

Family Guide

Vietnam



“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 family guides covering 12 countries this year—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 Vietnam!



Welcome to Vietnam! Did you know that this country in Southeast Asia is full of natural beauty and wonder? If you were to visit you might see bright green hillsides that look like big steps as far as your eyes can see. These are called terraced fields, and it's where Vietnamese farmers grow rice. There are also plenty of beautiful and inviting beaches where you can swim. Delicious Vietnamese foods are fresh and fragrant, and almost always include rice. Vietnamese people love spending time with their families and communities, and they are known for warmly welcoming visitors.

Travel with us as we learn about this nation and as we pray for God to continue working in and blessing the Vietnamese people.



Vietnam is shaped like an "S" and is located in Southeast Asia.

Fun Facts About Vietnam



Pho, a popular Vietnamese noodle soup, is a national dish known for its flavorful broth.



Ha Long Bay in Vietnam is known for its stunning emerald waters and thousands of limestone islands.



The gibbon is a type of monkey that lives in dense forests and jungles in Vietnam. These energetic monkeys eat fruit, eggs and insects.



Vietnam is the world's second-largest producer of coffee and the seventh-largest producer of tea.



Vietnam is home to 54 different people groups, each with its own unique traditions and languages. The *JESUS* film is available in 27 of these languages.

Ready to pray for the people of Vietnam?

Vietnam has close to 100 million people. Out of every four Vietnamese people, one of them is below the age of 15. The majority of Vietnamese people do not believe in any god. Most have never heard about the God of the Bible and how He sent His son, Jesus, to die on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why we're excited you're joining us in prayer every day this month for the people of Vietnam.

These monthly family prayer guides provide weekly Bible verses, activities for you to do and daily prayer requests for the country of the month. One goal for this prayer plan is to help you make time for prayer each and every day.

Did you know that many people don't have a regular time to pray, except before meals and maybe at bedtime? Do you pray every day? Do you want to pray more? Using this prayer guide, you can make a plan with your family for when you will pray for Vietnam each day.

Your 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



WEEK 1 REQUESTS



“The Lord is close to everyone who prays to Him, to all who truly pray to Him.”

– Psalm 145:18, International Children’s Bible



Day 1

Christian workers continue to work together in many provinces all over the country of Vietnam. They have been faithful to share the message of Jesus, and their work has led to many new churches being planted. Praise the Lord for their faithfulness.

Day 2

May the Lord continue to spark interest in all who saw *JESUS* on TV over Christmas. May they continue to think about and even dream about what they saw, so they will pursue knowing more about Jesus.

Day 3

Christian churches and their activities in Vietnam are restricted in some ways, which can limit what followers of Jesus can do in public places. Pray for God to give His followers wisdom to help them know when to speak boldly and joyfully about Jesus with those who haven’t yet heard about Him.

Day 4

Most Vietnamese children have not heard of the God of the Bible, nor about His son, Jesus. Many follow the religious traditions of their families and the villages in which they live. Let’s pray that God would make Himself known to them and that they would understand that Jesus died and rose again to set them free from sin.

Day 5

Films are great tools to tell others about Jesus and His gospel story. But some Christians in Vietnam don’t have the equipment they need to share movies with others. Pray for God to provide the equipment they need.

Day 6

Being a leader is an important job, and leading others can be a lot of hard work. Pray for the safety of Vietnam’s leaders and for God to help them lead in a way that promotes peace and well-being for all.

“You should pray for kings and for all who have authority. Pray for the leaders so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives—lives full of worship and respect for God.” – 1 Timothy 2:2, ICB

