



Bible Verse

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Catechism

THE LORD'S PRAYER: INTRODUCTION

Our Father who art in heaven.

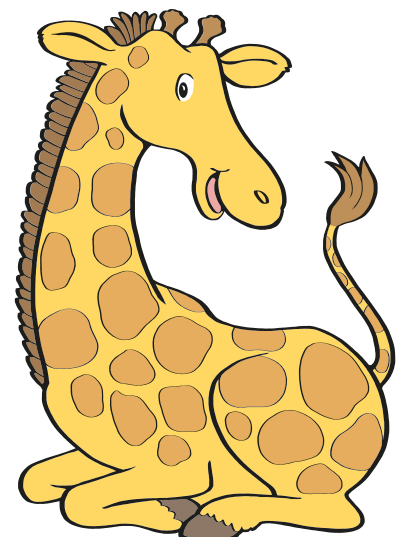
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Mission Moment

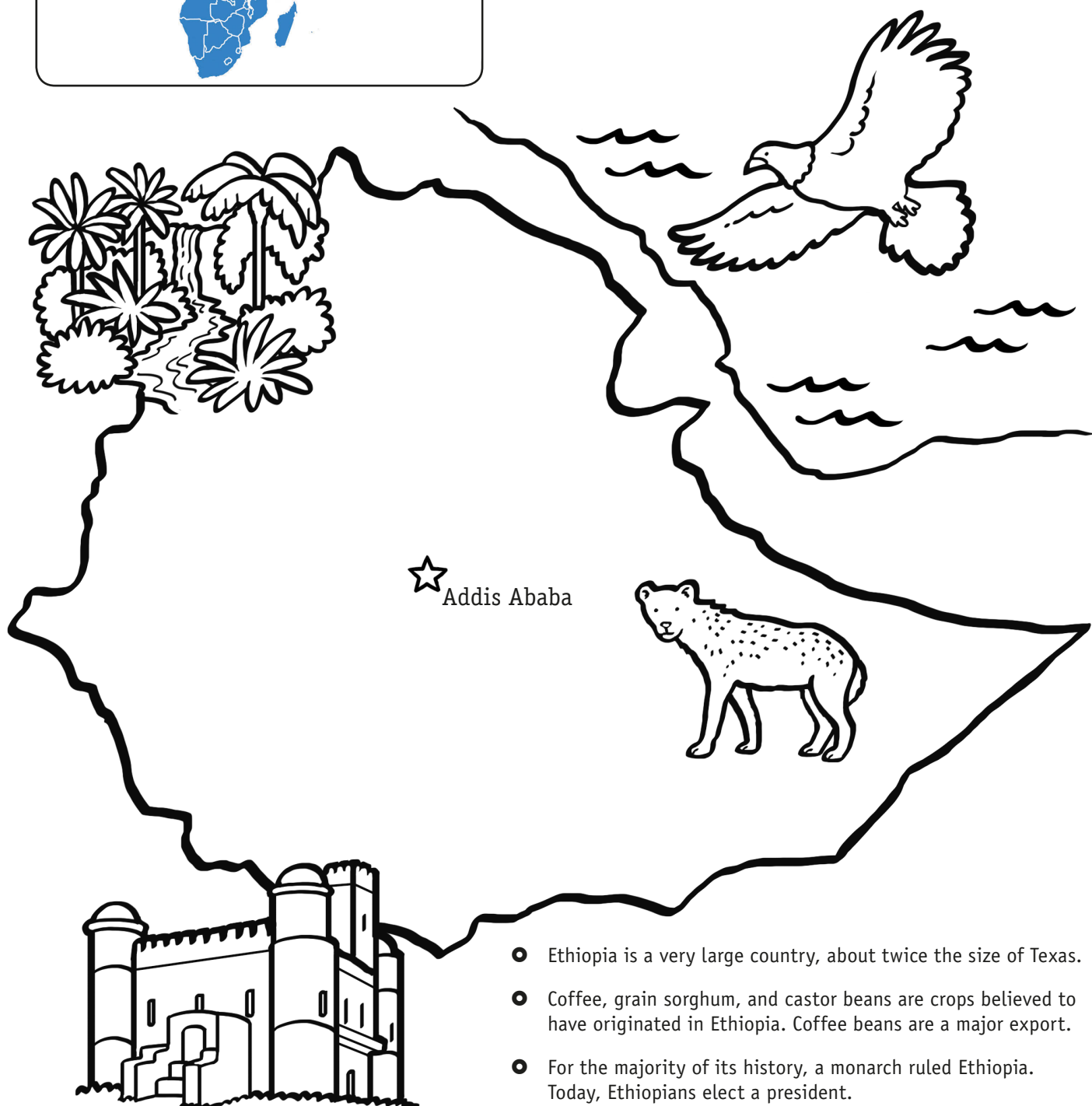
The Ethiopian eunuch did not know whom the Scriptures spoke about. So, Philip told the Ethiopian eunuch about Jesus and that Jesus died to save him from sin and death. Jesus' own disciples once wondered about God and asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer so they could learn how our heavenly Father loves us and died to save us from our sins. We can still learn about God's love for us today by learning the Lord's Prayer.

