

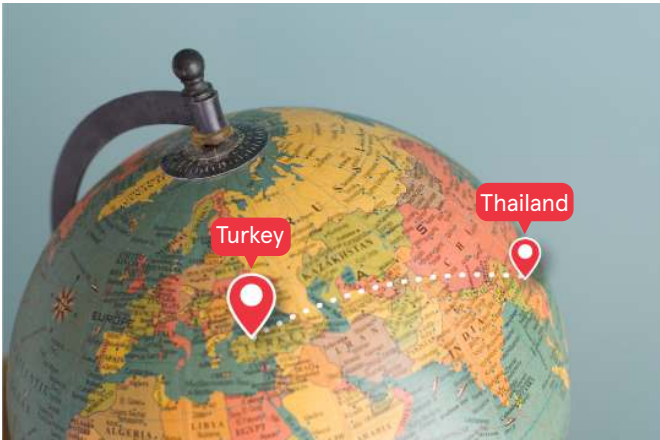
Family Guide

June 2022
Thailand



Welcome to Thailand!

June finds us spinning the globe from the Middle East back to Asia. Do you have a globe in your house? If so, go get it and find Turkey, our country of the month for May. Then find Thailand, this month's focus. Sometimes I like getting the globe out so I can better see the location of countries in relation to each other.



Fun facts about Thailand.

Apparently the King of Thailand saw a flag flying upside down in 1917. He decided to redesign his country's flag so this would never happen again. The design is symmetrical so the flag will always be right side up. Clever!



Thailand is second to China for the most number of Buddhists living in the country. 95.4% of Thais are Buddhist.



Thailand was called Siam until 1948. Does Siam sound a bit familiar? It might if you have a particular breed of cat. Can you guess which breed? The Siamese cat breed got its start in Thailand.



Have you ever eaten at a buffet type of restaurant? You get to choose from a wide variety of food and it is often "all you can eat." Thailand hosts a buffet for monkeys! The Monkey Buffet Festival in Lopburi is an annual event that started in 1989. The festival features towers of beautifully stacked fresh fruit which the monkeys climb and eat. Can you imagine 8,000 pounds of fruit? The festival serves to "thank" the monkeys for bringing tourists to the area all year round.



Ready to pray for the people of Thailand?

Each of the 12 countries we are visiting this year is unique in its language, geography, culture, music, food and more. I've enjoyed learning so much about each country. I hope you have too! Yet they all share one thing in common: most of the population have never heard about the God of the Bible and that Jesus is His only Son.

God knows everything. A big word for this is "omniscient." Even though God knows everything, He calls us to pray about everything. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (International Children's Bible) tells us to "Never stop praying." This is part of the mystery of prayer. God knows everything, yet He still wants us to come and bring our requests to Him. By doing so, we show that we are trusting that God will answer.

This month we pray daily for the people of Thailand. We can't physically do anything to answer these requests, but as we choose to take time each day to pray we are making a difference.

Is your family taking time together to pray through these family guides? If not, you can start today.

Your 2022 Prayer Partner,

Lucinda

Please email me, or have a parent email me, if you have any questions or want to share what you are learning about prayer. I'd love to hear from you! prayer@jesusfilm.org



"The Lord is close to everyone who prays to him, to all who truly pray to him."

