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EXPLORE OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD

Asia

Happy summer, Explorers!

Are you ready to meet your neighbors in Asia? In this issue, you'll travel to the world's biggest continent to see what life is like for kids who live there. Let's go!



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GIGGLE

Remember this picture from the Spring 2021 Compassion Explorer Magazine? Here are some of your great captions! Find more at explorer.compassion.com/explorers.

LOL comics forever!
Grace, 10
Marion, Iowa

What ... you call that a superpower?
Aman, 8
Tucson, Ariz.

When you're reading the Compassion magazine and you're reading the captions!
Amelia, 12
Lansing, Mich.

All aboard the Giggle Express.
Zoey, 9
Modesto, Calif.

And that's my sister wearing that bunny suit!
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Jesus is the hero in this book, but even he has a sense of humor and some good one-liners.
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Canisteo, N.Y.

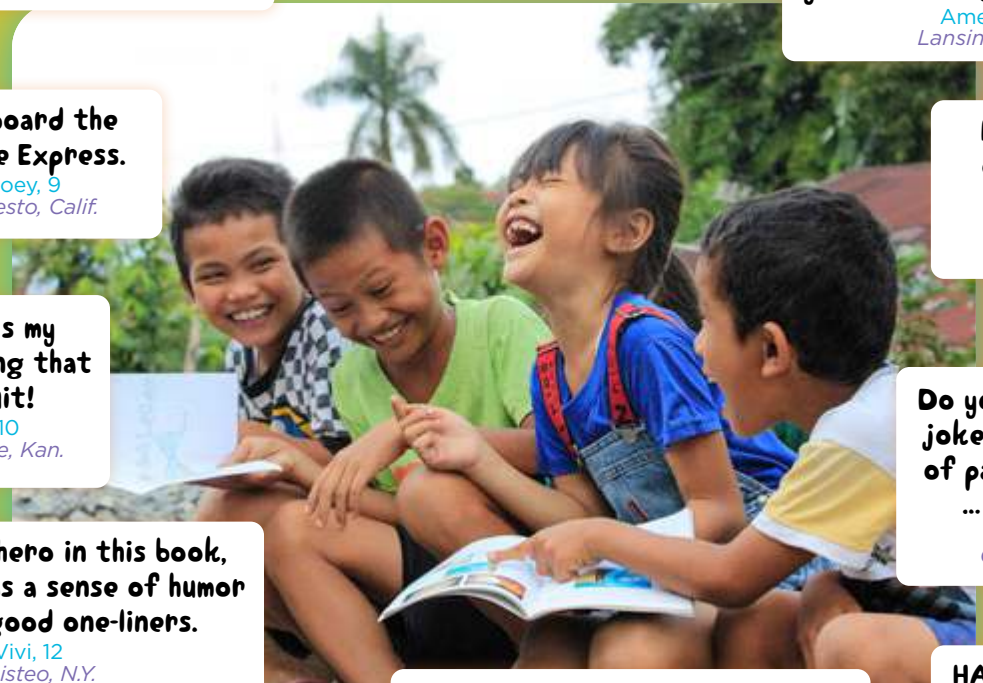
What's the thing about polka-dotted flamingos?
Karennna, 11
Independence, Kan.

"God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me."
— **Genesis 21:6**
Vidia, 12
Harrisburg, Pa.

Laughter makes everything feel better!
Ava, 8
Paris

Do you want to hear a joke about this piece of paper? Never mind ... it's tearable!
Molly, 8
Glen Burnie, Md.

HAHA funniest book ever.
Joey, 10
Bemidji, Minn.



Check out the next Giggle photo on the back cover!

DISCOVER Asia

Countries in Asia where Compassion kids live:

-  **Bangladesh**
-  **Indonesia**
-  **The Philippines**
-  **Sri Lanka**
-  **Thailand**

Asia is the largest continent in the world.



4.6 billion people live in Asia.

Animals that live here: elephants, tigers, king cobras, orangutans, Komodo dragons, pangolins and more!



Bangladesh is home to the endangered Royal Bengal tiger.

