

Letters of Encouragement

■ SUPPLIES

- internet access
- printer
- paper
- envelopes

1. Say: *The Bible says after Stephen died, the Christians in Jerusalem were persecuted. All except the apostles scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Acts 8:4 says, "The believers who had been scattered preached the word everywhere they went."*
2. Say: *Many people are still persecuted for their faith. Some are imprisoned for many years because they are Christians.*
3. Say: *There is an organization that makes sure persecuted Christians are not forgotten. We're going to use a tool on their website to write letters to persecuted Christians in their languages.*
4. Divide CAs into groups with a leader and internet access in each group.
5. Visit this website: prisoneralert.com/vompw_prisoners.html.
6. Direct children's attention to the list of countries on the left side of the screen. Note how many Christians are currently in prison for their faith.
7. Let children choose a country and a prisoner to write to. On the prisoner's page, click on the "Write a letter" button.
8. Follow instructions on the letter authoring tool.
9. Print the letters. **Important:** Make sure the link for the website doesn't print on the bottom of the letters. If it does, cut off that portion.
10. Address each letter with the address provided on the webpage where the final letter is located.
11. If there is enough time, allow CAs to write several letters.
12. Tell children you will mail their letters for them.
13. Pray for the prisoners.

Throwing Fists

1. Divide CAs into pairs and tell them they're going to play a traditional Southeast Asian game called "Throwing Fists."
2. Instruct children to each place one fist behind their backs.
3. Say: *At my signal, both of you will throw your fists out, holding up as many fingers as you like.*
4. Say: *You will take turns being the caller. The caller will call out a number from 1-10 while you are throwing your fists out. The number must be called out at the same time the fingers are revealed.*
5. If the caller calls out the same number as the sum of the fingers held up by the two players, she will win the round and earn a point.
6. The other player will become the caller in the next round.
7. Continue play until someone wins ten points.

Disappearing Rocks

■ SUPPLIES

- Poster 6
- rocks from Week 1 Experience activity

1. Review the Bible verse using "July Memory Verse" (Poster 6).
2. Form two groups.
3. Give each group a set of Bible verse rocks from the Week 1 Experience activity.
4. Ask CAs to sit in a circle around their rocks. Say: *This is not a race. You are in two groups to make it easier for everyone to participate in the activity.*
5. Say: *Place your set of rocks in front of you with the words facing down. I will come and remove a rock from your pile.*
6. Say: *At my signal, you may turn the rocks over. Your challenge is to put the words in the correct order to form the verse and discover which word I took. When you know the missing word, raise your hand.*
7. After CAs have discovered their missing words, tell them to recite the verse together.
8. Play several more rounds, removing two, three, or four rocks each time.