— Psalm 145:18, ICB



Week 1 Prayers



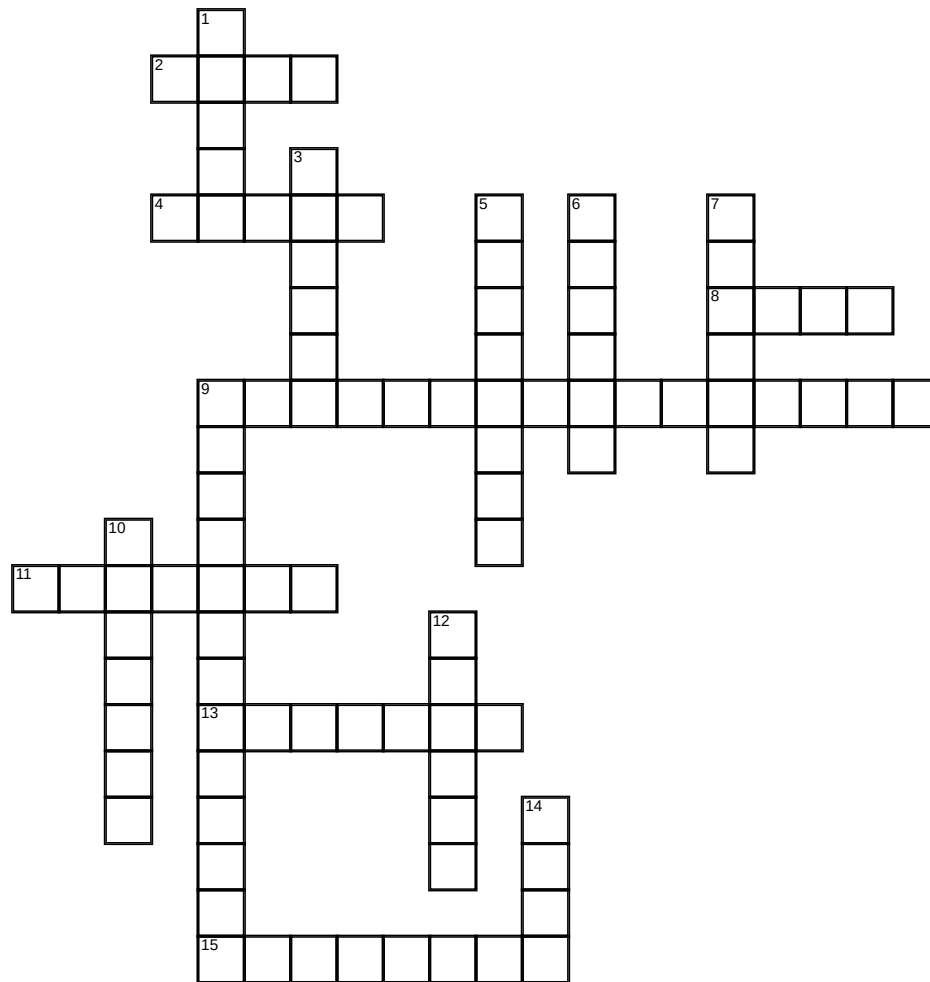
- > Do you know anyone who speaks a language other than yours? Think about this: In Thailand, there are more than 70 groups of people who each speak a different language, which they learned growing up. Pray that every person in each group receives the message of Jesus in their heart language.
- > In Thailand, some people are being forced to work and do other harmful things without giving permission and without being paid. It's a sad thing when a person hurts another person like this, by making them their slave. Teachers in Thailand are helping students and others recognize when they see signs of slavery. Pray that Jesus would protect those who are in this kind of danger.
- > Pray that parents in Thailand and in every country will love each other well and raise their children in love.
- > God sometimes allows suffering, and while it can be painful, we know that suffering can draw people closer to God. May people in Thailand who are suffering from illnesses seek help from God and get the care they need.
- > People from other countries like going on vacations to Thailand. COVID-19 stopped people from coming, causing many Thais who helped vacationers enjoy Thailand to lose their jobs. Pray that God will protect the country from this sickness and enable families to work again.
- > Thank you, Jesus, for sending your gospel message to certain people groups of Thailand many years ago! Today, young people in these groups might like to have the Bible and other gospel tools in their own heart language. Pray these heart-language tools will soon be created and that young people will be just as excited about the good news of Jesus as their great-grandparents were.
- > Taking time to thank God is an important part of prayer. We show God how grateful we are when we spend time telling Him what we are thankful for. Let's pray that the Christians in Thailand would be thankful to God as this verse describes:

"Thank the Lord because He is good. His love continues forever. ...You are my God, and I will thank You. You are my God, and I will praise Your greatness. Thank the Lord because He is good. His love continues forever."

