

Week 4

Dear Teacher,

On this final week we will be focusing on the people of India.

The PowerPoint will show the many different people who live in the country of India.

The lapbook project will include some pictures of these people and the Bible verse, John 3:16, to remind the children that Jesus loves **EVERYONE**, no matter where they come from or what they look like.

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Element 1: Welcome your young students with Namaste.

Approximately 1 minute

- If traditional Indian Punjabi or sari is available, teachers can wear these each week.
- Greet each student as they arrive by saying “Namaste” and bowing slightly with folded hands. This is the traditional South Asian greeting and salutation.
- Namaste (Namas + te) is derived from Sanskrit and is a combination of the word “Nama” and “te.” Nama means ‘bow’ or ‘reverential salutation’ and “te” means ‘to you.’ Therefore, Namas te literally means “bowing to you.”



Element 2: Powerpoint Presentation

Approximately 4 minutes

- Access to a large screen computer or projector will be helpful for this section. Be sure to test the PowerPoint before you are in front of your students. If you do not have either a computer or projector to use, each slide of the “People of India” PowerPoint can be printed for display.
- Show the presentation “People of India.”
- When the RED arrow appears in the bottom right you may advance to the next slide when ready.
- Familiarize yourself with the presentation so you can answer any questions that might arise.
- Feel free to talk about each slide as much as you want.



Element 3: Four part Story of Pandita Ramabai with Follow-up Questions

Approximately 6 minutes

Part Four: Ramabai Mukti Mission

On February 1, 1889, Pandita Ramabai again stood on the shores of her native land, India, after an absence of six years. In less than six weeks her school was opened in Bombay, named the Sharada Sadan, which means a Home of Wisdom. It opened with two pupils and continued to grow.

In the beginning, people had warned Ramabai not to tell the women and children being brought into her school and rescue home about Jesus. But her personal life was bound to influence the children. Each day she would read the Bible to her daughter. Slowly the girls would come to her doorway to hear the Bible read, and many asked to join Bible studies and later requested baptism. Ramabai strongly objected to the pressure to close her door while reading the Bible to her daughter. “I have the same freedom to practice Christianity which these girls have to practice their religion. Why should I shut the door of my room, which I do not shut at any other time during 24 hours of the day?”

In 1895, Ramabai felt God telling her to purchase a 100-acre farm in Kedgaon which became Ramabai Mukti Mission. Mukti means “salvation” in Ramabai’s language. She took the name from the Bible verse that says, “but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise” (Isaiah 60:18). During the terrible famines of 1896-97 in Madhya Pradesh and 1900-01 in Gujarat, Ramabai rescued over 2000 women and girls who were in desperate need of food. These girls were housed in the temporary sheds and God provided Ramabai with the food everyone needed.

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July 24, 1921, was a sad day for Ramabai. Manorama, her only daughter, died. She did not wait long after that, and on April 5, 1922, she left her beloved mission and went to Heaven to be with her Savior. And as she once wrote, “A life totally committed to God, has nothing to fear, nothing to lose and nothing to regret.”



Ramabai's story continued...

Even though Ramabai died, her work for God did not. God continued to work in the mission and bless it. In 1989 the government of India issued a commemorative stamp for Pandita Ramabai's service to the women of India.

Today, over 125 years later, the story of Ramabai continues. The single school started so long ago has become a whole community demonstrating God's grace to people the world thinks are worthless. Over 100,000 women and children have been rescued from poverty and hopelessness. Today the school Ramabai started has over 600 students, and now there are an additional 4 schools educating children. There are 14 rescue homes for women, a hospital, a dairy, and a farm. Over 1,000 children are cared for everyday in homes, college options are available for the girls, job training is also available, and each resident has a family to call her own. And, most of all, God is still helping little children come to know Him through Ramabai's work at Mukti Mission!

Questions to Consider:

- 1) What do you think is Pandita Ramabai's greatest accomplishment?
 - a. There could be lots of answers here.
- 2) What do you think was most important to her through all the years?
 - a. Her Savior Jesus
- 3) What made Pandita Ramabai such an unusual person?
 - a. Her God-given skills and the Holy Spirit's work in her life
- 4) Who do people around you consider the 'worthless' people?
- 5) What could you do to help people around you who others think are worthless?
- 6) What is her famous quote?
 - a. "A life totally committed to God, has nothing to fear, nothing to lose and nothing to regret."

