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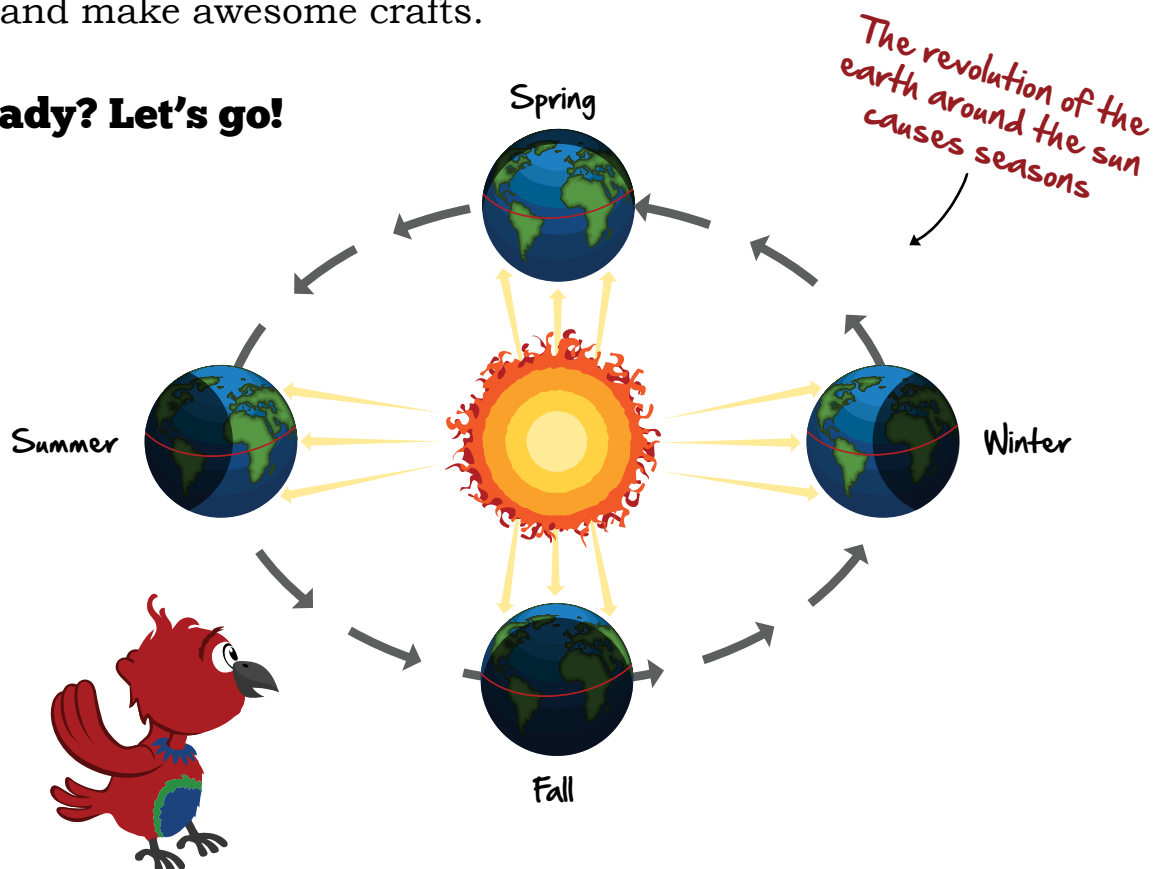
## Hi, kids!

It's summer time! Well, at least it is if you live in the top part of the world (called "the northern hemisphere," if you want to be technical). You're probably wondering what I'm talking about. Doesn't everyone have summer at the same time? The answer to that is: nope!

South America and countries like Australia and New Zealand are on the bottom part of the world or (the "southern hemisphere"), so their seasons are the opposite of ours. That means that when it's our summer break, they're on winter vacation. And when it's Christmas break for us, they're actually enjoying the hot weather of summer!




But since it's our summer vacation here in the United States, Mack and I thought that we should have some fun. After all, you have a lot of free time since you're not in school, right? So let's learn some cool facts about the world, play games and make awesome crafts.