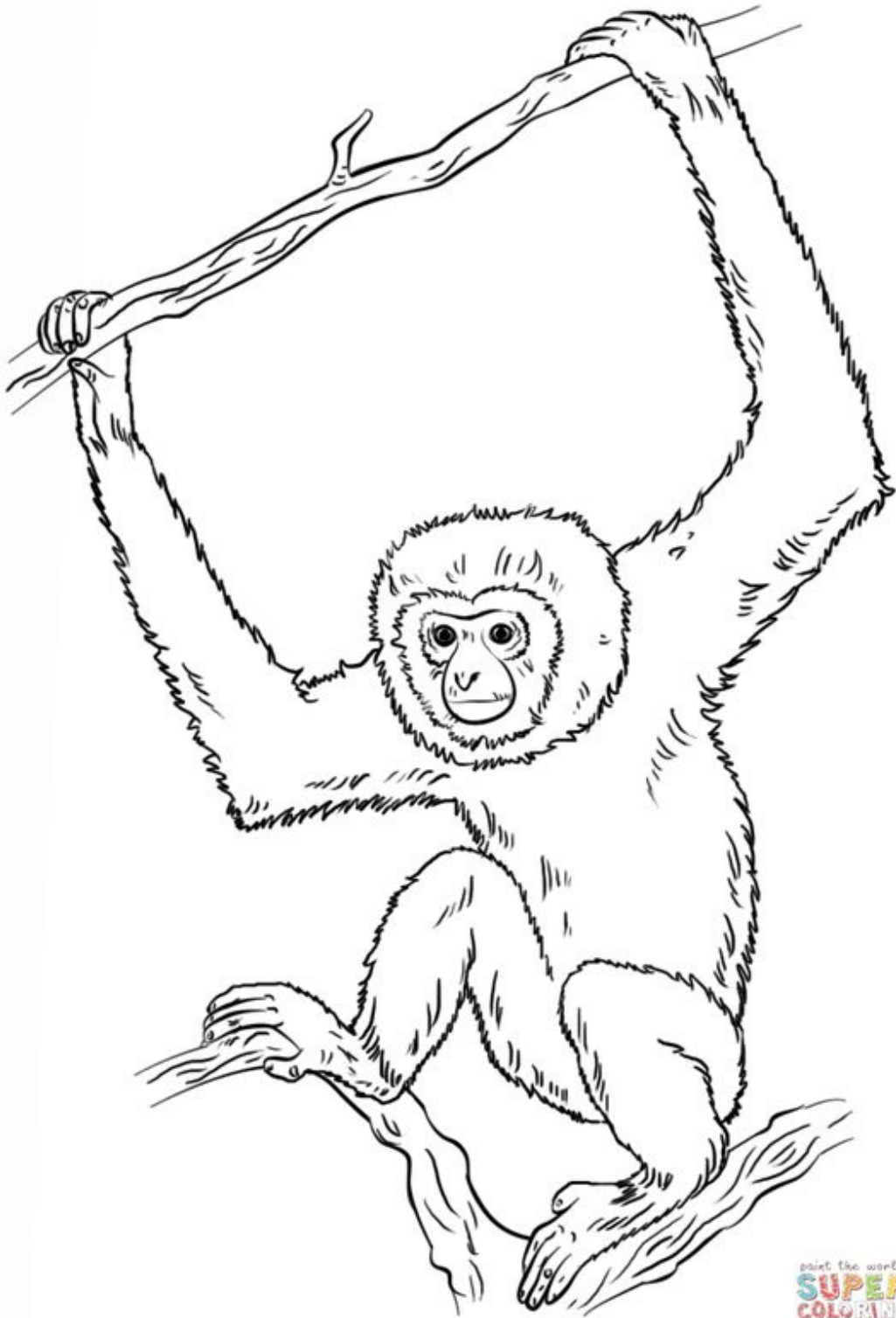
Day 7

Just before He went back to heaven, Jesus gave His followers instructions to go to all the nations and look for people who want to know Him. He told His followers to teach and train others in the same ways He taught and trained each of them.

That’s still happening today, and Jesus meant those instructions for all Christians! We can look for people who want to know Him, share the gospel message, then come alongside them as a friend, teaching and training the new followers in His ways. Pray that you, your family and Vietnamese Christians would follow Jesus’ call to tell others about Him.

Week 1 Activity: Coloring

Gibbon



WEEK 2 REQUESTS



*“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



Day 8

Ask God to give the Vietnamese people a heart that desires to know what is true: that Jesus is loving and kind, and that He offers His free gift of salvation to everyone.

Day 9

In many places in Vietnam, there is a mix of older and newer Christian churches close to one another. Ask God to show them how to help each other (especially older ones helping newer ones).

Day 10

Skilled people are making Christian movies that help guide people toward the truth of Jesus. These filmmakers design movies specifically for a people group by including things from their culture that help them understand the gospel. Pray for more skilled movie-makers to make more of these kinds of movies for the people of Vietnam.

