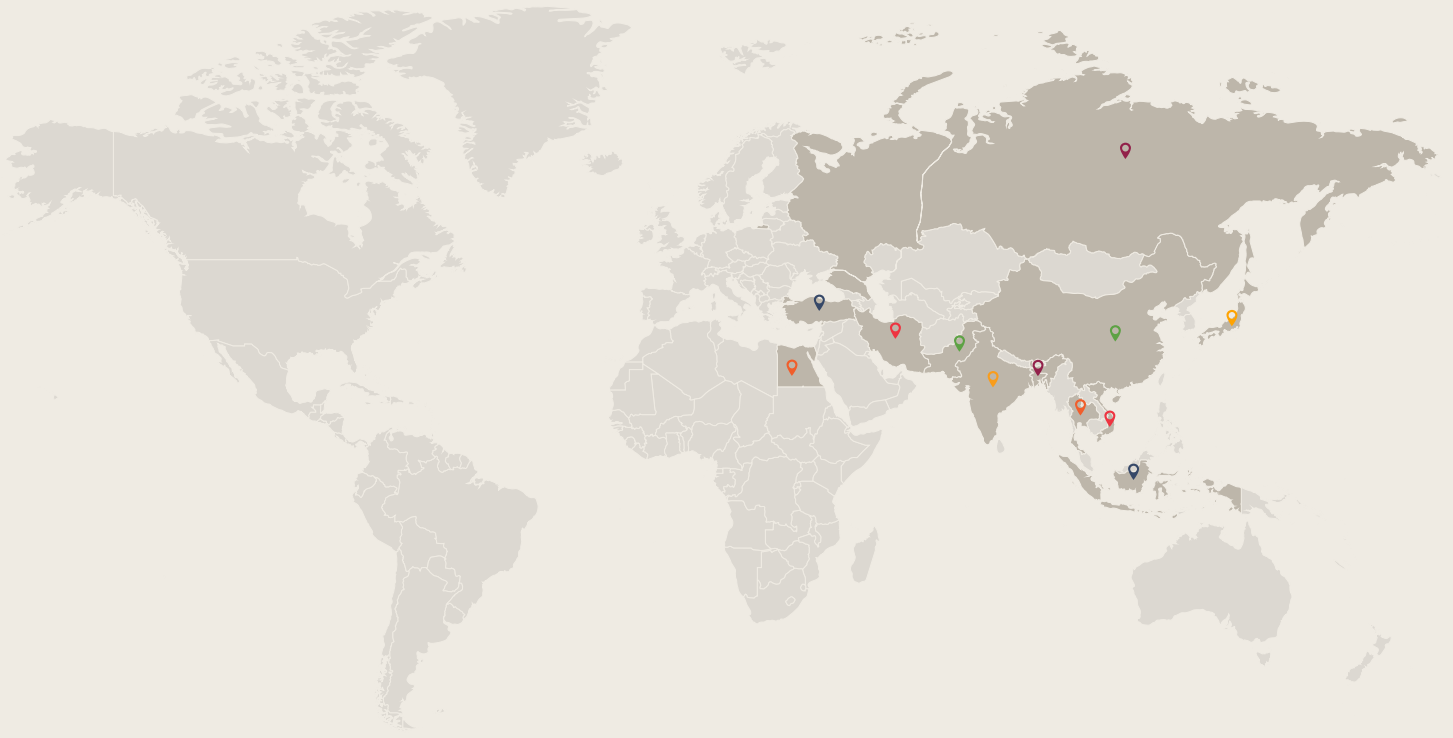


Family Guide

April 2023
Egypt



“Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
and the very ends of the earth as Your possession.”
— Psalm 2:8, New American Standard Bible 1995



A One-Year Prayer Adventure!

Using this handy family guide, we will travel to a faraway country every month, learn about its people and culture and pray for them. We will focus on a different least-reached country in every guide. There are 12 countries total so there are 12 family guides in 2023—one for every month.

Why do we call these countries “least reached”? Many of the people in these countries have never heard about Jesus, or it’s difficult for them to hear about Him. Even though you won’t get on a plane to each country, when you pray, you join our adventure—our mission to make a difference in the lives of the people in each country.

The best part is you’ll always know what to pray for. This family guide gives you a prayer request for every day of the week. Moms, dads and kids everywhere will be praying for the same thing together too. Let’s get started by learning about this month’s country.

WELCOME TO Egypt!



This month in Egypt—the land of the Great Pyramids and the Nile River—most Egyptians will celebrate a religious holiday named Ramadan. This holiday focuses on growing spiritually and getting closer to the god of their religion. Let's pray that as Egyptians stop to reflect, Jesus will reveal Himself and His endless love to them.



