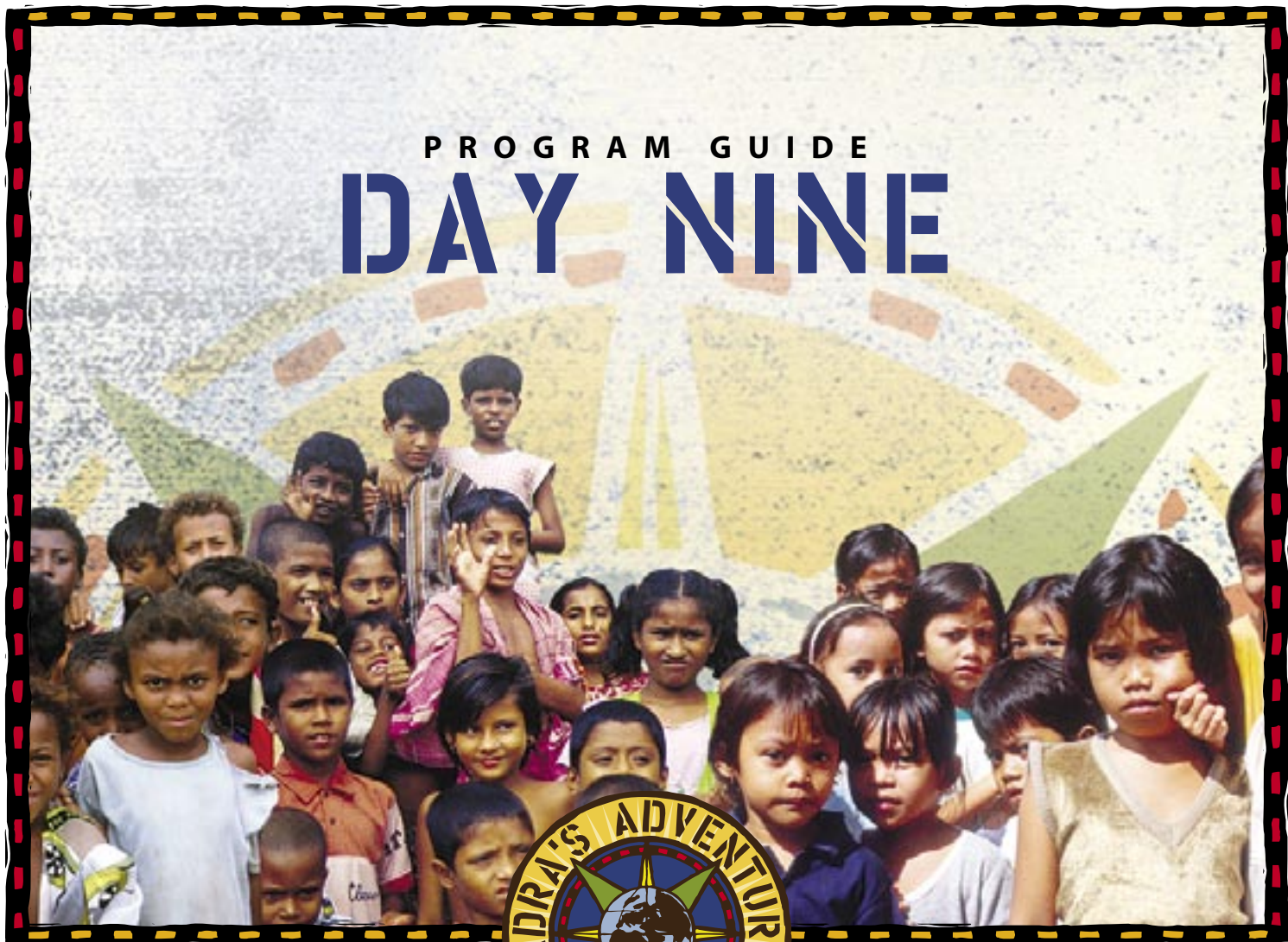


PROGRAM GUIDE
DAY NINE



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Asia/Mongolia

ADRA STORY:

“A letter from Mongolia”

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Cheese and crackers

“ A LETTER FROM MONGOLIA ”

Dear ADRA,

It’s been a long time since I’ve written! I’ve been busy getting ready for school and trying to see everyone and do everything before I leave. You asked me to tell you a little about my life in Mongolia. Let me start at the beginning ...

