

Engage with Mission all Year

In conjunction with this resource, we encourage you to help your children connect with Baptist Mission Australia's work and teams all year. Our website has a lot of information and resources, or you can contact your State Leader to connect with intercultural team members in your state.

Head to www.baptistmissionaustralia.org to explore more.

Ideas for Connecting with Mission:

- » Explore a map and find out more about the country and people
- » Send a letter / email to an intercultural team member or their children
- » Find an intercultural team member or ministry to partner with through prayer and giving
- » Pray for a particular team member
(have fun choosing with this prayer wheel!:
www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/PrayerWheel)
- » Subscribe to resources and intercultural team member newsletters to stay informed
- » Highlight global mission and stories from our intercultural teams all year around

If you have any questions or comments about this resource or anything else, please get in touch!

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Mending!

Children's Resource 3: Cambodia!

The focus of this resource is for kids to grow in their understanding of God's big world. Underlying God mending the world, is the fact that He loves the world!

In this session... you will play games that kids play in Cambodia, learn some Khmer greetings and find out about the life and culture for people in Cambodia.

Our hope is that as your kids engage in this session, they will grow in their interest and understanding of the world and God's global mission. (And we hope you have fun!)

Session Steps

1. Introduction

- » Start off by showing your group a map or globe of the world. Ask for the kids to point to somewhere they would like to visit. Then ask if anyone can point to Cambodia. Explain the people from Cambodia are called Khmer (pronounced 'Ke-my').
- » Ask true or false questions. The kids can do thumbs up for true, and thumbs down for false. Or designate one side of the room as true and the other as false, for them to run between.
 - The Cambodian flag is the only flag with a building on it. (*True - it has a 12th century temple Angkor Wat on it*)
 - New Year is celebrated on Dec 31 / Jan 1 like Australia. (*False - it is celebrated in mid-April, aligned with the end of the harvest season.*)
 - There are more McDonalds in Cambodia than NSW. (*False - there are actually no McDonalds in Cambodia!*)
 - 95% of the population are Buddhist. (*True - less than one percent are followers of Jesus.*)

2. Khmer Game 1: Chab Kon Kleng

- » This game is very popular with both children and adults at Khmer New Year.
- » Instructions:
 - One person in a group is assigned the hen and one is assigned the hungry cow. The rest of the group are the hen's chicks.
 - The cow tries to catch the chicks by tagging them, and the hen tries to protect the chicks. Once all the chicks are tagged, swap roles around.

2. Khmer Game 2: Chab Kon Kleng

- » This is a popular game for groups of kids.
- » Instructions:
 - All children sit in a circle except for one who is on the outside of the circle, holding a 'kanseng', which is a towel or scarf. (You can use any object instead.)

- As they walk around the circle with the kanseng / object, the group says: "Hide the Kanseng, the cat bites the heel and pulls the leg!" (*Or in Khmer, "Leak Kanseng! Chhma khaaim keng! Oh long oh long."*)
- The person places the kanseng / object on the ground behind one of the children in the circle. The chosen child then runs around the circle to try to catch the player before they can sit in the open position in the circle. If they catch them, they sit back in their spot. If not, they are now the one on the outside of the circle with the Kanseng / object as the other children say the poem.

3. Learn Khmer

- » Try and say some Khmer phrases:
 - Hello / Jum reap sure
 - How are you? / Sok sabay dtay
 - Yes I am well / Bart (male) or Jah (female)
nymo sok sabay dtay
- » Alternatively, for younger children, here is a YouTube video that will help you learn some Khmer phrases: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0VxxT0HO80>

4. Khmer life in photos

- » Get the group to sit down to look at photos from Cambodia.
- » Show photos of life in Cambodia: <https://www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/globalinteraction/media/documents/May%20Mission%20Month/Cambodia-Photos.pdf>
- » Share insights from captions and invite questions. Foster a sense of curiosity and empathy for this community.

5. Pray together

- » Pray for the people of Cambodia, the Baptist Mission Australia team and for God to be at work all over the world. Give thanks for the rich Khmer culture and that God loves all people.
- » Then pray for each other and your week ahead.