Bangladesh



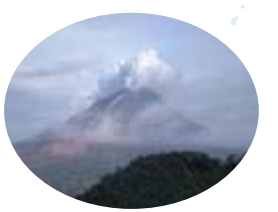
Filipinos invented the "jeepney" — a colorfully decorated vehicle popular for public transportation.

Thailand



Bangkok, the capital city of Thailand, is the most-visited city in the world.

The Philippines



Indonesia has more volcanoes than any other country in the world.

Indonesia

Asia is home to the third-largest island in the world. It's called Borneo.

Countries in Southeast Asia, like the Philippines and Thailand, are at high risk of tropical storms and tsunamis.



Asia is home to the Rafflesia, the world's largest flower! You can find this flower in countries like Thailand and Indonesia.



More than 2,000 languages are spoken across Asia.


Many kids live in poverty. They don't have their basic needs met.

Lots of children who live in Asia experience tropical storms like typhoons and cyclones.


Compassion helps meet their needs for food, water, medicine, school and Jesus.

Compassion helps kids and their parents with food, water and a place to sleep after a big storm.

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DISCOVER the neighborhood

Asia is huge, so there are tons of different kinds of neighborhoods across the continent — and all of them are unique in their own ways! Here are a few places where kids in Compassion's program live ...

Jungle

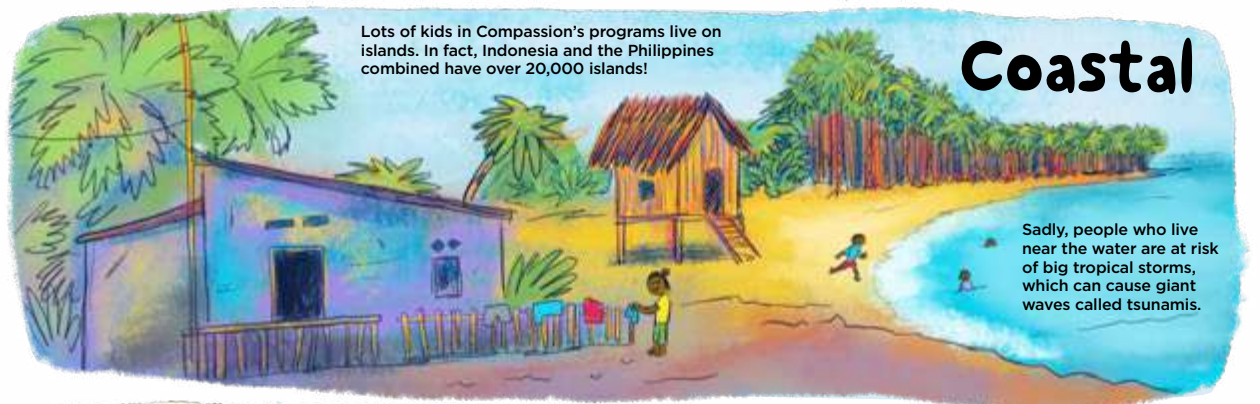


Jungle neighborhoods in Asia are lush and green.

Living in the jungle can be very hot and humid!

Often houses in the jungle are made of wood.