“Why do we have to go? I don’t want to move to Mongolia!”

I was NOT a happy person! My parents had decided to leave our home in America and move halfway round the world. That was NOT good news! I was 12 years old and did not want to leave my friends and relatives. It was the most horrible thing that had ever happened to me ... and the best! When my family and I arrived in Mongolia, it had been a l-o-n-g trip, taking off on the airplane in Tulsa, Oklahoma, going through California, Hawaii, Japan, and Korea. After collecting all our luggage (we had a lot!), we left the airport with another American family that had decided to live in Mongolia. They drove us to our apartment, about 45 minutes away, telling us many things on the way about our new home.

Our apartment shocked me! It was so dirty! We unpacked a few things, just enough to get us through the night, and we started to make beds. We were so tired! My dad sat down on his bed. It broke! What a way to start our life in Mongolia!

After a few weeks, we settled into a routine schedule. We got up every morning around 6:30am, showered, and ate breakfast. My mom and dad went to their jobs at the office around 8:30am. We didn’t have a car, so they took the trolley bus. (The trolley buses are very unreliable, so we often have to wait a long time for them, or while we are on them, they get disconnected from the power line. Then we have to wait until someone climbs up and reconnects the line.)

Some days my sister and I went to the office with my parents. We took our schoolbooks with us and studied in my dad’s office. Homeschooling was not a new experience for us. We’d already done it for two years, while living in the United States. But it was a little different in Mongolia. (I think I have learned more just from living here than I ever could from a book!)

On Wednesday I stayed at home and a young girl named Maa (she was 19) came to teach us Mongolian (Khalkha Mongol). Afterwards she went shopping with us. Maa knew every place in the whole city, where to get exactly what we wanted for the best price. She showed us all around town and taught us how to talk to the people in the stores.

When we go shopping for food, it's not like a grocery stores in the America. Here in Mongolia we go into a big room. It's like a fleamarket where every person has his own little three foot space. Each person basically has the same things. But sometimes we find someone whose prices are better or who has imported an item from America. After making our purchase, we have to carry it around as we visit all the other vendors. Things get rather heavy after a while, because we're carrying everything we need. Then we have to take it home on the bus. We lived on the fifth floor, and that was a long walk up!

The first apartment we lived in was in a building owned by the Russian hospital. There were lots of Russians, Americans, Canadians, and Koreans living there. We made friends with a few of the kids who were our age. That really helped us get through the first year. After that, we attended an international, interdenominational youth group. There were about 30 kids from 11-18 years old. It was a great way to meet new kids, make new friends.

After the first year, we moved to the other side of town to a nicer apartment. That took us away from lots of our friends in the old building, but it gave us a chance to meet more Mongolians. It's also great to see the many wonderful projects ADRA runs here. Some of my favorite projects deal with education. Here in Mongolia, ADRA helps ultra-poor children to receive an education by tutoring and helping them to get back into regular schools that they wouldn't be able to get into without ADRA's help.

The longer we live here, the more we come to love Mongolia. After living in Mongolia for two years, we took a four-month vacation back to America. After about two months, we all were ready to go home!

Home. What an interesting word. Most people in Mongolia ask me when am I going home; people in the States ask me when am I coming home? I tell them, I am home. Mongolia has grown on me in a way I never thought it would. Because I'm older now I'm returning to the States to attend high school. When I first came to Mongolia, I cried because I had to come. Now I realize that I should have cried for the people who will never see such a beautiful and fascinating country.

Your friend from Mongolia,
Jessica

HOST: What would it feel like to leave your home and move halfway around the world? Do you think you would learn to appreciate another culture like Jessica did? What would it be like if you couldn't go to school? What if you couldn't read or write? Let's remember the ultra-poor children in Mongolia who aren't able to go to school.