— Psalm 118:1, 28-29, ICB

Week 1 Activity: Crossword

Thailand Crossword



Across

- 2 Old name for Thailand.
- 4 Who died for our sins?
- 8 Official language of Thailand.
- 9 Thailand's national sport.
- 11 Type of cat that started in Thailand.
- 13 Capital city of Thailand.
- 15 The country we're praying for this month.

Down

- 1 God's written word.
- 3 The world's largest solid gold ____ is in Bangkok.
- 5 Majority religion in Thailand.
- 6 A beautiful flower very common in Thailand.
- 7 A reticulated ____ can be up to 29 feet long and weigh up to 595 pounds!
- 9 A unique feast with 8,000 pounds of food.
- 10 Thai city that is one of the most visited in the world.
- 12 Most viewed website in Thailand, 2021.
- 14 Culturally, the ____ is the most important part of the body.

WORD LIST:

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BANGKOK	GOOGLE	MUAY_THAI_BOXING	SIAMESE
BIBLE	HEAD	ORCHID	THAI
BUDDHA	JESUS	PYTHON	THAILAND

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Week 2: June 8–14, 2022

*“There is no one holy like the Lord.
There is no God but you.
There is no Rock like our God.”*

— 1 Samuel 2:2, ICB



Week 2 Prayers



➤ A great majority of Thai people use websites like YouTube and Facebook. Pray that many will see what Christians post there. Pray more people can discover who Jesus really is and want to know more.

➤ Pray that Jesus followers across Thailand will love and obey Jesus every day. Ask God to help them grow in joy, coming together as a united family of believers.

➤ When someone is a slave, or enslaved, their life is sad and very hard. Pray for someone to notice they need help to get out of slavery. Pray each one will experience God's love and will trust Him with their future.

➤ We can learn a lot from each other. When a person knows another way to grow vegetables that may be better—organically, for example—and they share what they know with someone else, then both people may be able to grow vegetables that are better for the land and the people eating them. Pray that people who have skills and resources to help others farm organically come and share it with Thai farmers who want to do it too.