**Are you ready? Let's go!**



# Africa

## Fun Facts:

-  Male lions weigh an average of 400 pounds, and female lions weigh an average of 290 pounds. To stay healthy, the male lions need to eat 15 pounds of meat or more every day (that's like 60 hamburger patties!), and the female lions have to eat at least 11 pounds. Pretty crazy, huh, Mack?
-  When an African elephant drinks, it sucks as much as two gallons of water up its trunk — at one time! Then it curls its trunk up and sticks the tip into its mouth and blows. The water comes right out, and the elephant can drink it up.
-  Cheetahs are the fastest mammal (that's an animal with warm blood) on earth. They can run up to 70 miles per hour for short distances. When they're chasing after their food, they'll usually only run about half that fast. When they're done, they have to catch their breath for a whole 30 minutes before they can eat.

## Find the animals in the word safari!

When we think of animals like lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras and others, we often think of Africa, don't we? That's because lots of awesome animals live across the big continent — animals that people love to see at the zoo, or if you're really lucky, on a safari in Africa! But since you may not be able to make it to the far-away continent of Africa, you can at least help Mack and me find the different names in this word search.

Here's what you need to find:

LION

ELEPHANT

GIRAFFE

LEOPARD

RHINO

CHEETAH

GORILLA

HIPPOPOTAMUS

CROCODILE

ZEBRA

LION

GIRAFFE

RHINO

GORILLA

CROCODILE

ELEPHANT

LEOPARD

CHEETAH

HIPPOPOTAMUS

ZEBRA

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K H W Z Q J I T V T I L F J R  
Z E X M R C E I D R A P O E L

## Maasai paper necklace

In traditional African clothing and jewelry, we often see lots of bright and beautiful colors. Sometimes, the more colors, the better! Mack and I thought it would be fun to make this *Maasai* necklace. (The Maasai are a people group who live in eastern Africa.) Usually it's made out of beads, but we're going to make it out of paper plates.

Both men and women wear *Maasai* jewelry, and it's the women who make the necklaces and bracelets. They're all beautiful, but the bright colors also mean things.



- ✓ **RED** — bravery, unity and blood.
- ✓ **WHITE** — peace, purity and health.
- ✓ **BLUE** — energy and the sky (and rain too, which helps water the animals and make their food grow).
- ✓ **ORANGE & YELLOW** — hospitality.
- ✓ **GREEN** — health and land (like green grass).
- ✓ **BLACK** — people and the hard times they have to go through.

Create your own design, and if you like, you can choose colors for your necklace that mean something to you!

### Supplies:

-  Paper plates
-  Markers
-  Scissors

### Instructions:

-  Take a paper plate and cut a slit from the edge to the middle of the plate.
-  Cut out the middle of the plate, leaving behind only the bumpy rim.

- 🌍 Color the rim however you like. Lots of colors and designs are good!
- 🌍 Cut out a gap in the necklace (starting at the slit) and make it big enough so you can wear the *Maasai* necklace around your neck.

Don't we look awesome, Mack? These *Maasai* necklaces sure are colorful and fun!






Maasai paper  
necklace



# Americas

## Fun Facts:

-  In North and South America, there are 35 countries total. That's a lot when you think about how big Canada, the United States, Greenland and Brazil are!
-  Canada is the second biggest country in the world (Russia is the biggest). But even though it's so big, only about one out of every 200 people in the world live here. That's not very many people at all, is it, Mack? But it's probably because so much of Canada is really cold, so lots of people don't live in those freezing places.
-  There's only one kind of bear that lives in South America, and it's called the spectacled bear. The name fits the bear really well because its fur looks like the bear is wearing glasses! God sure does have a sense of humor, doesn't he?

## Unscramble the country name

It's time to test your geography skills (and how well you spell). Help Mack and me unscramble these different country names. For a harder challenge, time yourself to see how fast you can do it!

1. **Zlarbi** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. **Ednuti Esatst** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. **Helic** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
4. **Anamap** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
5. **Caimaja** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
6. **Nergianta** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
7. **Danaca** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
8. **Bomolcia** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
9. **Masahab** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
10. **Rupe** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_










*Answers here.  
Try not to look!*

1. Brazil
2. United States
3. Chile
4. Panama
5. Jamaica
6. Argentina
7. Canada
8. Colombia
9. Bahamas
10. Peru






## Chilean rain stick

People say that the Aztecs used to dance around with rain sticks so that it would rain. Rain sticks are usually made from a cactus that's hollowed out and dried in the sun. The pointy spines are taken off and then pushed into the middle of the cactus (like nails). Pebbles or other small objects are placed inside the rain stick, and it's sealed. When the rain stick is pointed up or down, the falling pebbles sound like rain!