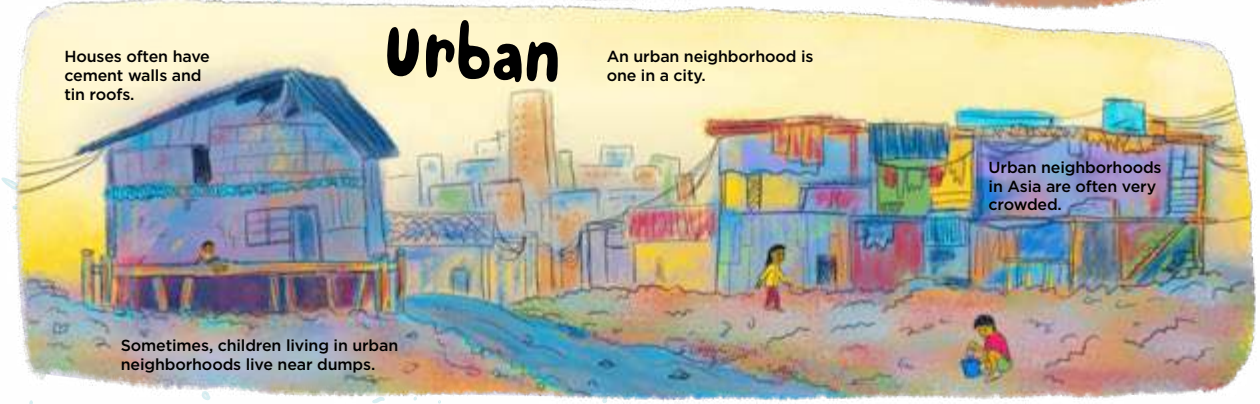
Coastal



Lots of kids in Compassion's programs live on islands. In fact, Indonesia and the Philippines combined have over 20,000 islands!

Sadly, people who live near the water are at risk of big tropical storms, which can cause giant waves called tsunamis.

Urban



Houses often have cement walls and tin roofs.

An urban neighborhood is one in a city.

Urban neighborhoods in Asia are often very crowded.

Sometimes, children living in urban neighborhoods live near dumps.

Rural



Kids living in rural areas have tons of space to play and explore.

Lots of people living in rural areas work as farmers!

Houses in rural areas are often made of bamboo or wood.

Welcome to My Asian Neighborhood



There are so many amazing kids in Asia, and their lives all look so different that we couldn't just stay in one neighborhood! We wanted to take you with us all over the HUGE continent of Asia and show you children's lives. They may look really different from your life — but what are the ways they look the same? Let's explore Asia together!

We'll start in Bhorsha's & Asha's HOME in Bangladesh!

We bet you've spent a lot of time at home over the past year. Maybe you even did school at home!

Twin sisters Bhorsha and Asha have been at home a lot too. Their mom has worked hard to take care of the twins and their big sister. It's a good thing they all like spending time together!

The sisters have spent a lot of time with their mom on her bed, where she reads Bible stories to them and helps them with their schoolwork.



Several times this year, teachers at the Compassion center the girls attend have visited them and brought them groceries. This was a BIG deal because sometimes their mom couldn't find work, and she worried about feeding her daughters.



Bhorsha and Asha love their home and their family.

What do you love about your home?

Let's go to Chelsea's SCHOOL in INDONESIA next!

Chelsea is a very good student. She likes to help her friends with their assignments when the teacher says it's OK.



Chelsea loves to sing and dance, and she has lots of friends at her school.



Chelsea listens very closely to her teacher, and she loves it when she knows the answer to the question! She knows that her education is super important. If she does well in school, she can be a doctor or a teacher or ... well, anything she wants to be!

Who do you want to be when you grow up?

How can school help you make that dream come true?

And let's finish on the
PLAYGROUND with Nawipimoo in THAILAND!



Until recently, Nawipimoo and his friends didn't have a playground or a park in their whole entire neighborhood!



We're so happy that there were adults in Nawipimoo's life who knew how important it is for kids to have a place to hang out with their friends as they play and grow.



What's your favorite thing to do on the playground?
Do you play alone or with your friends?

**How are your house, school and
playground the same as these?**

How are they different?

Craft

My Neighborhood Rocks!!

Have you ever been walking in your neighborhood and spotted a rock someone had painted? Lots of families in the U.S. play the "hide and seek rocks" game. You can join in the fun by painting smooth, flat rocks with the flags of the five Asian countries where kids in Compassion's program live. Then hide some of the rocks around your neighborhood for other families to find!

Instructions

1. On each rock, paint the flag of an Asian country (acrylic paints work best). On the back you can paint the name of the country. While you paint, pray for kids who live in poverty in that country. Ask God to give them enough food, water and medicine to be happy and healthy.
2. After the rocks are dry, take a walk with your family and hide some of the rocks around your neighborhood to give someone a nice surprise.



Philippines



Indonesia



Sri Lanka



Bangladesh



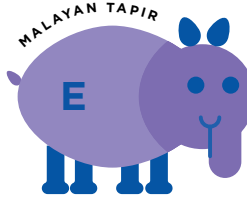
Thailand

Look up flags for all the countries where Compassion works and print out coloring pages at explorer.compassion.com/coloringbook.