KIDS BIBLE CENTER



BIBLE TEXT/TOPIC:

Exodus 17:1-7/Water from Rock

BIBLE CHARACTER:

Moses

MEMORY VERSE:

“The Lord will guide you always You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.” Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

ACTIVITY SHEETS:

(Age 5-6) Hidden objects and jungle water pump

(Age 7-9) Rebus – Sonny to the Rescue

(Age 10-12) Alphabet Game

M O S E S

Exodus 15:22-24

PREPARATION: Dress Moses in a plain robe without a sash. Put a plain turban on his head. Give him a long stick for a staff.

MOSES: Hi! You may remember me. I’m Moses—the man that God chose to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. I want you to know that I did not want the job. The Israelites had been slaves for so many years that they really didn’t know how to act. They didn’t trust God to lead them, and they were always complaining about something. In a way, I guess you couldn’t blame them. They had been slaves, and now they were free. But life in the desert is not easy, and sometimes food and water were scarce.

What these people really needed, in my opinion, was to trust God. After all, He brought them out of Egypt, supplied them with food, and protected them from their enemies. They wouldn’t have had to wander around in the wilderness for 40 years if they’d just listened and trusted God. They had a lot of signs that God was leading. He even supplied them with food when there was no food available, and He provided a cloud that guided them during the day and night.

I remember once, when the Israelites needed water to drink. Their animals needed water, too. They came to me demanding water. I told them that they needed to trust God to give it to them, but they wouldn’t listen. The water where we had stopped was bitter, and not fit to drink. They grumbled and growled so much that finally I turned to God and asked for help, fearing the people would stone me!

Although their faith was small, God had mercy on them and told me what to do. He told me to take some wood that was nearby and cast it into the water. Well, you know it took faith for me to believe that casting a tree into the water would help, but I did it. Would you believe it? The water became fresh and pure, and there was enough to supply all the people and their animals. You know, God could have just commanded the water to be good, but He didn’t. He did it by having me throw a

tree into the water. If we trust Him, God will always give us the best solution for our problems. I hope you remember that.

HOST: God uses different ways to provide for people today who are in need. He uses ADRA to help people in some countries get clean water. There are different methods used, according to the country where the water is needed. Clean water is needed in these countries for good health, bathing and watering the crops. Pray for the children in Mongolia, Bangladesh, and Sarajevo who need clean water.

MEMORY VERSE: *"The Lord will guide you always...You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."* Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

(This memory verse is longer than some. Be sure the children look it up in the Bible and read it together. Encourage them to learn. Review the memory verses for the other days. Repetition is necessary if the children are to remember. Have the children do their activity sheet.)



KIDS CARE CENTER

GIVE A HAND PICTURE

Goal: To create a picture that reminds children to "Give a Hand to those in need."

Materials needed:

- Washable paints in a variety of colors
- Paper 8x10 inches for larger hands, 5x7 inches for small ones
- Paper towels & soap

Preparation:

1. It says "Give a Hand to those in need."
2. Get supplies
3. Set up hand washing tub if no sink; appoint a supervisor.

STEP BY STEP:

1. Write child's name on back of paper before applying paint.
2. Child picks one or more colors to be applied to hand.
3. Adult helps younger children apply paint to hand.
4. Then carefully press onto paper and lift, taking care not to smear.
5. Set aside to dry.
6. Display on table until closing program.

NOTE: Older children might prefer to trace their hands and either color them lifelike or decorate their traced image with markers.

CONCLUSION

Finish with all groups together
Connect each of the activities and stories together
Review the memory verse
Distribute prizes (if they are a part of your program)
Preview the next day
Benediction



CULTURAL TIDBITS

- Mongolia is about the same size as Alaska.
- Mongolia is called the “Land of Blue Sky,” because it averages 257 cloudless days a year.
- Casual greetings are *Sain uu* (Hello) or *Sonin yutai ve?* (What’s new?).
- Place the right hand, palm down under the chin, then saw back and forth to indicate that you are full.
- Avoid crossing legs, yawning or making eye contact in the presence of an elder.



ACTIVITY SHEET ANSWERS

Activity Sheet (Ages 5-6)