### Supplies:

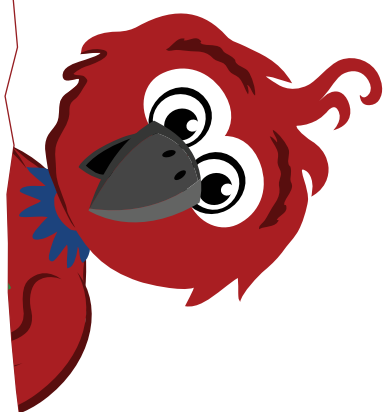
-  Cardboard tube (mailing tube or paper towel roll)
-  Masking tape
-  Rice/beans/popcorn kernels
-  Rubber bands
-  Scissors
-  Glue
-  Markers/crayons
-  Construction paper (or recycled brown paper bags)
-  Aluminum foil

### Instructions:

-  Take a cardboard tube and use masking tape to secure one end of the tube (make sure it's tight and fully covered so the rice/beans/popcorn kernels won't spill out).
-  Then take a long strip of aluminum foil and carefully scrunch it into what looks like a long skinny snake (but don't squeeze too tight! The snake should be only a little shorter than the tube).
-  Slide the "snake" into the tube.
-  Pour  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of rice/beans/popcorn kernels into the tube.
-  Tape up the other end tightly.



- 🌐 Draw a colorful pattern on a piece of paper.
- 🌐 Then scrunch it up and smooth it out several times so that it's a bit bumpy and old looking. This will make it look like a cactus!
- 🌐 Spread glue on the back side of the paper and roll it around the tube, overlapping the paper if needed.
- 🌐 Rubber band the paper at the top and bottom of the roll so it will stay in place as it dries.
- 🌐 Once it is finally dry, you can start playing with your rain stick!






*Chilean rain stick*



# Asia

## Fun Facts:

-  Chinese people often use chopsticks when they eat, and they don't even need a spoon. They hold the rice bowl up to their mouth and scoop the rice in. You can do this with noodles too!
-  In Japan, people loudly slurp while eating their noodles (especially a kind called *soba*). That's because they think slurping shows that the food is delicious! Plus it helps cool the hot noodles down so people don't burn their tongues.
-  A meal in Thailand usually has four main flavors: salty, sweet, sour and spicy. In fact, people might think that the meal isn't satisfying unless you have all four flavors in it. Talking about food is sure making me hungry, Mack!

## "The delicious, tangy and scrumptious food of Asia" mad lib

Even though we live on the opposite side of the world from Asia, there sure is a lot of Asian food to be found here in the United States! That's because it's soooo yummy. People often like it, even if they've never been to Asia. There are lots of different kinds — Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indian and more.

But Mack and I need your help understanding these different kinds of food! With some of them, we can't tell if they're spicy, sweet, sour, hot or cold, or if they're delicious, yummy or interesting. That's why we need you to help think of words to describe what these foods are like! But don't read the next page! Instead, give it to a sibling, friend or parent so they can ask you to say a certain type a word. After your partner writes your words in all the blanks, read your description of Asian food! This is a mad lib, so you can say any word you want. Just make sure you use the right kind of word when we ask for a verb, adjective, number or other type of word.

There are lots of \_\_\_\_\_ ways to eat the \_\_\_\_\_ foods from  
ADJECTIVE ADJECTIVE

Asia. Some people eat with chopsticks, and some like to use spoons to

\_\_\_\_\_ their noodles and rice.  
VERB

Some of the foods you'll eat are \_\_\_\_\_ and will make your tongue  
ADJECTIVE

\_\_\_\_\_. Other foods will \_\_\_\_\_ in your mouth and make your  
VERB VERB  
stomach \_\_\_\_\_.  
VERB

Thai curry is really \_\_\_\_\_, and Chinese soups are filled with  
ADJECTIVE

\_\_\_\_\_ broth and noodles. Don't miss out on the Japanese sushi — it's  
ADJECTIVE

full of \_\_\_\_\_ fish and seaweed too! And we hope you like rice, because  
ADJECTIVE

lots of people in Asia eat it \_\_\_\_\_ times a day.  
NUMBER

There are a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ flavors that you might have never tasted  
ADJECTIVE

before, but Mack and I think you'll have fun if you make Asian food at

\_\_\_\_\_ or even if you go to a \_\_\_\_\_. So go ahead and  
PLACE PLACE







\_\_\_\_\_, because there are \_\_\_\_\_ kinds of Asian food you  
VERB NUMBER

should try!