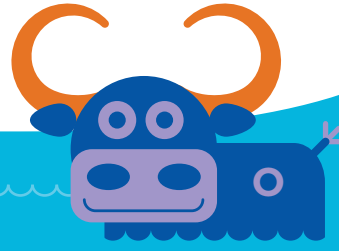
Seize

Crack the Crazy Code

Explore the jungle to find the key to the cipher. Then discover the BLESSING Jesus promises to his children all around the world!



MALAYAN TAPIR



WATER BUFFALO



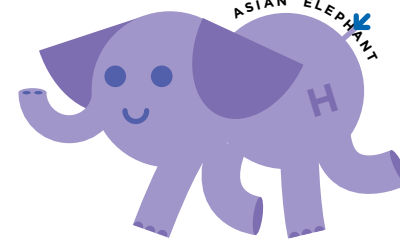
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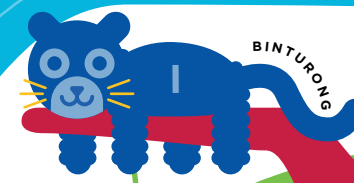
TIGER



FLYING FOX



ASIAN ELEPHANT



BINTURONG



PEACOCK

BLESSED ARE M K, R W LL

R THE EARTH.

BLESSED ARE S W U G R A D

R R R G U , R

Y WILL BE FILLED. — Matthew 5:5-6

Cook

Coconut Sticky Rice With Mango

Don't worry, this delicious dish from Thailand won't make your fingers sticky — the rice just sticks together to make a yummy dessert. And if you haven't ever had rice as a dessert, then this is the perfect new treat for you to try!



Kids in Thailand enjoy a plate of sticky rice at their Compassion center.



Ingredients

- 1 c. Thai sweet rice or jasmine rice
- 1½ c. water, divided
- 1 (13.5-ounce) can full-fat coconut milk, divided
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 4-5 tbsp. brown sugar (or to taste), divided
- 1-2 ripe mangoes

Directions

1. *Adult help needed.* Soak rice in 1 c. water in a medium pot for 20-30 minutes. Do not drain the rice.
2. Shake or stir the can of coconut milk so it's all smooth and creamy.
3. Add ½ c. more water to the rice pot plus ½ can coconut milk, the salt and 1 tbsp. of the brown sugar. Stir well.
3. Bring the mix to a gentle boil (bubbles barely coming to the surface), then put your lid on a little crooked so there's an opening for steam to come out. Reduce the heat to medium-low until there is just a gentle simmer (no bubbles popping; it'll just look like the rice and liquid are rolling a bit).
4. Simmer 20-30 minutes, or until the coconut water has all been soaked up by the rice. Start checking your rice at around 15 minutes — you don't want all of the liquid to cook off before the rice is done cooking. Once the liquid has all soaked in, turn off the heat but don't move the pot, and put the lid on tight. Allow it to sit for 5 to 10 minutes.
5. While the rice is sitting, make your sauce by warming up the rest of the coconut milk over medium-low heat. Don't let it boil! Add the rest of your brown sugar and stir until it dissolves into the warm coconut milk. Taste test sauce for sweetness, adding more sugar if it's not quite sweet enough.
6. Prepare the mangoes by cutting them open and slicing each into bite-sized pieces.
7. Scoop some warm rice into each serving bowl, then drizzle lots of the sweet coconut sauce over the top. Arrange mango slices on the rice and drizzle on a little more sauce.
8. Serve and enjoy!

care



Have you ever been playing a game and suddenly find yourself feeling a little bored? You're having tons of fun and then ... BOOM. It's time to find something new to do. We've all been there!

Well, today we want to tell you about a girl and her best friend who were feeling a little bored with their normal games — **so they decided to change the world instead!**

Meet Quinn. She's a super cool 9-year-old who loves gymnastics, soccer, archery, history — and brownies! But before we tell you why she loves brownies so much, we have to start from the beginning ...

On a cold winter's day, Quinn and her best friend, Lucy, were having a playdate. Suddenly, one of those classic, unexpected boredoms rolled over them. They immediately started to think of new things to play! Then, out of the blue, a brilliant idea struck them:

"Let's do a bake sale!"