Element Four: Sing a Hindi song: "Jesus Loves Me"

Approximately 6 minutes

Pronunciation tips:

Barely pronounce the "n" in parentheses.

Gently trill the letter "r" at the end of a syllable.

"Th" is always vocalized as in "the" rather than "think," and sometimes sounds as though it were a soft "d."

The diphthong "ai" is pronounced like the "i" in "high."

Kyee soo moodj say kahr tah pyahr
bai buhl may hai sah mah char
mai whoo(n) nirh bahl whah bahl wahn
bahl coh(n) pur hai thai uh wahn

pyahr khar tah moodj say
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hai sah thee yah sah mah char

yee soo moodj say kahr tah pyahr
sahng rah heh gah ihs sahng sahr
joh mai oos kee rahn koo ahs
swarg may leh gah ahp nay pahs



Christian choruses in various languages. (n.d.) Retrieved from <http://home.snu.edu-hculbert/songs2.htm>

Many pupils came to Ramabia's school, especially child widows who were often hated and treated meanly. But here in this beautiful home, they found real love. How happy they were now! And when Ramabai read the Bible to Manorama, the other girls slipped into the room to listen; many wanted to know about Ramabai's God of love.

This was wonderful news—except for the people who didn't believe in God. They were not happy at all. They didn't want the girls to leave their religion and come to know about Jesus.

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Element Five: Serve a snack from India

Approximately 6 minutes

Baked Kale Chips

Baked Kale Chips are a tasty, healthy and addictive snack that you can easily make within half an hour. It makes a great side dish with rice and sambhar.

Ingredients:

Kale - 1 bunch

Olive Oil - 2 tblsp

Crushed black pepper - 1/2 tsp or to taste

Salt - to taste

Optional Ingredient: chaat masala (below)

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degree F.
2. Wash the kale leaves, dry completely and then tear them into 2-3 inch pieces.
3. Toss the kale leaves with olive oil, salt, and pepper. Add chaat masala (see below).
4. After all the leaves have been coated with the oil, arrange them in one single layer on a baking sheet.
5. Bake for about 15-20 minutes or until the edges starts browning a bit. Flip them once in between.

Cool for about 15 minutes. The leaves become crispy as they cool.

Chaat Masala

Zingy, tangy, slightly hot chaat masala is the perfect seasoning! This recipe for chaat masala makes just under 1 cup of the masala, so multiply the ingredients if you need more.

Ingredients:

Cumin seeds - 3 tbsps

Coriander seeds - 1 tbsp

Fennel seeds - 1 1/2 tsps

Raw mango / amchur powder - 4 tbsps

Powdered black salt - 3 tbsps

Freshly ground black pepper - 1 1/2 tsps

Hing / asafetida powder - 1/4 tsp

Ginger powder - 1 1/2 tsps

Dried, powdered mint - 1 tsp

Carom seeds - 1 1/2 tsps

Preparation:

1. Set up a flat griddle on medium heat.
2. When hot, put the cumin, coriander, and fennel seeds on it.
3. Dry roast these ingredients till the seeds begin to turn a little darker and start to give off their aromas. Stir often while roasting to prevent the seeds from burning.
4. When the seeds have roasted, take them off from the pan and spread on a plate to cool.
5. When cool, mix the seeds with all the other ingredients in a clean, dry, coffee grinder or food processor and grind till you get a fine, smooth powder.
6. The chaat masala is now ready to be used.



Element Six: A short true story of a Mukti girl

Approximately 2 minutes



“God, You can take care of the whole universe won’t You please take care of four of us?” cried Rani to her heavenly Father.

Rani had been abandoned by her husband because she had given birth to only girls—three of them. In India, girls aren’t considered as important as boys, so fathers want to have as many sons as possible. When Rani came home with her third little girl, her husband was very mean to her. Instead of love and compassion, Rani got anger and insults; it got so bad that she didn’t want to live anymore. Then things went from bad to worse when her husband got married to another lady and threw Rani out of his house.

Rani’s heart was broken. She had so many dreams for her girls and her husband, but everything seemed to work the opposite way. No hope, no dreams or future. Only eyes full of tears. Rani had no other option than to go to her own mother, but poverty kept on following her. Somehow they managed to survive—then Rani accepted Jesus as the savior of her life!

