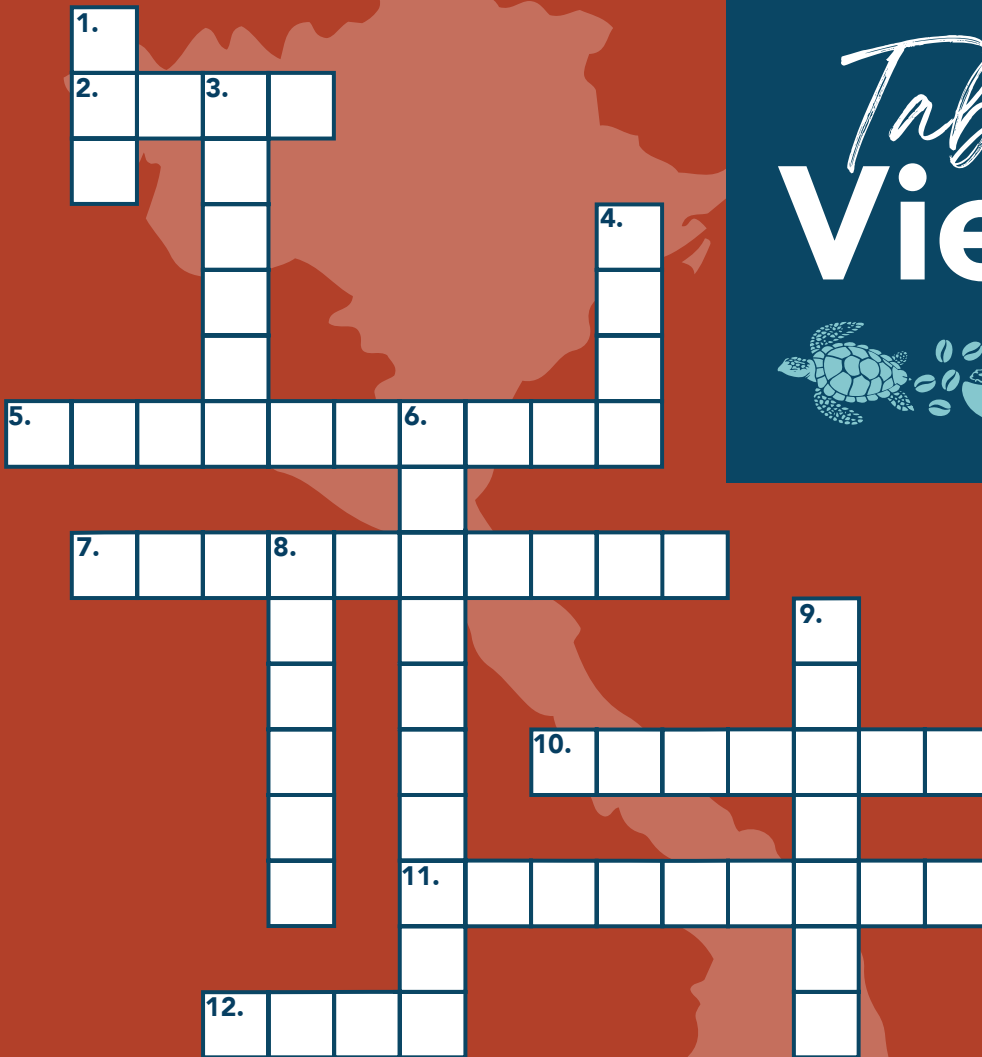
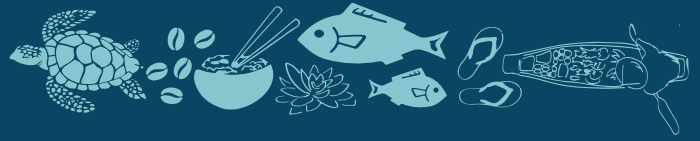


Table Talk Vietnam!