But there was just one problem: It was winter in Oregon. And it was cold.

So, they planned to have their bake sale in February instead — on Valentine's Day! They could make everything heart shaped so that people could buy their baked goods as Valentine's Day presents.

In the months leading up to the bake sale, Quinn thought of a great way to make the bake sale even more awesome: give the money they earn away! You see, around Christmas, Quinn learned in Compassion's Gift Catalog that some kids who lived in poverty didn't have a playground to play on.

So, she and Lucy decided that they would give away their earnings instead of keeping them! Quinn decided that her half of the money would go to Compassion to help give kids in poverty a playground.

When Feb. 14 rolled around, Quinn and Lucy recruited their younger siblings to help out. They set up a beautiful table on the driveway filled with cookies and brownies. Next to the table, they put a sign telling people that the money earned would be given away.

The people in Quinn's neighborhood flooded to the bake sale. It was a HUGE success! And guess what? The brownies sold the best AND they were the cheapest to make.



And the best part about the whole thing is that Quinn gave all the money she made away — and she felt great about it!

"I'm glad I spent it on something for someone else. Because when you have the money, you really want to spend it on something for you, but then once you spend it on something for someone else, you feel better and you're glad about it."

Quinn's story is SO inspiring, isn't it? When she got bored, she decided to get creative and make the best of it by helping other people! That sounds a whole lot like something Jesus would do!

BLESSED are ...



... the meek and the hungry

In the previous issue of Compassion Explorer Magazine, we introduced the first two "Beatitudes." Remember ... they're pronounced "bee-At-itudes," and no — they're not about the different mental states of bees.

The word "beatitude" means "blessed" or "happy." In the first two Beatitudes, Jesus said the poor in spirit and those who mourn are blessed. He said they will be comforted and that the kingdom of heaven is theirs. **Let's take a look at the next two beatitudes to see who else Jesus says is blessed ...**

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth"
(Matthew 5:5).

Is Jesus saying the poor get to go to heaven while all the meek people have to stay here on earth? Not at all. If you know Jesus and follow him, you'll go to heaven. But if you study history, you'll see that people have been fighting for a long time. **Jesus is sharing his plan that humility and peace will one day reign on earth, and that will make it sort of like heaven on earth.**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

You could have a little fun with your parents with this one. Next time you're thirsty, tell your mom or dad, "I'm thirsty! Would you bring me a cup of righteousness, please?"

Joking aside, this is actually a very important blessing. Jesus is giving you the secret for how to live a fulfilling life. Sometimes we wish we had more stuff. And sometimes we think our lives would be better if we could just change that one thing about how we look, our personality or our situation. **But Jesus says if you make your desire to live in the way he teaches, you'll be happy and content. Believe him about this!**

Next time, we'll talk about being merciful and pure. Until then, be blessed!

Matthew 5:1-12

As you read the Beatitudes, think of how you could pass along Jesus' blessings to your neighbors. For example, how can you comfort a relative or friend who is sad?



- Talk to a parent or adult family member about what it means to be humble.
- Make a list of the character traits of God. He's impartial, loving, wise ... think about how you can behave to model God's character.



- Ask God to give you a meek heart. This won't make you weak. It will make you wise.
- Thank God for showing us how to live a content life.



GIGGLE



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Two friends are having a friendly arm-wrestling match in their neighborhood in Ghana, a country in West Africa. In the next issue of Compassion Explorer Magazine, we'll travel to Africa to learn about the different kinds of neighborhoods there!

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About the cover


These friends in Indonesia like to play together in their urban (city) neighborhood. A church in their neighborhood has a Compassion center, where kids go for meals, health checkups, playtime, homework help and more!



COMPASSION explorer DISCOVER ASIA!