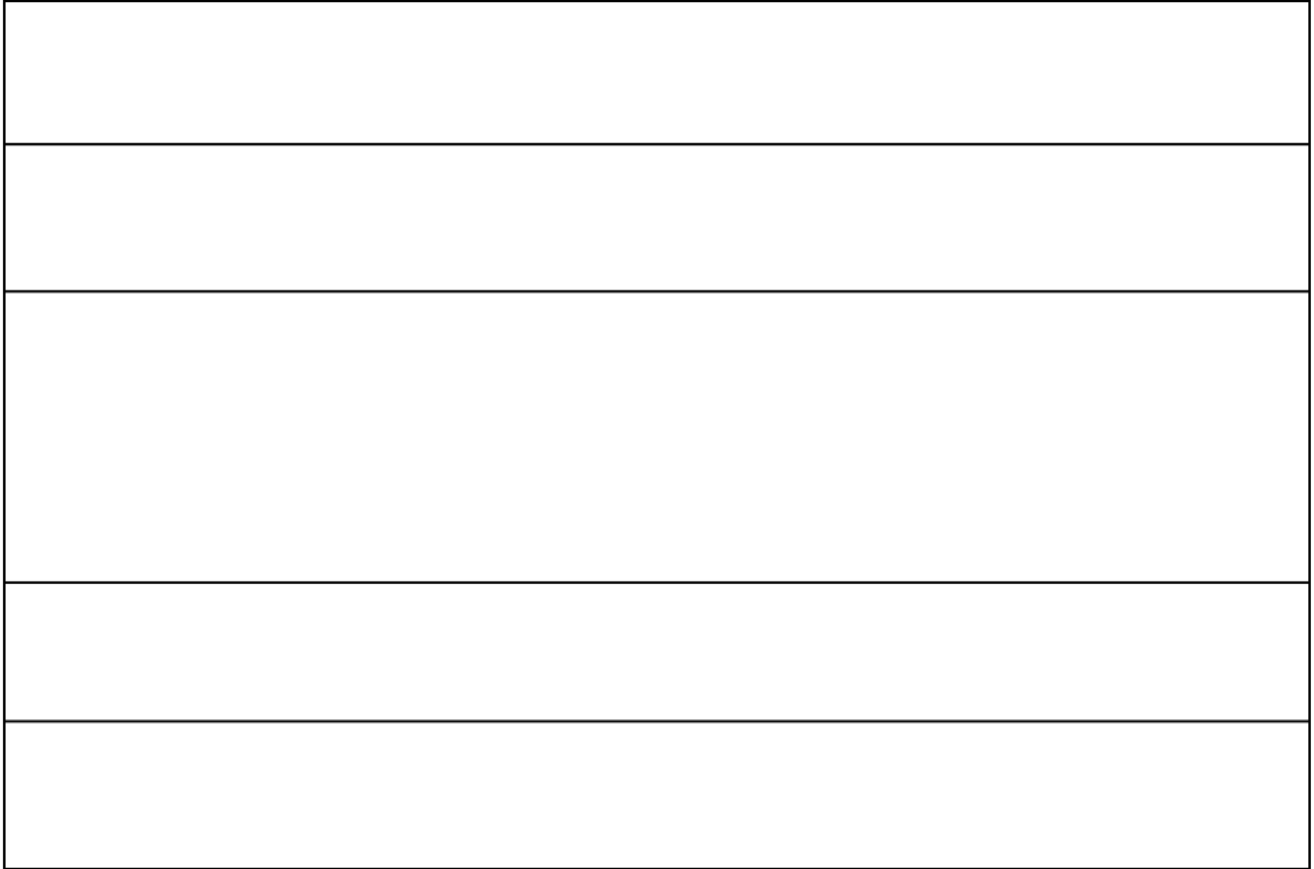
➤ Do you remember we said in a previous guide that churches sometimes work together with other churches or groups to get a job done? That makes them partners. They're working together in what we call partnerships. Working together makes Christians stronger and able to do a lot more. Pray that Christian churches and groups will build good partnerships to get God's work done.

➤ So many people use computers and cellphones nowadays that it just makes sense to find ways to talk about Jesus using technology. Pray that God will bring partners together to help people who go online learn about Jesus there.

➤ Let's pray that people in Thailand who don't yet know Jesus hear about Jesus, get to know Him and follow Him soon.

“All people everywhere, follow Me and be saved. I am God. There is no other God.”
— Isaiah 45:22, ICB

Week 2 Activity: Flag Coloring Page



Thailand

“Patience and encouragement come from God. And I pray that God will help you all agree with each other the way Christ Jesus wants. Then you will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

— Romans 15:5–6, ICB



Week 3 Prayers



➤ Most Thai people worship a god who is not the Bible's living God. Pray Jesus would draw people to follow Him just as the two fishermen brothers Peter and Andrew did.

➤ When Jesus followers work as police officers or in other jobs that protect the people of Thailand, they sometimes get to tell others about God's great love for them. That can help people feel safe too. Pray that many Jesus followers choose jobs in which they can protect people and comfort them with His love.

➤ Not all students have the opportunity to train to do the jobs they want to do. But it's still important to study well in school. Pray students invite Jesus to be their Savior and Lord. As they obey Him and learn to walk in His ways, He will guide them in what they are to do. God first makes us part of His family, and then He makes us partners in His work around the world.

➤ Men and women (boys and girls)—if they love and obey Jesus—have the unique ability to love and act kindly toward everyone. Do you know why? It's because Jesus gave His Spirit to live inside His followers to help them live rightly. Imagine that! He's always there, always watching, always available to help them do what is right. You can read about it in John 16:7–10. Pray for Christians in Thailand and everywhere

to choose to let Jesus' helper, His Spirit, help them love and show kindness to everyone even if they are unkind to us, and no matter how different they may be from us.

➤ Pray that Christians and Christian workers are loving but also careful in how they teach and talk about Jesus to people who believe in other gods.