Rainforest Riddles

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2. Vietnam is located to the _____ of Laos.
5. The official language of Vietnam.
7. A pair of slender sticks, held between the thumb and fingers, that's used to lift food to the mouth.
10. A tropical storm that commonly occurs in the regions of the Indian and western Pacific oceans. Vietnam is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world to be affected by these fierce whirlwind storms.
11. A political theory derived from Karl Marx in which all property is publicly owned. Each citizen is then employed and paid according to their abilities and needs.
12. A naturally occurring chamber – located underground or at the side of a hill/cliff – that's accessed through an opening. The largest in the world, having its own jungle and internal weather systems, is located in Vietnam.

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3. Many churches meet in _____ to avoid the prying eyes of governing officials. While attending church is technically legal, the government strictly monitors religious activities, often interfering by punishing devout Christians.
4. A staple food of people in most Asian countries.
6. A two-wheeled vehicle (without any pedals) that is powered by a motor. It's the most common form of transportation in Vietnam.
8. A Hindu or Buddhist sacred building, built in the form of a multi-tiered tower, that's commonly used for religious purposes in various parts of Asia.
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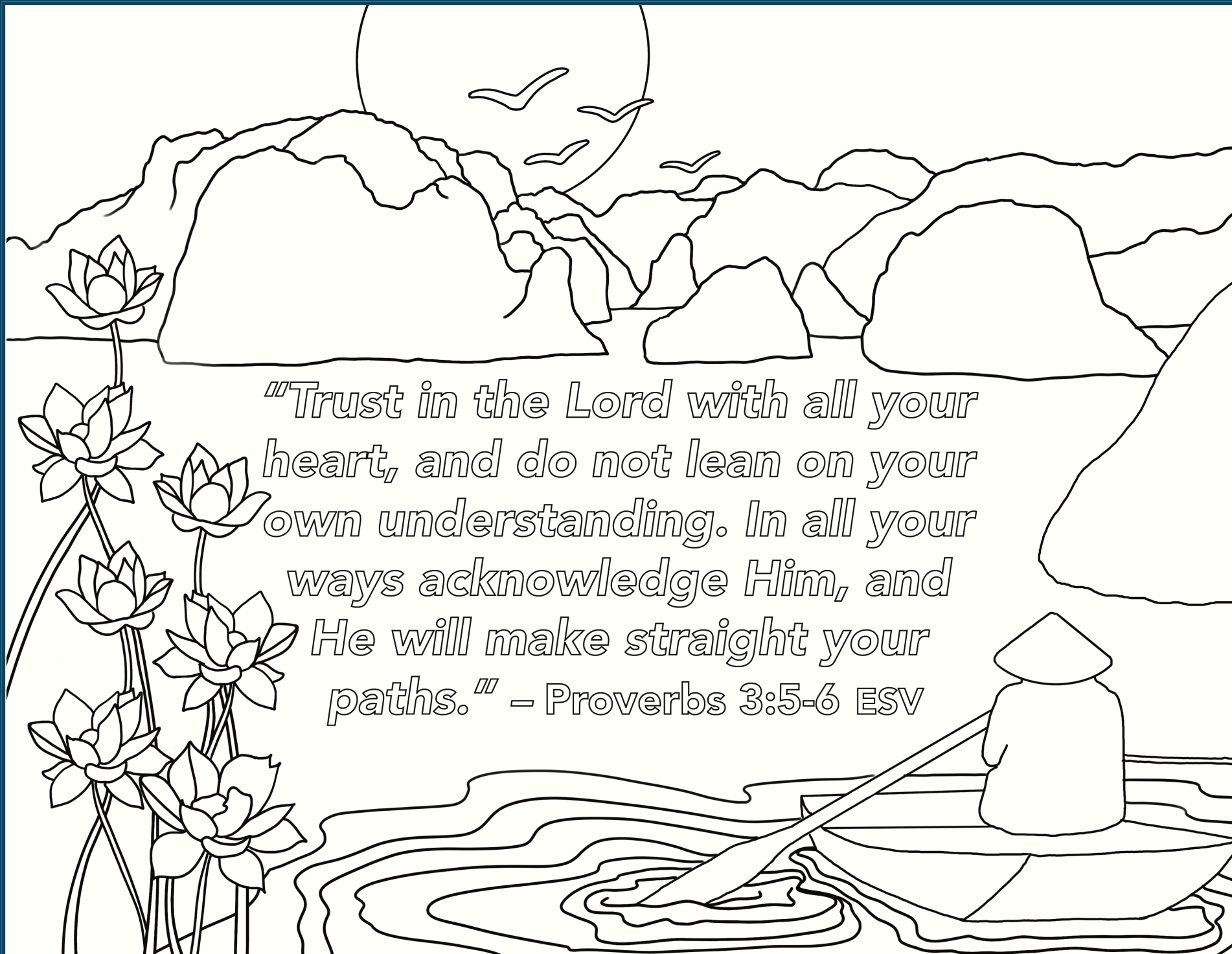
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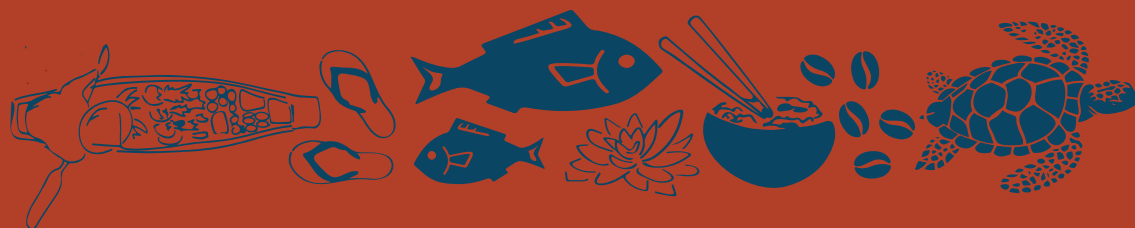
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
YEMEN ¹ Pray that Christians without access to regular fellowship will be encouraged and challenged to grow in their faith.	CUBA ² Pray for ways to bring printed copies of God's Word into the country and alleviate the current shortage of Bibles.	PAKISTAN ³ Ask the Lord to provide for impoverished Pakistani Christians who are trapped in indentured servitude.	UGANDA ⁴ Pray that Christian converts from Islam will remain firm in their faith despite persecution.	SOUTHERN MEXICO ⁵ Pray for God's protection and blessing on a husband-wife team of ministry workers.	NORTH KOREA ⁶ Pray for the wisdom and discernment of North Korean Christians as they practise their faith under heavy scrutiny.	INDIA ⁷ Pray that evangelists will be able to boldly share the Gospel among India's large multi-religion population.