Day 11

Many students in Vietnam haven't heard about Jesus. Pray that God will bring Christians to every school and college in Vietnam to tell the students about Him.

Day 12

Pray that Vietnamese families will put their faith in Jesus and learn to live God's way.

Day 13

“[Jesus] said to them, ‘There are a great many people to harvest. But there are only a few workers to harvest them. God owns the harvest. Pray to God that He will send more workers to help gather His harvest.’” – Luke 10:2, ICB

This Bible verse says there are many people ready right now to say “Yes!” to Jesus' invitation to follow Him! More Christians and Christian workers are needed who will take the message of Jesus to those who are ready in Vietnam. Let's go!

Day 14

In Vietnam, like in most countries, people tend to make their homes in the big cities, where there are more jobs, churches and activities. Smaller cities have fewer people and fewer churches. Pray for new Christian workers to do God's work in the smaller cities, because the people living in these places need to hear about Jesus too.

Week 2 Activity: Word Search

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VIETNAM

WEEK 3 REQUESTS



“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



Day 15

Pray that Vietnamese believers would make good use of the equipment they already have to show films about Jesus to people, giving them a chance to put their faith in Him.

Day 16

Pray that Christians and churches use the tools and opportunities they have, such as Christian films, social media ads and charity, to bring the gospel into all of Vietnam.

Day 17

When God leads a Christian to become a full-time Christian worker, it takes a whole team of people to help. Each of these people becomes a partner with that worker. Some pray, and some give money so the Christian worker gets paid to do his work, too. Thank the Lord for these partners who pray and who give!

Day 18

Sadly, slavery is common in Vietnam. Pray that the country would work hard to fight slavery. May those who enslave others be stopped from doing wrong. May victims of slavery be rescued and cared for and find hope by trusting in Jesus.

Day 19

Sometimes a group of Christian college students will decide to live together in one house or apartment. By doing that, they can learn how to live out their faith all together and help each other out. Pray that Christian students learn well how to live the way God wants them to and how to tell others about their faith in Jesus.

Day 20

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

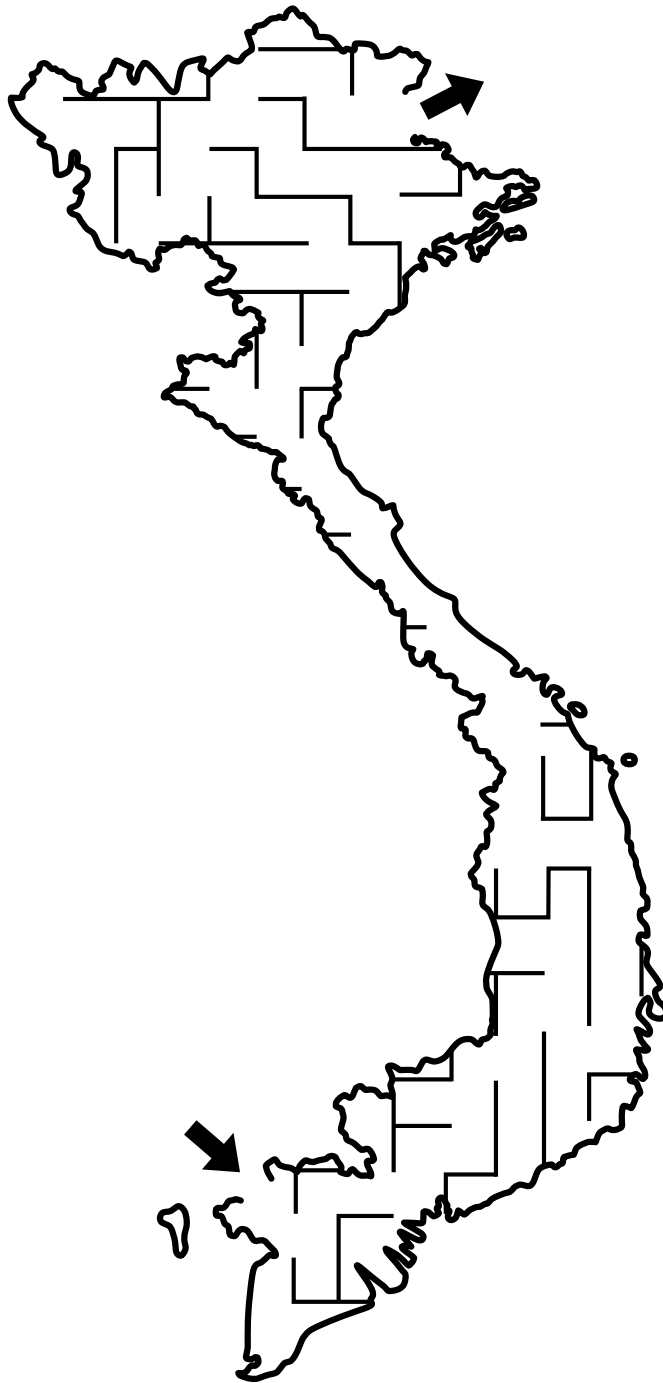
“All people everywhere, follow Me and be saved. I am God. There is no other God.” — Isaiah 45:22, ICB