➤ Pray that Thai Christians would want to help change and create entertainment (like movies, books, and videos!) that are better for their minds and hearts and more honoring to God. Pray that God would draw people away from entertainment that can harm their relationship with Him.

➤ Even after we tell Jesus that we want Him to have first place in our lives and accept His gift of forgiveness, we might disobey Him. His Word tells us what to do when that happens. Let's pray that we, and the Christians in Thailand, will quickly tell God when we realize we did something wrong.

“But if we confess our sins, He will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done.”

— 1 John 1:9, ICB

Week 3 Activity: Word Search

Thailand Word Search

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BANGKOK	GOOGLE	MUAYTHAIBOXING	SIAMESE
BIBLE	HEAD	ORCHID	THAI
BUDDHA	JESUS	PYTHON	THAILAND
BUDDHISM	MONKEYBUFFET	SIAM	

“We pray that the Lord will make your love grow more and more for each other and for all people. We pray that you will love others as we love you and that your hearts will be made strong. ...”

— 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13, ICB



Week 4 Prayers



> Pastors and everyday Christians are learning to use their computers and phones as tools to tell Thai people about the message of Jesus. Pray that people will experience God’s love and care through the messages they see on their phones, and pray that these tools would cause churches to grow.

> Do you remember reading or hearing stories from the Bible about Jesus hanging around people who were outcasts—the poor, the homeless, the sick—those who were looked down upon? Many of Jesus’ friends were from among these people. He could have spent time with any group as He talked about His heavenly Father, but He often chose these types of people. Pray that Christians in Thailand will talk about Jesus with teachers, leaders, neighbors, friends and business people. But pray they don’t forget to do the same with the poor, the rejected, or the outcasts. People who need Jesus can be found anywhere.

> If we were in the same room with 100 Thai people, we would probably meet about 95 who are Buddhist, four who are Muslim, and only one Christian. Pray that God would give all people—no matter what religion they know best—the desire to know the Bible’s God as their God.

> Every country, including Thailand, has people who need a lot of help and care. Those who are hungry, homeless, orphans or sick are examples of this type

of person in need. Pray for country leaders to find ways to protect and provide for these people. May Thailand’s Christians bring praise to God by becoming the best they can be at caring for people.

> Pray for the people working on making Bibles, videos and other gospel tools in the heart languages of Thai people groups.

> There are millions of people living in Thailand, and many of those people are younger than 14 years old! Many of these young people don’t know about Jesus. Someone needs to tell them so that they can learn what makes Him so special. Lord Jesus, bring many Thai kids to Your churches, Christian schools, kids programs and outreaches where they can hear about You. Help them grow into strong lifelong Jesus followers.