# Japanese Koinobori

*Koinobori* means “carp streamer” in Japanese. Carp is a kind of fish, and these carp-shaped windsocks are traditionally flown in Japan to celebrate a national holiday. They’re usually made by drawing carp patterns on paper or fabric. Then they flutter in the wind! Although *koinobori* are usually big, we’re going to make small ones.

## Supplies:

-  1 toilet paper roll
-  Double-sided tape
-  Colored tissue paper
-  Scissors
-  Twine/string/yarn
-  White paper
-  Black marker

## Instructions:

1. Take a toilet paper roll.
2. Cut out circles (approximately 1.5 inches in diameter) from two to three different colors of tissue paper (this will be the fish scales).
3. Then cut the circles in half, so they start looking like fish scales.
4. Place a piece of double-sided tape all the way around one edge of the toilet paper roll.
5. Place the straight edge of a semi-circle on the double-sided tape so that the curved end of the tissue paper hangs off the roll. This will be part of the fish’s tail.
6. Place another semicircle next to the first one, overlapping them slightly so that no roll shows underneath.
7. Keep doing this — row after row — until the whole roll is covered.

8. On the last row, make sure the flat edge touches the edge of the roll. This will be the head!
9. Cut out two circles on white paper, then use a black marker to draw a large circle in for the eye. Color it in and tape it near the top of the fish head on either side.
10. In the fish “mouth,” tape the ends of a piece of twine/yarn/string (cut 16-20 inches long) so that you can hold on to it.
11. Carefully put a strip of double-sided tape around the inside edge of the fish’s tale.
12. Then tape longer strips of tissue paper inside the tail. These will be pretty streamers when the wind blows!
13. Now you can run around with the *koinobori* trailing behind you in the wind. So fun!



# Europe

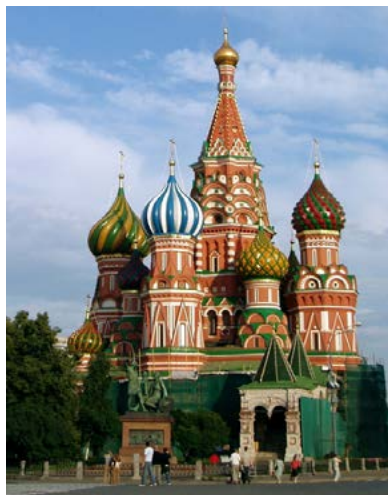
## Fun Facts:

- 🌐 Europe is famous for monuments like the Eiffel Tower in France, Big Ben (a great clock tower) in England and the Colosseum (an ancient stadium) in Italy. You should look at pictures of these places online — they're amazing!
- 🌐 Have you heard of the Leaning Tower of Pisa? That's right, it's a tower that leans. It wasn't supposed to lean, but when it was being built, the ground was too soft on one side and the building moved. Another cool fact is that it took over 200 years to build this 183-foot building.
- 🌐 Turn around, close your eyes and make a wish as you throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain. Some people believe that if you do, you will for sure come back to visit Rome! This fountain is the biggest Baroque-style fountain (that's a style of art) in Rome and is really beautiful. In fact, it's one of the most famous fountains the world!

## Help us build St. Basil's Cathedral!

Oh no! Something must have gone wrong during construction, and now St. Basil's Cathedral is all messed up. It will fall apart unless it's built right. Can you help me and Mack? We need you to cut out the squares and put the picture together in the right order. Then the cathedral will be built correctly and we'll be able to see what this beautiful building in Russia actually looks like!

