

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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www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/Mending

Mending!

Children's Resource 1: Thailand!

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 a game that kids play in Thailand, learn some phrases that Thai people use at the market, and find out about the daily life and culture for people in Thailand.

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 if anyone can point to where you live. Then ask if anyone can point to Thailand.
- » Explain that people in Thailand might live far away, but there are lots of ways that we are very similar. (e.g. We all love to laugh, eat and do things with people we care about. We all get tired, sad, thirsty and hurt sometimes.)
 - Also... we are ALL loved by God! Every person, in Thailand, in Australia and all around the world, is special to God is known by Him. He also speaks all of our languages!
- » Continue to explain that while there are lots of ways that we are similar, there are also ways that our culture and upbringing makes us different. And this is a beautiful part of being in God's big, amazing world! Today we are going to have fun and learn what it is like to be a kid in Thailand.

2. Thai Game: Jam Jee

- » This is a simple game that is played by many children in Thailand.
 - To play, the children get in a small circle. They then place one of their hands in the centre of the circle. One person is chosen as the leader. This person then sings a song while counting the fingers of the players in a clockwise direction, one finger for one syllable.
 - The finger that is pointed to on the last syllable is tucked under, and the game continues, each time the song is sung, one finger is tucked under. This continues until there is only one player with a finger left, who is deemed the winner.
- » Watch a video explaining the game:
<https://vimeo.com/932375495/a09f65344e>

This has been filmed and narrated by Glenn, one of our Baptist Mission Australia team members in Thailand.

- » Use this YouTube video, with the Thai song, to help you play the game: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ccLlv56ld0>
 - **Alternatively:** You can sing any English song that has 20-30 syllables. Such as 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' or 'Jesus Loves Me, This I Know' (doing each verse and chorus as a new round).

3. Learn Thai: Go to the market!

- » Watch a video with some phrases that people in Thailand might use when they go to the market:
<https://vimeo.com/932369618/627127fa7c>

The voices you can hear are Liz, one of our Baptist Mission Australia team members in Thailand, and her Thai friend.

 - Try to say the phrases together as a group. Have fun, laughing as you learn.
- » Provide a few simple grocery items so the kids can role-play going to the market. Place items on a table, leader standing behind as the seller.
 - Invite kids to come up individually to ask a market question in Thai. (The leader can answer in English.)

4. Thai life in photos

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

5. Pray together

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