TÜRKIYE (TURKEY) ⁸ Pray for Mustafa and Nazli as they prepare to train for ministry in their church.	NIGERIA ⁹ Pray for Pastor Emmanuel and his wife, Ladi, who were abducted by Islamists and later released.	BRUNEI ¹⁰ Pray that the nine percent of Bruneians who are Christians will reach out to others with the hope of the Gospel.	LIBYA ¹¹ Pray that Libyans will be won to Christ through Anita Smith's message of forgiveness toward her husband's killers.	PHILIPPINES ¹² Pray that the country's believers will receive a Holy Spirit-empowered vision to reach others in need of Christ.	NEPAL ¹³ Pray for Christians who have been forcibly displaced, or are encountering difficulties, due to opposition.	MOROCCO ¹⁴ Pray for strength and encouragement on behalf of imprisoned Christians and their families.
ISRAEL (INCLUDING WEST BANK & GAZA) ¹⁵ Pray that members of Hamas will turn from the darkness of their destructive deeds to the light of Christ.	LEBANON ¹⁶ Pray for Lebanese Christians who face harassment from those of the Muslim majority who oppose them.	IRAN ¹⁷ Pray that Christians distributing Bibles will remain undetected by the authorities and others who wish them harm.	AFGHANISTAN ¹⁸ Pray that the families of Christian martyrs will know God's provision and comfort.	CHINA ¹⁹ Pray for the Gospel message to be proclaimed and believers disciplined without the interference of Communist officials.	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC ²⁰ Pray that Christians being trained to help trauma victims will effectively share the hope of Christ.	MOZAMBIQUE ²¹ Pray for wisdom, peace and strength on behalf of those ministering to displaced and traumatized Christians.
BANGLADESH ²² Pray for congregants whose church was destroyed, as well as those who were beaten by militant Buddhists.	TUNISIA ²³ Pray that Bibles will be more readily available, as access is limited in Tunisia and copies of God's Word are scarce.	BURKINA FASO ²⁴ Pray for the more than 200 churches that have been closed in the north and the east due to threats of attack.	KAZAKHSTAN ²⁵ Pray that Christian workers will find creative ways to spread the Gospel message despite many restrictions.	EGYPT ²⁶ Pray that members of the Muslim Brotherhood and the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS) will come to know Christ.	MYANMAR (BURMA) ²⁷ Pray for the protection of bold believers who are sharing their faith despite the risk of increased hostility.	DR CONGO ²⁸ Pray that Christians who have fled from the country's internal conflict will have all their needs met.
MAURITANIA ²⁹ Pray that the number of believers in the country will more than double within the next year.	DJIBOUTI ³⁰ Pray that Sunni Muslims, who comprise 98 percent of the population, will turn to faith in Christ.					