Fun Facts About Egypt



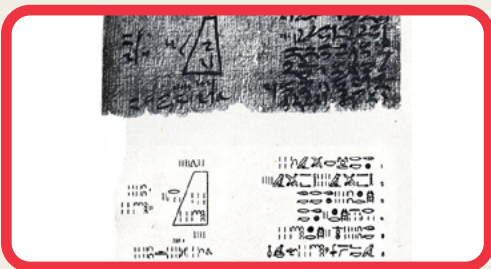
Egypt is home to the world's longest river, the Nile. As a baby Moses was placed in a basket in the Nile (Exodus 2:3).



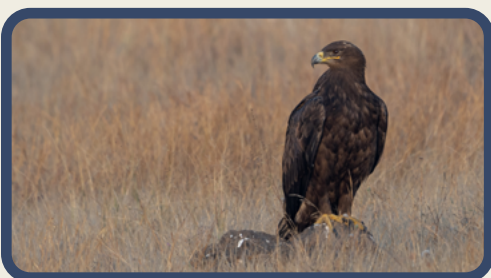
The Sahara and Libyan deserts stretch across different countries in Africa, including Egypt. In fact, they cover most of Egypt. Only about .79" of rain falls in the deserts each year. Jesus Film Project is in Florida and we regularly get that much and more in just one thunderstorm. Does it rain much where you live?



Out of all the countries in the Middle East, Egypt has the most Facebook users.



Egypt has the oldest known math book in the world. What is your favorite class at school?



The Steppe Eagle is the national animal of Egypt. Since it lives in areas without trees, it makes a nest on the ground. Most eagles build nests near the top of trees or on top of tall poles.

Ready to pray for the people of Egypt?

In January I wrote about the importance of reaching people with the gospel in their heart language. Creating a regular time to pray each day was the topic in February. How are you doing with praying daily for a least-reached country? In March I talked about our need to depend on God for everything and that He is Omniscient (all knowing) and Omnipotent (all powerful). If you missed any of these you can find them here: [Family Prayer Guides](#)

This month we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Easter. God sent His Son, Jesus, to Earth to die on the cross so everyone, everywhere would know how much God loves them, be forgiven for their sins and learn how to live a life that honors God by following Jesus' example..

Let's pray that people in Egypt who don't yet know 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, International Children's Bible

As people who already know Jesus, we can make a difference. We can help the people of Egypt hear about Jesus by spending time with the Lord God in prayer. Remember, prayer is simply talking and listening to God. We can pray anytime and anywhere, even with our eyes open. But closing our eyes so we are not distracted by what's around us is usually helpful. Where is your favorite place to pray? Who do you like to pray with?

When we remember that God—who is all powerful and in complete control—eagerly listens to our prayers, that can encourage us to pray more. And He doesn't just listen, He responds to our prayers. Wow!

Your 2023 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



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Week 1: April 1–7, 2023

*“God, have mercy on us and bless us.
Show Your kindness to us.
Then the world will learn Your ways.
All nations will learn that You can save.”*

– Psalm 67:1-2, International Children’s Bible



Week 1 Prayers



■ Day 1

Pray that people sharing the good news of Jesus with the people of Egypt would seek His way on how to work together to grow the family of God.

■ Day 2

Ask the Lord to help many, many Egyptians who haven’t yet heard the good news of Jesus to soon hear about Him and invite Him into their lives.

■ Day 3

In the verse below, the writer Paul clearly encourages us to pray for everyone. That includes your family, your friends, your neighbors, your classmates, the people in your city, state, nation and all the people of Egypt. Does this seem impossible? It doesn’t have to be. Make a plan. Pray for one group each day.

“First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to Him. ... God wants all people to be saved. And He wants everyone to know the truth.” – 1 Timothy 2:1, 4, ICB

■ Day 4

Pray for God to provide all that is needed—money, supplies and other necessary things—to help Christ followers share the gospel message with Egyptians.

■ Day 5

Some Egyptians are taking God’s truth to their people as well as to other countries. Pray for God to guide these Christians to people who want to know Jesus.