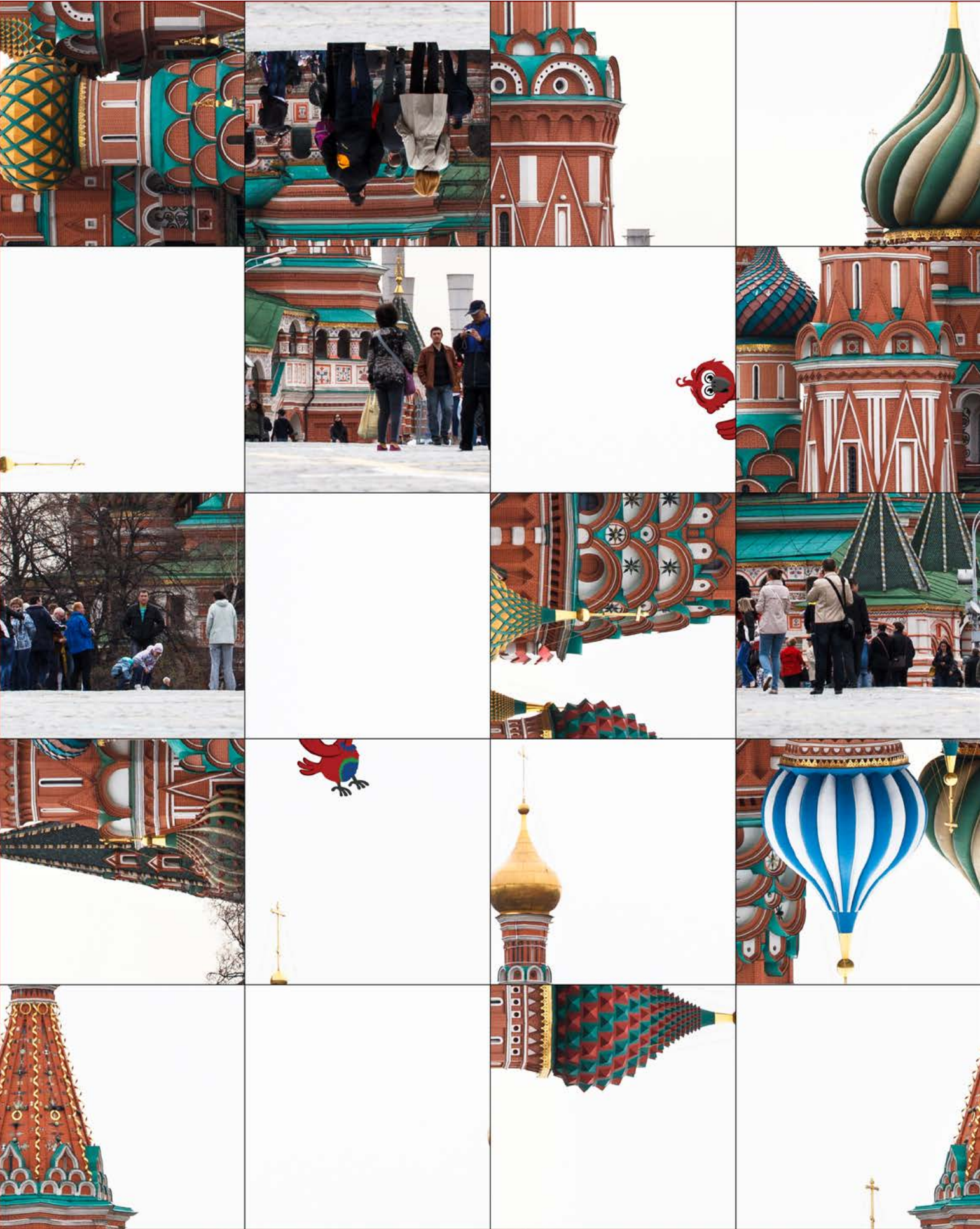
*St. Basil's Cathedral* →





St. Basil's Cathedral – Moscow, Russia







Cut out each square and make sure to use them all!







# Paper plate mask

Masks were used in masquerade balls (kind of like costume parties) back in the 15th century in Europe. And people still sometimes like to have masquerade balls! It's fun to be able to dress up and pretend that you're someone else, isn't it?

## Supplies:

-  Paper plates
-  Markers
-  Pipe cleaners or popsicle sticks
-  Glue
-  Tape
-  Optional: Glitter glue, feathers, sequins, etc. to make the masks extra pretty and fun.