Voice of the
Martyrs



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Let's Visit Vietnam!



WAY OUT

There is a tremendous need in Vietnam for Christian leaders to be fluent in the Word. VOMC supports a project in this Southeast Asian country that trains leaders to effectively spread the Gospel message and provide new believers greatly needed discipleship. To learn more about this ministry, along with VOMC's other international projects, please visit: vomcanada.com

A Way to Help: This month, organize a fundraiser or bake sale to raise support for VOMC's "Equipping the Saints Fund," which provides assistance towards the education of Christian leaders in persecuted countries. During the event, explain the importance of this project and encourage others to get involved too!

ONE WAY

A core concept of Marxism is materialism. While not solely referencing the 'coveting of luxury goods,' this concept implies that only the world of matter exists. Since Marxists don't believe their lives have any eternal significance, there is no moral truth. Rather, their focus and goals are rooted in living the best life humanly possible. Those who follow this ideology see "heaven" as something attainable here on earth. However, after climbing their way to the top, they often feel just as empty and unhappy.

The Bible clearly states that the visible world is not the only reality (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). A Christian's focus and outlook on life are centred around Jesus Christ and living purposefully with the Great Commission, the Cultural Commission, and eternity in mind (Matthew 28:18-20; Genesis 1:28). Even when difficulties come, they have hope beyond the grave! Such hope is not derived from what this life can do for them, but rather on the fact that God has the power to make all things new – including us – so that we may eternally dwell with Him.

WEIGH IN Grow two plants, one in a sunny location and the other in a dark environment. Compare both at multiple stages of growth. Create a hypothesis, based on which plant you think will grow better and why. Why do you think thriving jungles can exist deep within the caves of Vietnam?

Luck is a common word many people use, like wishing someone "good luck" for an activity. Luck implies that the outcome is up to chance, and that a favourable result could happen if one is "lucky." Does the Bible support the concept of luck? Justify your answer with Scripture.

Debates and opposing viewpoints can be unpleasant, but they presuppose that there are truths worth defending and ideas worth standing for. In Canadian culture, many believe that "your truths are yours, and my truths are mine." If that's the case, what principles then determine how people should behave in society?

If you were living in Vietnam, and the government was monitoring how seriously you live out your faith, would they feel threatened by your Christian witness?

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My Ong Ngoai's Garden: Cal's Guide to Vietnamese Fruits and Culture by Ann Chau. (Early Reader)
Karl Marx and the Satanic Roots of Communism by Richard Wurmbrand. (Adult)

Answers: 1. Tet 2. East 3. Secret 4. Rice 5. Vietnamese
 6. Motorcycle 7. Chopsticks 8. Pagoda 9. Growing 10. Typhoon
 11. Communism 12. Cave