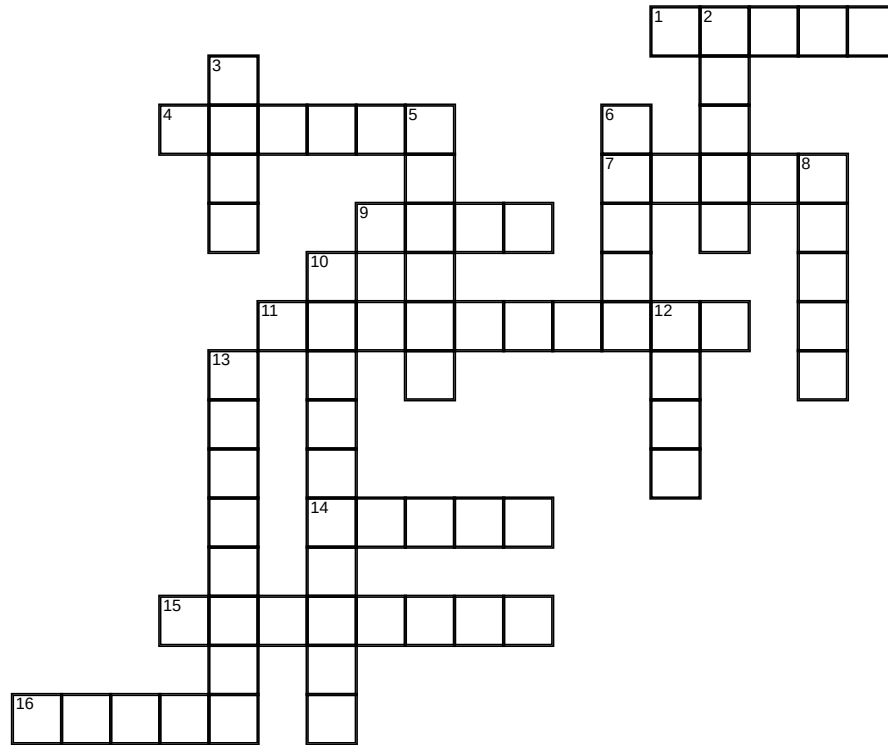
■ Day 6

Churches all around the world are made up of people who are not perfect. There is only one person who lived a perfect life—Jesus! Pray that His followers in Egypt will trust and obey Him. As they grow more loving and kind—like Him—may their friends and neighbors see it and want to follow Him too.

■ Day 7

Pray students of all ages in Egypt would be glad and ready to receive the good news of Jesus as soon as they hear it.

Week 1 Activity: Crossword



Across

- 1 Celebrate ___' resurrection at Easter.
- 4 A well known desert that is partly in Egypt.
- 7 Majority religion in Egypt.
- 9 Common pets that were considered sacred.
- 11 All powerful
- 14 Capital of Egypt
- 15 Egypt has more users of this social media site, __, than any other country in the Middle East.
- 16 "Ship of the desert." An animal used when crossing the desert.

Down

- 2 Steppe _____ - national animal of Egypt (see coloring page).
- 3 Egypt has the oldest book containing this subject with numbers.
- 5 Official language of Egypt
- 6 God's Word
- 8 Famous Old Testament leader who was born in Egypt. His mom put him in a basket to save his life.
- 10 All knowing
- 12 Name of the longest river in the world. Where baby Moses floated in a basket.
- 13 The name for soccer in most of the world. Very popular in Egypt.

WORD LIST:

ARABIC
BIBLE
CAIRO
CAMEL

CATS
EAGLE
FACEBOOK
FOOTBALL

ISLAM
JESUS
MATH
MOSES

NILE
OMNIPOTENT
OMNISCIENT
SAHARA

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Week 2: April 8-14, 2023

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper. He will give you this Helper to be with you forever. The Helper is the Spirit of truth. ... He lives with you and He will be in you."

— John 14:16-17, ICB



Week 2 Prayers



■ Day 8

Pray for Egypt's president and other leaders to lead wisely and make good decisions for its people.

■ Day 9

Today we are praying this verse for every Christian in Egypt.

"Lord, teach me what You want me to do. And I will live by Your truth. Teach me to respect You completely." — Psalm 86:11, ICB

When praying Scripture, you can simply add names or whole groups of people into the verse. Like this: "Lord, teach Christians in Egypt what You want them to do. May they live by Your truth. Teach them to respect You completely." This is another great verse to pray for yourself, your family and friends.

■ Day 10

There are many people in Egypt who are poor. Pray for Egyptians to receive important needs, like food, housing and jobs. May they also come to understand God's love for them.

■ Day 11

Ask God to encourage many Egyptian Christians to share the story of Jesus with their own people and with people in other countries.

■ Day 12

Ask God to keep Egypt's people and country safe from anyone who might want to do them harm. Pray they would put their trust in God.

■ Day 13

Christians around the world are different in many ways. But because we all love and serve Jesus and are learning how to live His way by reading His Word (the Bible), we should agree on what matters most to God. These are the things that help us to be loving, kind and cooperative with others in God's family. Pray that Egypt's Christians and all Christians everywhere will do these things that help us become more like Jesus.

■ Day 14

Pray for Christian leaders wherever they are in Egypt. Pray that they let their light shine for Jesus among those who don't yet know Him and among His followers too.

Week 2 Activity: Coloring Page

Steppe Eagle



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Week 3: April 15–21, 2023

“Lord, all the nations You have made will come and worship You. They will honor You.”