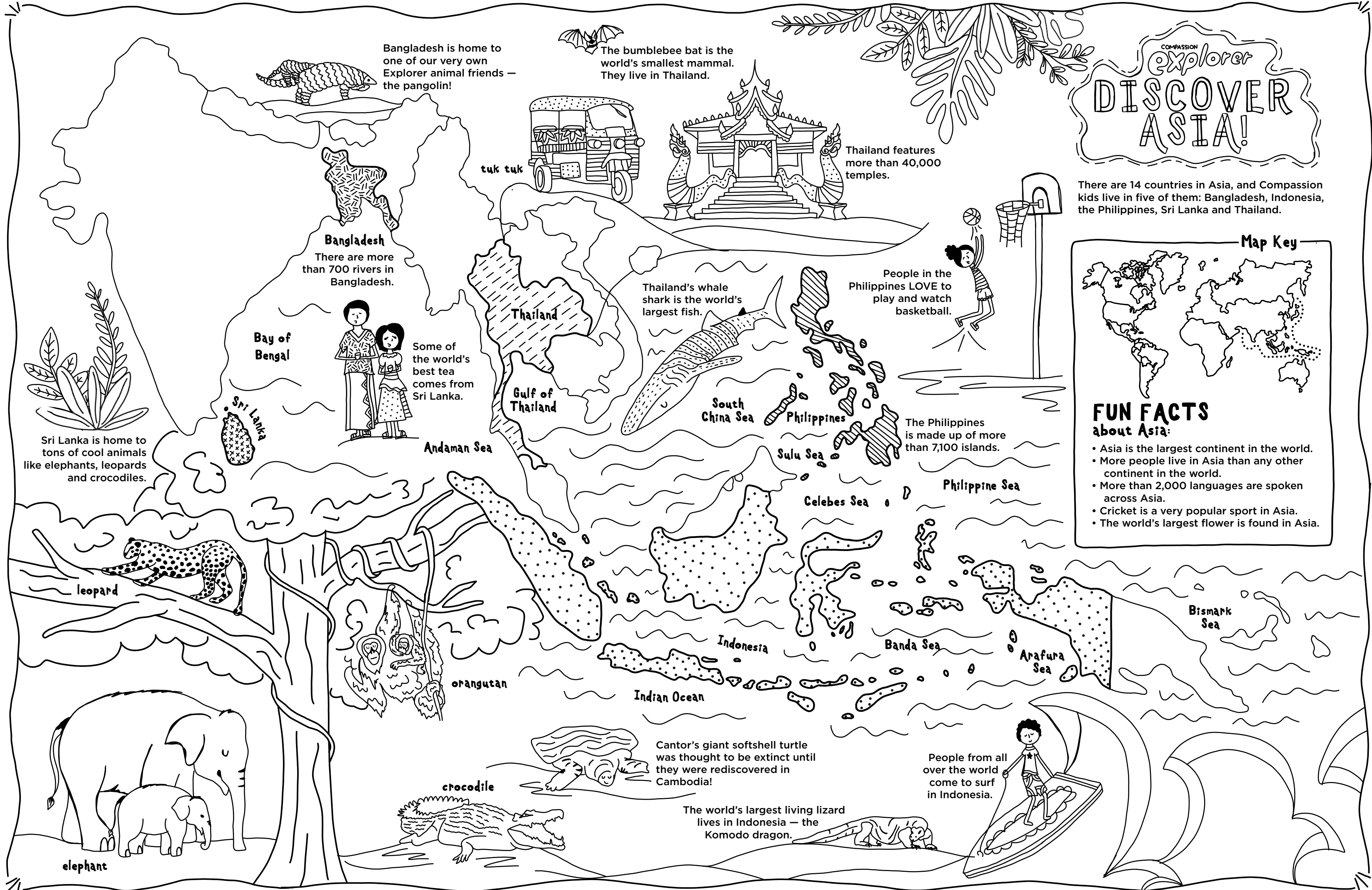
There are 14 countries in Asia, and Compassion kids live in five of them: Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Map Key



FUN FACTS about Asia:

- Asia is the largest continent in the world.
- More people live in Asia than any other continent in the world.
- More than 2,000 languages are spoken across Asia.
- Cricket is a very popular sport in Asia.
- The world's largest flower is found in Asia.



Bangladesh is home to one of our very own Explorer animal friends — the pangolin!

The bumblebee bat is the world's smallest mammal. They live in Thailand.

