

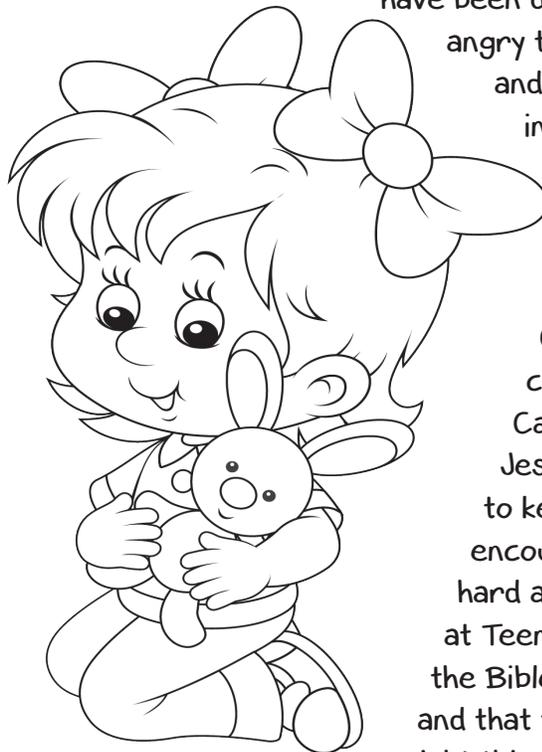
## CHILDREN'S PRAYER GUIDE SEPTEMBER 2018

### TEEN MINISTRY CAIRO, EGYPT

Have you ever been pressured by others to do something you knew was wrong? Have you ever had others make fun of you for believing in Jesus, or acting the way God wants you to act? These are issues that children and adults face all over the world! But, in some areas of the world it is very, very, hard to be a Christian.

Teen Ministry works with girls who live in an area of the city where people throw their trash. All of this garbage piles up and the area gets very smelly and dirty. These young women spend their days sorting through trash to find things that they or their families can sell. It is hard for them to stay clean, to go to school or to have enough food to eat. Teen Ministry helps these girls with all of these things. They also have a nice, clean building where the girls can spend time at learning about Jesus and reading the Bible. They learn how to live the way that Jesus wants them to and they see that life is better when you follow God.

This is good news for girls who live in such a hard place. But there are many people who don't want them to believe in Jesus or live like Him. They face peer pressure from their friends and families who may not want them to change the way they live. There are even some adults who offer to take the girls to dinner at a restaurant (a very rare treat!) if they will turn away from what they learn about Jesus at Teen Ministry. The staff and girls at Teen Ministry also face persecution from those around them. The cars of the staff



have been damaged by people who are angry that they love Jesus. Dogs and snakes have been tossed into the beautiful building to scare and even hurt the girls and staff while they study the Bible. All of these things make it hard to be a Christian. But Teen Ministry continues to help the girls in Cairo, and to teach them about Jesus. They also work hard to keep the girls safe and they encourage them when things are hard and scary. The staff and girls at Teen Ministry know that what the Bible says about Jesus is true and that following Him is the best and right thing to do.

## HOW TO PRAY:

- Pray that girls would be able to study the Bible at Teen Ministry without having to be afraid of persecution.
- Pray that the girls would believe in Jesus and trust in Him even when others pressure them not to.
- Thank God for Teen Ministry and for the help care they give to girls and teenagers living in a hard place.

## TRY AN EGYPTIAN FOOD: SALATIT ZABADI

### Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups of Greek style plain yogurt
- 1 Smaller English cucumbers, de-seeded
- Salt
- 1 Clove of minced garlic (you can omit this the first time if your kids don't like garlic, slowly ad a little more each time you make it!)
- A handful of mint leaves, chopped
- Olive oil

### Instructions:

1. Drain the yogurt of any liquid to make it as thick as possible.
2. First slice the cucumbers into very thin slices, and then dice them. Place them into a shallow bowl and sprinkle with salt. After an hour, you will see that the salt will have drawn out the liquid.
3. Drain the liquid from the cucumbers.
4. Combine the cucumbers, yogurt, garlic, mint, and finally the olive oil.
5. Serve with pita bread, or over kebabs.



## MEET JULIA

Julia is 10 years old and has 2 older brothers and an older sister. Her family gets their money by sorting through trash and recyclables looking for things to sell. Julia started helping her family with this as soon as she was able to walk. Julia first came to Teen Ministry when she was six years old. The teachers there taught her how to add and subtract and also how to read. It was very hard for Julia but she loves to learn! No one else in Julia's family has ever gone to school, so her parents didn't understand why it was important, but they agreed to send her to school. She is now one of the best students in her class! Julia is hoping that Teen Ministry will open their own school that she can go to. (Note: because it is dangerous to be a Christian, we can't show you Julia's face. This is a picture of girls sorting garbage like Julia does).

### HANDS-ON PRAYER CHALLENGE

One of the special things about Teen Ministry is that the girls meet friends who also want to follow Jesus. This month, talk to one of your friends about Jesus. Encourage them to do the things God wants them to. When you encourage your friend, pray for the girls at Teen Ministry. Pray that they would encourage each other to live like Jesus. You may even want to tell your friend about Teen Ministry and pray together!