## Instructions:




-  Cut a paper plate in half. You'll use just half a plate for your mask.
-  Trace eye holes and cut them out.
-  Then design the mask! (Color it, glue on embellishments, etc.)
-  When you're done, tape or glue a pipe cleaner/popsicle stick to the back of the paper plate, on one side. This will be the stick you use to hold the mask to your face!





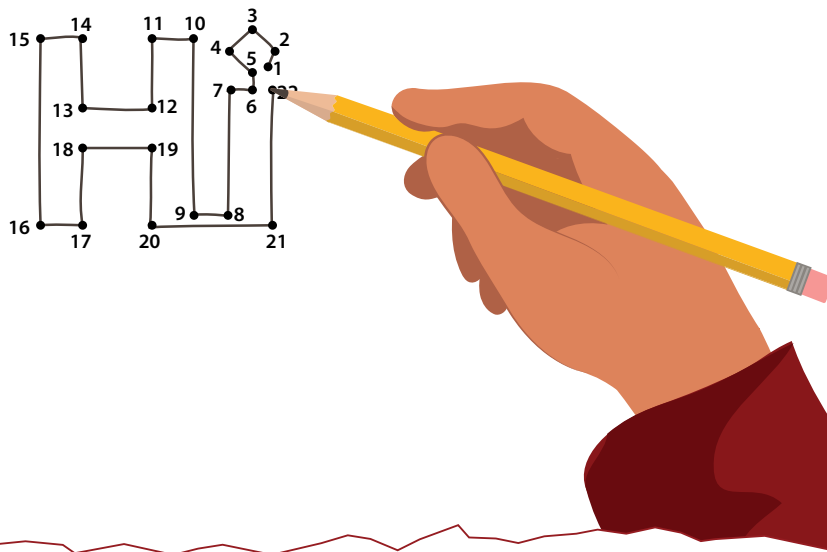
# Pacific

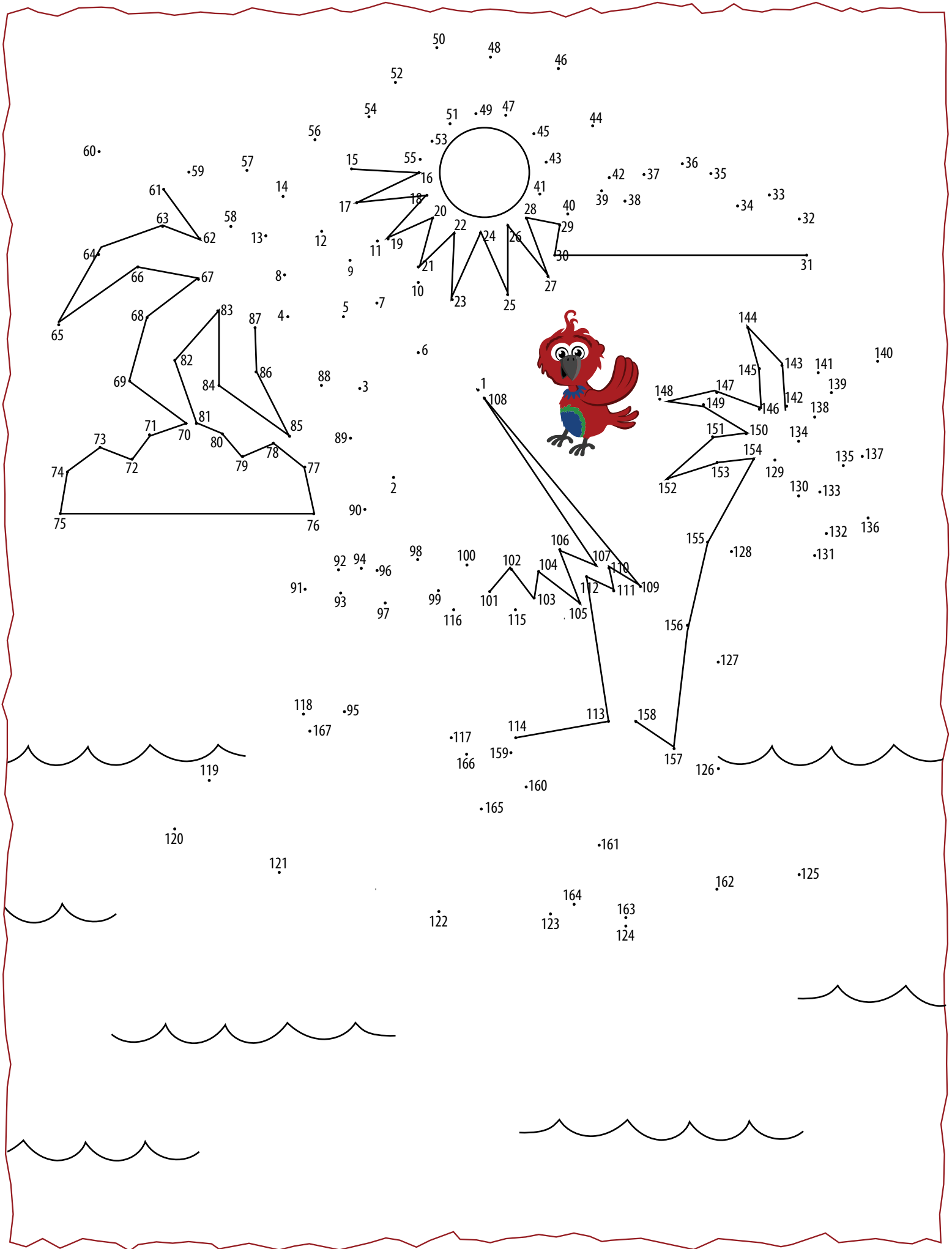
## Fun Facts:

