Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy Southeast Asian Foods: Provide fried rice or spring rolls, plates, napkins, forks (if using fried rice) and water. Give each child their snack. Talk about how Kirk and Suzie work with a small unreached people group in Southeast Asia. Some popular foods in Southeast Asia that are also popular in the United States are fried rice and spring rolls. Talk about the different foods that are popular in your community.

Older Children

Dictionary Drill: Gather enough dictionaries for one for each pair of children. Divide the children into pairs (or into two teams if you only have two dictionaries). Tell children they will look up items in the dictionary. Encourage them to find things like "a fruit that starts with a b, a word with eight or more letters, the definition of "church," etc. Ask children to name some things to find as well. Talk about how dictionaries help us learn and understand. Talk about the importance of being able to learn the definitions of new words.

Older Children

Create a New Language: Provide paper and pencils. Tell children that there are over 7,000 languages spoken in the world today. We don't have an exact number because some languages are disappearing, and new ones are being created. Encourage children to think about how they would create a new language. Encourage them to work together to create words in their new language for "hello," "goodbye," "please" and "thank you." Ask children to create a name for their new language as well.

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Theme Overview

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Bible Verse

Acts 2:1–6

On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak. Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem. And when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered. But they were surprised, because they were hearing everything in their own languages.

Session Outline

Prepare

- Make copies of the Student Handout.
- Review the Story and Bible Verse.

Welcome

- Greet students as they arrive.
- **Ask**: "Who teaches you about God's love?"

Engage

- Distribute the Student Handout.
- Read and discuss the Bible Verse.
- Work on the Handout Activity.
- Transition to Story Time.

Share

- Tell the Story, "Translating the Love of God through the Dictionary."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Translating the Love of God through the Dictionary

Dear CBF Family, Greetings from Southeast Asia! We have been hard at work over the last 20 years to help the B people develop an alphabet and books for their language. It had never been written down before! Way back in 2004, a donor gave us the opportunity to pursue a dream project: creating a dictionary for the B people! We wanted to help the B people in three countries reconnect and understand one another. We needed a big place to bring all these people together, and were happy when a forest ranger allowed us to use a national park famous for its big caves—where people could go to relax during the hottest part of the day. The B people hadn't met their cousins from the other countries in 200 years—so they were very excited to share stories and talk about their history! We set out collecting words, and soon, we were at 16,000 words in four dialects. Now, after so long, God has blessed us with people who have worked through those words, fixing duplicates and misspellings, adding photographs, audio clips and example sentences in the B language as well as English. When we showed this to some of the villagers, they were thrilled! A dictionary might not sound like an exciting book to most of us, but the B people feel that it shows that they speak a complex language with thousands of words. It means that they can communicate with and learn from each other. And we pray it means that they will be open to reading more, including God's Word—which was published in 2016 and is used in the small B church. We hope and pray that they will learn how much God values them. So, the next time you break out the dictionary (or search for a word online), think about how amazing it is to see the words in your language. And say a prayer for the B people! Love, Kirk and Suzie

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: How are Kirk and Suzie helping the B people?
- **Ask**: How do you think making a dictionary could help the B people learn about God's love?
- **Ask**: How can we share God's love with others?
- **Say**: Kirk and Suzie are helping the B people communicate with one another by creating a dictionary of their language. With this, they finally have a written version of their language, and they can use it to understand other B dialects and write to other B people in different countries. They can also better understand their own language. It will hopefully help them be more open to reading books, including the Bible. Kirk and Suzie are sharing God's love with them by listening to them, learning about them, and helping them. We can do the same with everyone we meet.
- **Pray**: Dear God, thank you for Kirk and Suzie. Help the B people be open to hearing about your great love. Amen.

Kirk and Suzie

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Word Scramble

Unscramble the words to discover the hidden message!
(Hint: it comes from Acts 2:6)

TBU _____

HTYE _____

WREE _____

DERRSPISU _____

ESCBUAE _____

HAGERNI _____

NIGVYHERTE _____

NI _____

HEIRT _____

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UGGANESAL _____