kati Li gave up her studies and "disappeared" so that she could live in the cave and print bibles and books. No one knew what happened to her except for the few people who brought her food and kept her secret. After many months, the government found out about the secret print shop and destroyed it, but Kati Li and the other Christians escaped and ran far away before the police came.



NAME GAME

Use the clues to find the name of each of the seven places mentioned in the Bible. Write down the **FIRST** letter of each to form the name of a special place in China.

- Town where Jesus was born _____
- Country where Moses was born _____
- Name for the Promised Land _____
- City from where David ruled _____
- Country from where the Romans came _____
- Town where Jesus grew up _____
- Town where Goliath was from _____

Now that you have learned about life in China, you can tell other people and encourage them to pray that the Chinese Government will change the laws and give the Chinese people freedom to worship and share their faith.

'Til next time, love from Shirley.

[Answer to the game is the name of the capital city of China]

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Fun facts for kids!

True stories!



Have you ever seen brothers and sisters fighting?

Maybe it even happens at times in your family! But then there are many times when brothers and sisters play happily together.




Do you know that there is a country where brothers and sisters DON'T fight? It's because in every family there's only ONE child! The government enforces a law that says each couple can only have ONE child - if the mother gets pregnant with a second baby, the family is punished and fined and the baby may even be killed!

Can you guess which country we are talking about?

It's **CHINA!**



China is the 3rd largest country in the world!



China is in Asia and its neighbors include Russia, India and Afghanistan - see if you can find China on a globe. There are so many people in China, that if all the people in the world were mixed together and then made to stand in a long line, every 5th person would be Chinese!



For over 50 years, China has been ruled by a Communist government, which wants to do away with all religious groups.

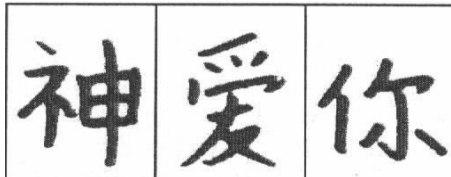
Many Christians have been killed or imprisoned, and millions of bibles have been destroyed. It is against the law to tell children about Jesus, to have bible studies or to tell people about Jesus outside of a few "government" churches. Yet many Chinese people are searching for the truth and finding Jesus, and they meet secretly in houses, forests and even caves.



Chinese Christians worshipping in a cave

In 1949 there were about 5 million Christians in China but now there are more than 90 million! It is said that 1,200 people in China come to accept Christ EVERY HOUR! This is amazing as it is very common for the police to discover and enter a home bible study, and arrest and put the Christians in prison for months or even years!

Chinese writing uses characters or pictures instead of letters. See if you can copy this - it says "God loves you".



Can you imagine sitting in your backyard singing "Jesus loves me" when some police arrive, handcuff your mother and father and send them to prison for years because they had told you about Jesus?

Chinese Christians suffer a great deal for their faith. In prison they have to work hard all day, maybe moving stones and rocks; they cannot be visited by their family and have very little food to eat. But they still continue to love Jesus and share their faith with others.

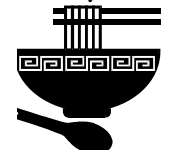
"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3 (NIV)



Would YOU still love Jesus if YOU had to suffer?

LOVE EXPERIMENT - Try this so that you can see for yourself!

Decide to spend a day when you will NOT watch any TV or play with your friends. Eat what believers in Chinese prisons eat - watery noodle soup and a piece of bread for breakfast and supper, and cabbage soup and a piece of bread for lunch - NOTHING ELSE! (You could even use two thin pieces of wood for chopsticks!) When your stomach growls and you feel hungry, remember to pray for the thousands of Christians imprisoned in China because they love Jesus.



Let's pray and thank God for the freedom we have in our country so that we can read the Bible, learn about Jesus, go to church and tell others about our faith. Also let's pray that the Chinese Christians feel the presence and comfort of Jesus, and be encouraged in their faith.