Day 21

Thank God that 54 language groups in Vietnam now have some Christian films and other tools in their heart languages! Now they can hear the gospel story in a way they can understand. Pray that each of these resources will help to share the good news of Jesus in each language group.

Week 3 Activity: Maze

Vietnam Maze



WEEK 4 REQUESTS



“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



Day 22

Christians have a special job wherever they work to be the best representative for Jesus they can be. Treating others kindly, working hard, doing the best job they can and being truthful—all of these things matter to God and make the world a better place! Pray that the actions of Christians will draw many people to want to know more about Jesus.

Day 23

People use their computers and cell phones a lot to search for information. Sometimes they discover a Christian article or video—tools that share the message of Jesus. Ask God to lead Christians to use their skills in technology to make Christian tools that will attract those who don't yet know Jesus in Vietnam.

Day 24

When people have grown up believing in false gods, it can be hard for them to accept the ways of God of the Bible, even if they realize His ways are loving, kind and forgiving. Pray that their hearts will know the truth when they hear it and that they will accept that Jesus is trustworthy.

Day 25

Ask God to provide *JESUS* film translations so that Vietnam's biggest people groups will each have it in their heart language. Praise God that it is already in 27 languages, with another 27 left to go!

Day 26

It's great news that, right now, some Vietnamese Christians are learning how to share the gospel with others for a living. That's what they want to do with their whole lives! Pray they will learn well so they can join God in the work He is doing in their country.

Day 27

Even after we tell Jesus that we want to accept His gift of forgiveness and follow Him with our lives, we might disobey Him. His Word tells us that we should confess our sins to God, which just means telling God what we did wrong. Let's pray that all Christians, including Christians in Vietnam, will quickly tell God when they realize they did something wrong.