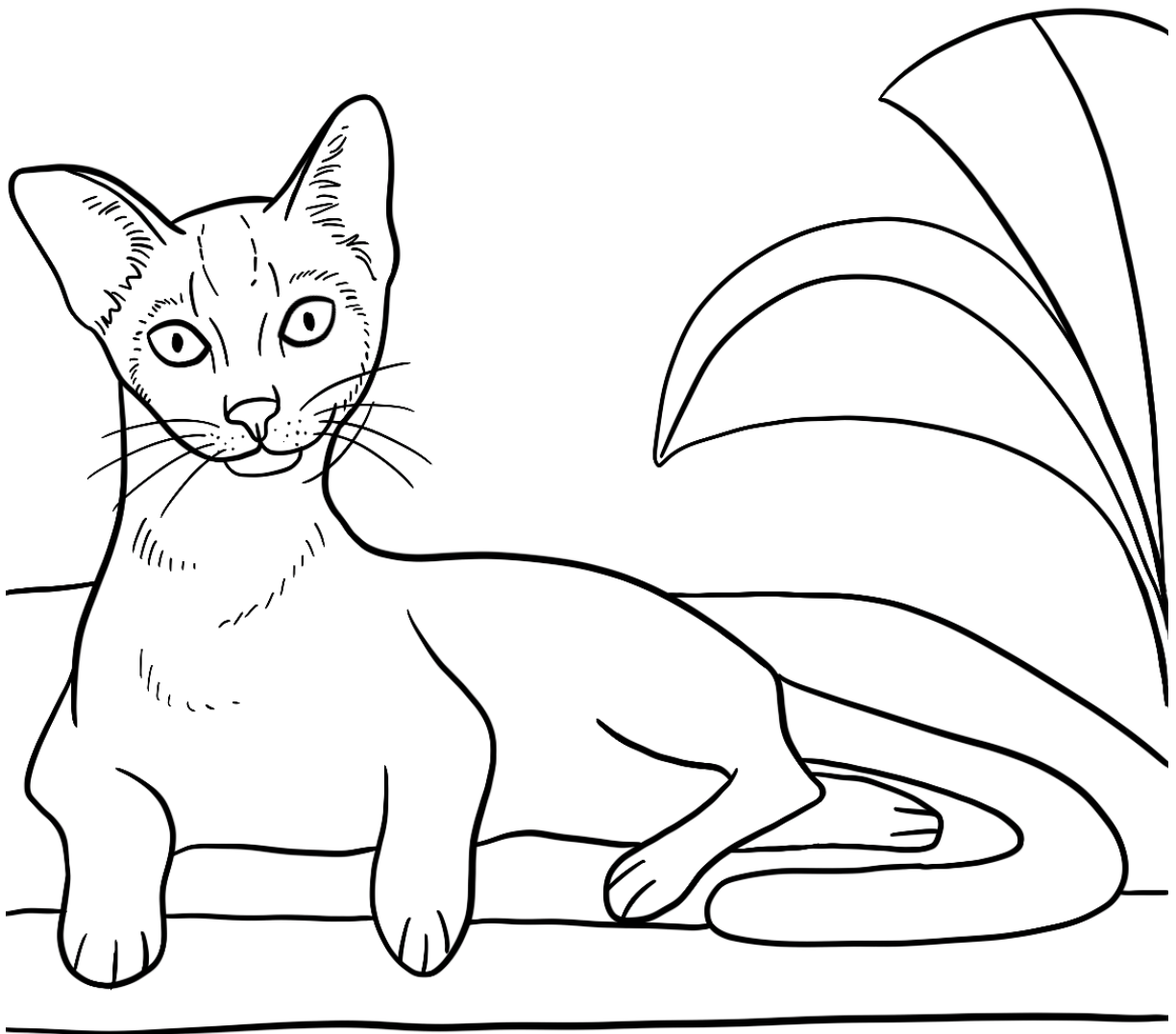
> Let’s pray for the people of Thailand to see who Jesus is and place their trust in Him. Pray that as they grow in their faith they come to learn how much He loves them.

“And I pray that you and all God’s holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ’s love. I pray that you can understand how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is.”

—Ephesians 3:18, ICB

Week 4 Activity: Siamese Cat Coloring Page

Siamese Cat



Week 5 Prayers



> Did you know that when a person puts his trust in Jesus and learns to walk in His ways, he is changed from the inside out?

A person who is anxious can feel peaceful. Anger can be replaced by calm. A dislike of someone can turn to love and understanding. A lying person wants to be more truthful. A careless person becomes more responsible. A foolish person becomes more teachable and wise. An unkind person becomes kinder. A person who's been treated badly can forgive.

God's Spirit lives inside His followers. The Holy Spirit is also called "the Helper" because He can empower

God's followers to obey Him. Pray for Thai Christians to experience the power of the Holy Spirit changing their hearts. And pray that they would show others what God has done for them.

> Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Thailand each day in June. We believe You will continue Your work there until everyone has heard clearly about Jesus and been invited to follow Him. Someday we'll see how You answered our prayers. May heaven be filled with Thai people who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.

Resources

The Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to Thailand.
<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/TH>

PrayerCast has great prayer videos.
<https://prayercast.com/thailand.html>

A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have the film in over 1,900 languages on our website.
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