Missionaries to Ethiopia serve God's people by teaching men at the local seminaries, preparing them to become pastors and teachers of God's Word.

Ethiopia



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- Ethiopia is a very large country, about twice the size of Texas.
- Coffee, grain sorghum, and castor beans are crops believed to have originated in Ethiopia. Coffee beans are a major export.
- For the majority of its history, a monarch ruled Ethiopia. Today, Ethiopians elect a president.
- Amharic is the official national language, but English is taught in most schools.



RECIPE

Injera (Ethiopian Bread)

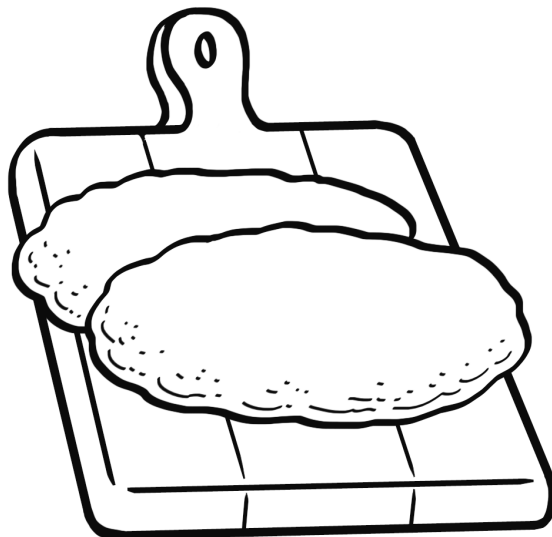
Yield: 5 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 2 cups seltzer water or club soda
- ½ teaspoon baking soda

Directions:

- Mix ingredients in a large bowl.
- Mix until consistency is like pancake batter.
- Heat large skillet over medium high heat.
- Add small amount of cooking spray.
- Pour a thin layer of mixture into the pan.
- Cook until spongy and cooked through.



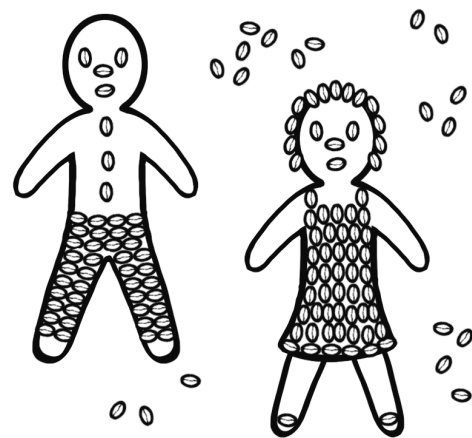
Coffee Bean Paper Dolls

Materials:

- Stiff construction paper (assortment of skin tones)
- Coffee beans
- Glue
- Scissors
- Boy and girl cardboard templates

Instructions:

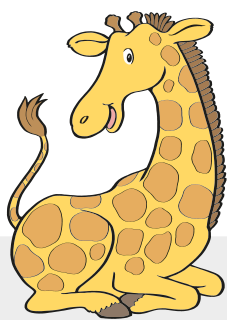
1. Trace cardboard template onto stiff construction paper.
2. Cut out boy or girl paper doll with scissors.
3. Use glue to place coffee beans to decorate or fill the paper doll figure.



Coffee beans
are the largest
agricultural product
of Ethiopia.



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Devotion and Prayers



Read Acts 8:26–39.

Have you ever been lost or unable to find your parents? Feeling lost is scary. Did you know that you were once spiritually lost, separated from God? When Adam and Eve first sinned, they broke the relationship they had with God. Because we are children of Adam, we inherit this sin, which made us enemies of God. In sin, we are lost!

But God is merciful. Through His grace, He sent His Son, Jesus, to find lost sinners, like you and me. Jesus lived a sinless life, suffered and died in our place, and rose again in victory. Through Jesus, our broken relationship with God is restored. We are the children of God again because of Jesus and by the work of the Holy Spirit through Baptism. As children of God, we can boldly pray, "Our Father who art in heaven."

Finally, because we are now children of God, we have inherited eternal life with Jesus. We live today in confidence and joy in the hope of that eternal life.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Our Father, we thank You for the food, clothing, homes, and family members who care for us. Thank You for the missionaries in Ethiopia who teach the people about Jesus, the bread of life. In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

BEDTIME PRAYER

Our Father, thank You for keeping us safe this day. Forgive us for all our sins today when we have hurt others and failed to love You. Grant us a restful sleep, and protect the missionaries in Ethiopia as they serve Your children in that country. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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