-  Meet the New Zealand kiwi — and no, we don't mean the fruit! These birds are endangered, and fewer than 75,000 live in the wild. They're the only bird that have nostrils on the end of their very long bill. Pretty cool, huh? People who live in New Zealand are also called "Kiwis," but don't get them confused with the birds or the fruit!
-  Tonga is made up of 170 islands and islets (reeaaalllyyyy small islands), but people only live on 36 of them. Of course, with only a little more than 100,000 people living in this country, 36 islands and islets are a lot of different places to live.
-  Almost 100 percent of people living on Samoa believe in Jesus. There are fewer than 200,000 people living here, and only two languages are spoken. But both of them have the Bible. That's really exciting!

## Discover your island paradise!

The Pacific is full of island countries, which means lots of sand and palm trees, right? It sounds like the perfect place to visit, play in the ocean and maybe even drink coconut juice — straight from the coconut! Connect the dots in the right order and you'll get to see what your island paradise looks like. Then you can color it in for a beautiful picture, if you want! Mack and I wanted to help a bit, so we've helped connect a few of the dots for you already. There are 167 dots total, so it might take a while, but you can do it!





## Australian Aboriginal boomerangs

Australia is famous for boomerangs. Boomerangs were first used for hunting, but nowadays they're often used as a toy. The curved edge makes the boomerang fly, and it can come back to you when it's thrown, which is really cool!

### Supplies:

- 🌐 Stiff foam craft sheets (assorted colors)
- 🌐 A boomerang template (cut out from the template)
- 🌐 Colored markers
- 🌐 Glue
- 🌐 Scissors

### Instructions:

- 🌐 Choose the color of your boomerang by selecting a sheet of craft foam.
- 🌐 Trace the boomerang template onto the foam.
- 🌐 Cut it out.
- 🌐 Choose another sheet (maybe in a different color if you want) and repeat. Then glue these two pieces together so that the boomerang is thicker and stiffer.
- 🌐 Now you can cut out small strips and designs from foam to design your boomerang, or use markers too.
- 🌐 These boomerangs likely won't come back to you when they're thrown, but they sure are fun!



cut out and trace  
on the foam



**Well kids,** Mack and I hope that you've had fun traveling with us! We've learned some awesome facts about the world, played some games (and we even had to exercise our brain sometimes, even though it's summer break, huh?) and made cool crafts. Summer is a great time to try something new, and we've been able to do just that!

It's been a whirlwind trip, but we've been all over the world. It's easy to forget that all these animals, foods, buildings and more are from lots of different countries — countries with people who need to know how much Jesus loves them. Next time you look at your crafts, or maybe if you want to try the games again, remember that there are people who still need the Bible in their own language. You can pray for them, even if you don't know their names. God hears you, and he wants to answer your prayers!

So keep exploring the world with us, because we have lots of exciting adventures coming up. **We'll see you soon!**