Thailand features more than 40,000 temples.

Bangladesh
There are more than 700 rivers in Bangladesh.

Sri Lanka is home to tons of cool animals like elephants, leopards and crocodiles.

Bay of Bengal

Some of the world's best tea comes from Sri Lanka.

Thailand

Gulf of Thailand

Andaman Sea

Thailand's whale shark is the world's largest fish.

People in the Philippines LOVE to play and watch basketball.

The Philippines is made up of more than 7,100 islands.

South China Sea

Philippines

Sulu Sea

Celebes Sea

Philippine Sea

Indonesia

Indian Ocean

Banda Sea

Arafura Sea

Bismark Sea

leopard

orangutan

crocodile

Cantor's giant softshell turtle was thought to be extinct until they were rediscovered in Cambodia!

The world's largest living lizard lives in Indonesia — the Komodo dragon.

People from all over the world come to surf in Indonesia.

elephant

DISCOVER

My Neighborhood

There are all kinds of different neighborhoods in Asia where super awesome kids live!

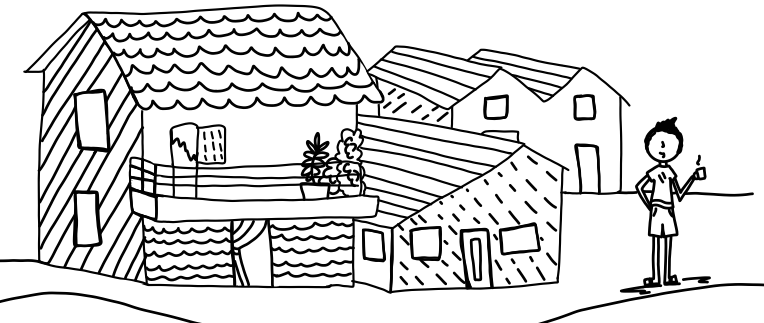
Will you help us identify four of the types of neighborhoods by filling in the blank above each picture?

Choose from these four different neighborhoods: Urban (City), Coastal (Seaside), Jungle (Forest), Rural (Farms).


1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



WORD SEARCH

Each of these words reminds us of a cool fact about Asia. Can you find them?

Words: Tiger, Volcano, Jeepney, Island, Bat

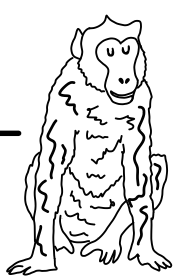
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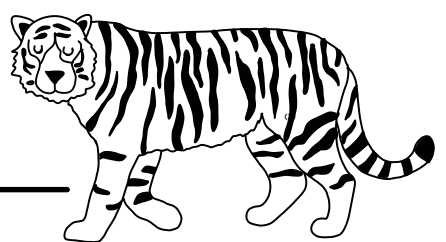
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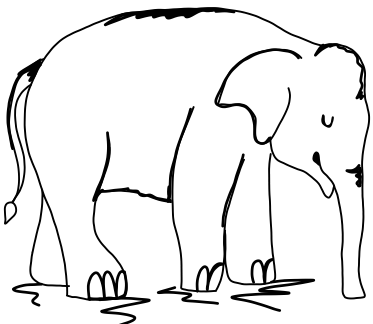
All four of these awesome animals live in Asia! Can you rank them from biggest to smallest?