Rani tells how her brother came home after 5 years. Her mother spent so much money, time and energy searching for him but after a small prayer to Jesus, her brother dramatically called them 8 days later! This incident left her and her family in awe of Jesus’ great power. Rani and her mother surrendered themselves to our Living God’s love and care. God had not forgotten their needs. And so within a few days, Rani and her three daughters were brought to Ramabai Mukti Mission.

Rani was surprised by the warm welcome she received at Mukti. Everyone at Mukti kept giving her encouragement. “Don’t worry; God will take care of your daughters, they will grow up and get married and have a wonderful family.” Rani’s eyes filled with tears thinking that her own husband and in-laws abandoned her but people whom she never met became her own. She experienced God’s promise, “I will never leave nor forsake you.”

Rani is currently helping at the Kothar (the main Kitchen) at Mukti. She loves to cook food for the children. She is happy to see her own girls happy and growing in the Lord. She says that she does not know how to thank God for the marvelous things He has done in her life.

Rani says whenever she feels that the day is too long and tiring, God reassures her with this verse from Isaiah: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. - Isaiah 61:4 NIV

Element Seven: India/Mukti Lapbook

Approximately 10 minutes

Supplies:

- Copies of Week 4 Lapbook papers
 - Week 4 Lapbook People (Please pre-cut the pages so that each child receives one of the strips.)
 - Ramabai's story pages 7-8 and cover
 - Lapbook Top of Page
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Glue
- Safety scissors
- Stapler

Instructions

1. Give each student his or her lapbook.
2. Pass out the pre-cut People of India page.
3. If you have printed it in black and white, allow the children to color the pictures first.
4. Then talk to the children about the pictures--the bottom picture is of a blind lady who lives at Mukti Mission. She is making a basket.
5. Now have the children fold the paper along the white space between the pictures so that it makes an accordion fold.
6. Glue top part of "People of India" to the bottom righthand side of the lapbook. (See info below.)
7. Hand out pages 7-8 and the cover of the Ramabai story. Have children color them.
8. Staple all the pages of Ramabai's story together with the cover to make a booklet.
9. Have the children cut out Lapbook Top of Page. There is only half a page for each child. The children should cut along the black lines and then glue it to the top of their lapbook.
9. The lapbook is now complete and students can take it home to their parents!

Step 5

Do NOT fold

Fold

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People of India



For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
~ John 3:16

Step 6

Once folded, it should look like this, with the pictures behind the verse.

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Glue top only to lapbook

Step 9



Finished Lapbook!

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Element Eight: Prayer for the children of Mukti

Approximately 5 minutes

- *Pray for the girls in the stories.
- *Pray that new girls to the Mission will be welcomed.
- *Pray for the matron mothers.
- *Pray for the girls as they go to school.
- *Pray that the girls would all become followers of Jesus!



Element Nine: Play an Indian children's game

Approximately 10 minutes

Kokku Para Para

Kokku para para is a famous game still played by kids between 5 and 10 years old in villages and in schools.

The more players there are, the more fun it is! And it can be played anywhere depending upon the size of the group.

How to Play Game:

1. All the players need to sit in a circle with their hands touching the ground.
2. One player in the group will be the commander and the other players should do actions according to the commands given by the commander.
3. The commander should name an item along with the “para para” (Fly Fly).
4. For example if the commander says “Kokku Para Para (Crane Fly Fly)” The kids should repeat “Kokku Para Para” and shake their hands as a crane would fly. But if he says “Plate Para Para” no actions will be made by the players because plates cannot fly.
5. The players need to listen carefully to what the commander says and should judge whether the commander is saying a flying object or a non-flying object and should act accordingly.
6. If any of the players from the group makes any action for an object that was called by the commander that does not fly, then that player will be out for rest of the game.
7. The commander will command slowly at the beginning and will increase the speed in order to eliminate the players from the game.
8. The last player in the game is the winner.

Mukti girls playing a game.



Element Ten: Tell the children good-bye in Marathi

Approximately 1 minute

1. As each child leaves give them “Nemaste” and say “Niropa.”
2. Niropa means goodbye, and is pronounced “Knee-row-pah.”