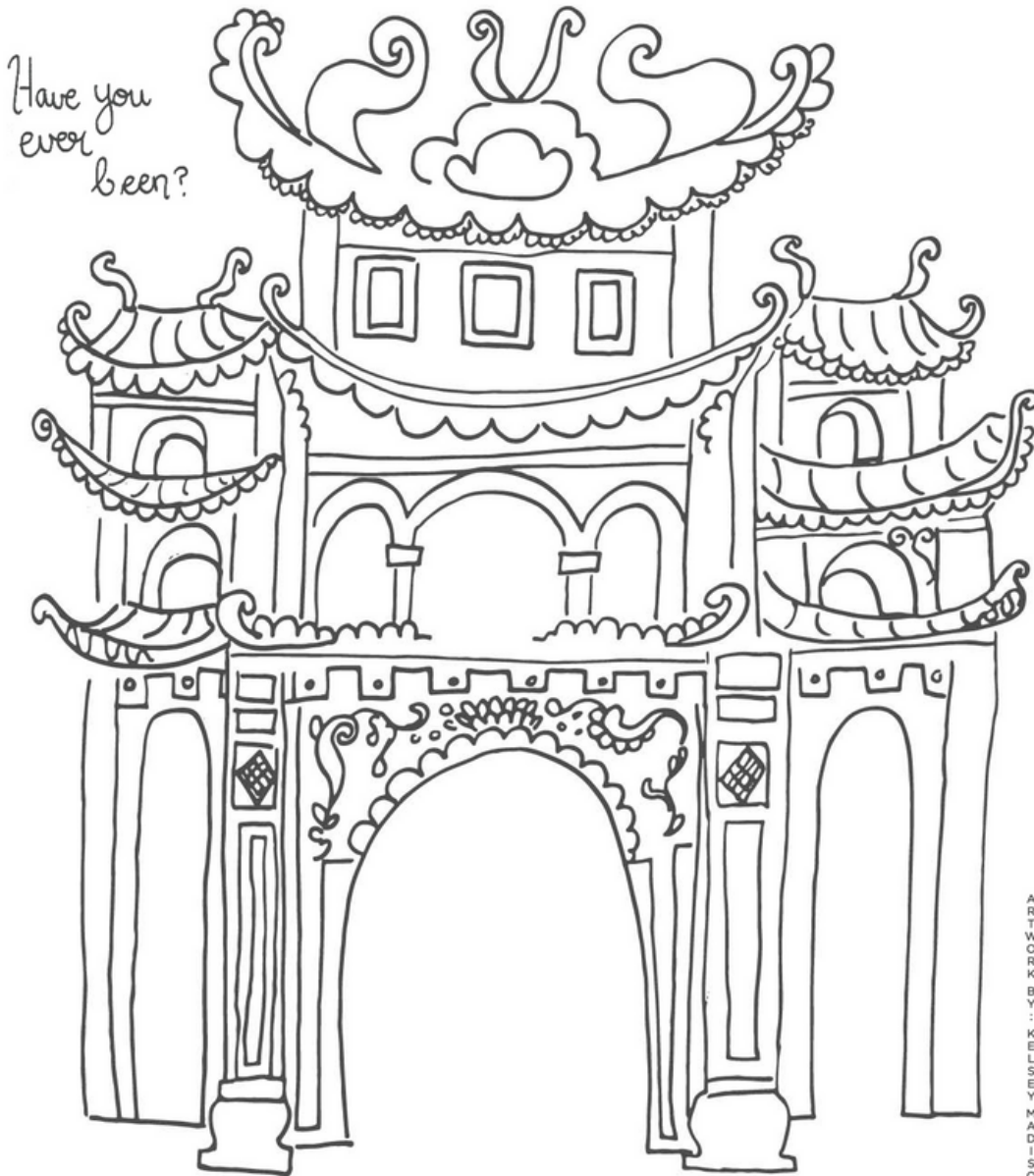
“But if we confess our sins, He will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done.”
— 1 John 1:9, ICB

Day 28

Ask the Lord to watch over each student in Vietnam and to lead them to find friends who are Christians. Pray they learn who God is, how much He loves them, and how much He wants to be their friend. Pray they learn to love God's Word and what it means to walk in His ways. May they grow their faith and live for God all the days of their lives.

Week 4 Activity: Coloring

Bich Dong Pagoda *Ninh Binh*



WEEK 5 REQUESTS



□ Day 29

A province is an area of land in a country, similar to one of the states, like Florida, in the United States. There are 63 provinces in Vietnam. Pray God raises up Christian workers in every Vietnamese province to share the gospel and plant churches.

□ Day 30

Everyone likes a good movie! Pray that many Vietnamese people will see films that tell the truth about Jesus through television broadcasts and that those who don't yet know Jesus would choose to trust Him with their life.

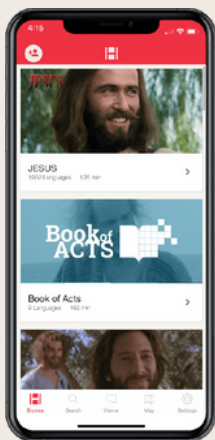
□ Day 31

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

Note: These guides can be used throughout the year so we are including 31 requests in each guide.

Resources

- ▶ Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about Turkey.
joshuaproject.net/countries/VM
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos.
prayercast.com/vietnam
- ▶ 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.
jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus
- ▶ We also have multiple other films and short films available. jesusfilm.org/watch
- ▶ 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.
jesusfilm.org/pray



The Jesus Film Project app is completely free and available on iOS and Android devices. Get the app now and start watching and sharing a huge library of Jesus-centered films.



This family guide is part of For the Least Reached: A Year of Prayer—a one-year prayer initiative created by Jesus Film Project. It's a great way for families to pray together for countries and people in the world who still don't know love, hope and forgiveness in Jesus. A new family guide is available every month.

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