1 = Smallest - 4 = Biggest

- (1) Bumblebee Bat
- (2) Monkey
- (3) Tiger
- (4) Elephant





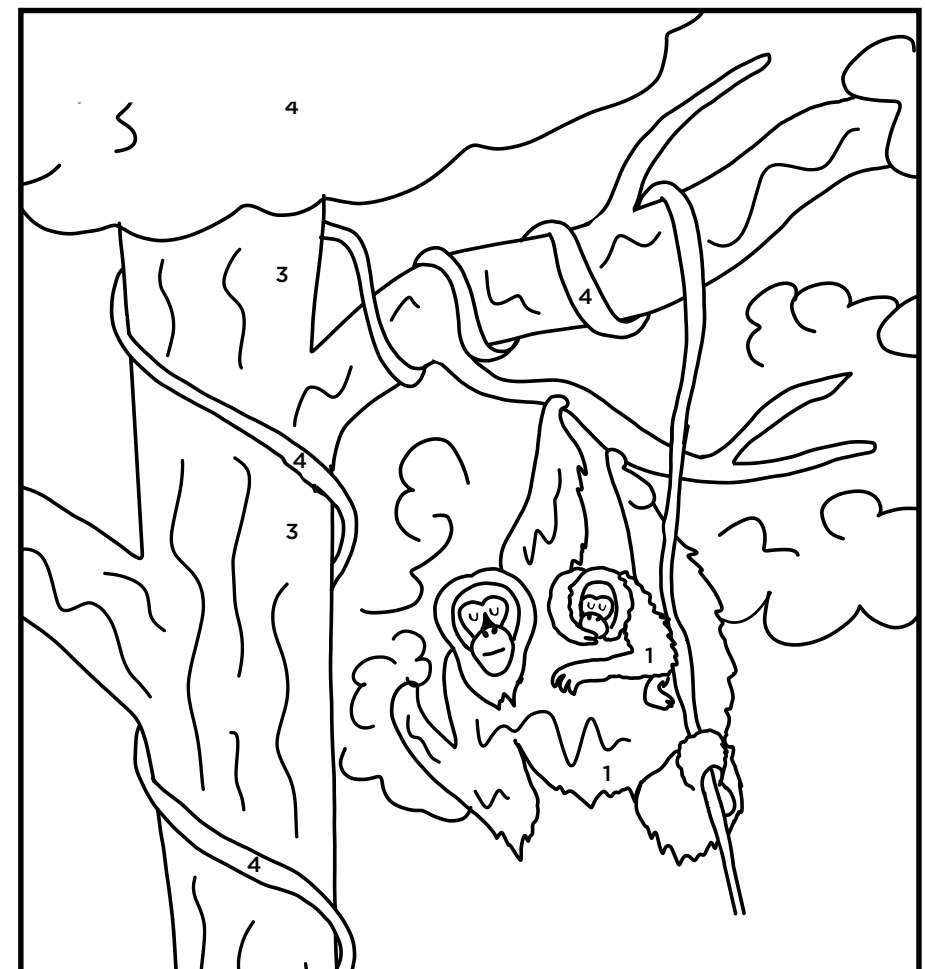




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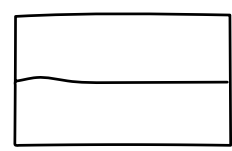
1 = Orange 2 = Dark Green 3 = Brown 4 = Light Green



GUESS WHICH Compassion Country

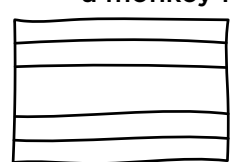
Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka or Thailand?

1. Hint #1 | This country is made up of over 13,000 islands.
Hint #2: Orangutans live here — but they are in danger of becoming extinct!



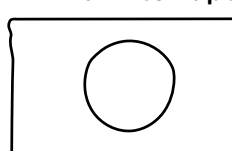
Answer: _____

2. Hint #1: Bangkok, the capitol city of this country, is the most-visited city in the world.
Hint #2: Each year, a community in this country hosts a monkey festival.



Answer: _____

3. Hint #1: The national language spoken in this country is called Bengali.
Hint #2: This country is home to the world’s longest uninterrupted beach. It’s 62.5 miles long!



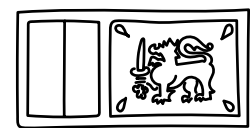
Answer: _____



Asia is an absolutely beautiful continent. It’s filled with huge volcanoes, turquoise oceans, big cities and tons of cool animals. But the best part is all the amazing kids who live there!

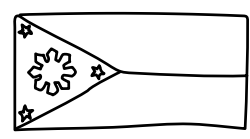
Let's learn a little bit about Asia together!

4. Hint #1: This country is known as the “pearl of the Indian Ocean.”
Hint #2: The national sport in this country is volleyball.



Answer: _____

5. Hint #1: This country is home to more Christians than any other Asian country.
Hint #2: This country has its own professional basketball league known as the PBA.



Answer: _____