— Psalm 86:9, ICB



Week 3 Prayers



■ Day 15

Join us in praying that all Egyptian Christians will read the Bible to learn what God wants them to do, then obey His teaching every day.

“So you must fully obey the Lord our God. You must follow all His laws and commands. You must continue to obey in the future as you do now.” — 1 Kings 8:61, ICB

■ Day 16

People sometimes search for information on their computer or phone. Some of it is truthful and some information can be harmful. Pray for people who want to know about Jesus or the God of the Bible. May God draw them to what is truthful and helpful.

■ Day 17

Pray for opportunities for Christians in Egypt to learn how to help others know God and grow with Him.

■ Day 18

Pray God will help Christians be strong when they face unkind people and hard things. Pray that their strong faith in God will attract others to Jesus’ gospel of peace.

■ Day 19

Have you ever played a game and each team was made up of two people? They are partners working together, helping each other get a job done, like getting to the finish line first. In Egypt and other countries, some churches have partners too, like another church or a group of people who want to help in some way. These are called “partnerships.” Pray that churches and their partners will work well together to get jobs done.

■ Day 20

Some Christians in Egypt use their country’s holidays to gather with their friends and show them the love of Jesus. Pray that God will make it possible for them to gather together, and that He will lead and protect Christians as they share about Jesus.

■ Day 21

Pray that many Christian Egyptians can be trained to use social media on computers and phones to reach people who haven’t met Jesus. Imagine that! We can use our computers and phones to share Jesus.

Week 3 Activity: Word Search

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C F D F L Q Q E A G L E O E H
A B G M U S L I M R I S M G D
I B A Z F O O T B A L L N N B
R T S R K V M O V I E P I G U
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JESUS

MOSES

MOVIE

MUSLIM

NILE

OMNIPOTENT

OMNISCIENT

PYRAMIDS

SAHARA

04

Week 4: April 22–28, 2023

“Then all the people of the world will know the Lord is the only true God.”

– 1 Kings 8:60, ICB



Week 4 Prayers



■ Day 22

In Egypt many things help Christians share the message of Jesus, like social media, videos and Bible studies. We think of them as tools in our toolbox. Pray that God would show Egyptians which tools to use each time they want to help someone understand His message.

■ Day 23

Ask God to lead many followers of Jesus to be messengers of God’s love in Egypt and in other places where people haven’t yet heard about His love.

■ Day 24

Pray that Egyptian Christian leaders would ask for God’s wisdom in helping their country fix some very big problems.

■ Day 25

Join us in praying for Christians around the world to send Bibles to the Egyptian people in their own heart language, wherever they may be—even in faraway places—so everyone can learn that God loves them.

■ Day 26

Join us in praying this prayer written by Paul. In the Bible, he was praying for the Christians in Ephesus. Today, we are praying for Christians in Egypt.

“I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ—to the glorious Father. I pray that He will give you a spirit that will make you wise in the knowledge of God—the knowledge that He has shown you.”

– Ephesians 1:17, ICB

■ Day 27

Thank the Lord for Jesus followers who go to where poor people live to serve them and show they care. By doing this the people may come to know how great God’s love is for them.

■ Day 28

Christian workers have a hard job! Taking the message of Jesus to new places may mean they are separated from their families, are around unfamiliar things, and need to trust God in new ways. Ask God to provide friends, food, clothes and a place to live.

Week 4 Activity: Trace John 14:6 in Arabic

يوحنا 14:6

فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «أَنَا هُوَ

الطَّرِيقُ وَالْحَقُّ وَالْحَيَاةُ.

لَا أَحَدَ يَأْتِي إِلَى الْآبِ إِلَّا بِي.

Arabic Bible: Easy-to-Read Version

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.’”

– John 14:6, ICB



Week 5 Prayers



■ Day 29

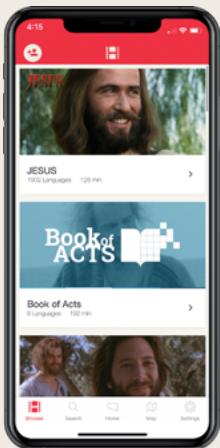
Egyptian churches need people to teach others about the Bible, to show others how to live God's way and how to tell others about their faith. Then, they too can teach and show others. Ask God to bring many teachers to the churches in Egypt.

■ Day 30

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Egypt each day this month. 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 Egyptian people who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.

Resources

- ▶ Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to Egypt.
<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/EG>
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos.
<https://www.prayercast.com/egypt.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 2,000 languages on our website.
<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english.html>
- ▶ We also have multiple other films and short films available.
<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch.html>
- ▶ For more Jesus Film Project® prayer resources—including access to each month’s family prayer guide—visit the prayer page on the Jesus Film Project website.
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