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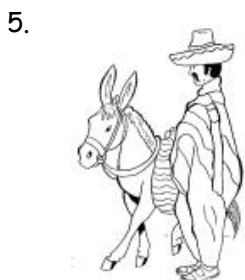
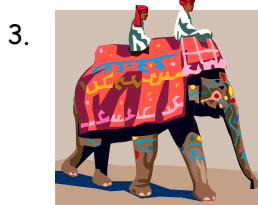
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How do you get around most of the time? Maybe you usually walk to school or to the store, or if you live in Europe or North America, you probably ride a bus or go with your parents in the car. If you live in a big city you may travel by public transport such as a taxi, bus or subway train; but if you live on a farm or in a village you may have to walk just about everywhere - unless you get the chance to ride on a donkey or a bicycle! In this issue we want to talk about different types of transportation that people, even children, use on a daily basis around the world.



Why don't you see if you can make a list of all the different types of transportation you can think of?

When we think of all the various places around the world where people live, we realize that some people have to use very different types of transportation. Cars and bicycles don't work well in desert sand or in deep snow in the mountains! People who live on islands or on the water usually use some kind of boat; and often it is the custom to use local animals to give transportation. See if you can match the following pictures with a country where they may be found:



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

ENGLAND

CANADA

VIETNAM

MEXICO

FRANCE

AUSTRALIA

INDIA

EGYPT

AFGHANISTAN

Even here in the **USA** people use many different forms of transport. Recently I visited a local church here in Texas where some of the people come to church on horseback! In fact it is known as a "Cowboy Church"! Near where our daughter lives in Maryland, there are many Amish people. These are Christians who do not believe in using electricity or phones, or owning motor vehicles so they still travel around in old-fashioned horse-drawn carriages as in this photo. Similar horse-drawn carriages are a very common mode of transport in Communist **Cuba**, where government restrictions mean there are very few cars, and almost all of those are over 50 years old!



When I visited Africa, I found that most cities are VERY congested as there is rarely any planning for motorized traffic. In **Egypt**, just as in **Kenya** and **Togo**, traveling in cities is very dangerous as cars, buses, donkey carts, motorcycles and people all weave in and out in the streets! In **China** and many Asian countries where it is also very crowded, it is often quicker to travel by rickshaw or a similar carriage drawn by a bicycle. One or two people can be pulled by a runner and this form of transport has been used for hundreds of years in many parts of the world, where it is known by many different names.



But where there are millions of people who need to travel around a city or across larger distances, other forms of more modern transport are needed. Many cities around the world now have subway systems underground so that office workers, tourists and people in general can travel around more easily - though you may have seen how in **Japan** SO MANY people are traveling this way that guards have to help push the people inside the trains so the doors can close! In **India**, the railway system was developed years ago during the British rule and it is still the most used form of transportation - in fact so many people travel by train that there are not enough seats and often people sit on top of the roof or hang onto the sides!



Of course when Jesus lived in **Israel** two thousand years ago, he had little choice but to walk everywhere! Only the Roman leaders and richest people rode horses or traveled by carriages drawn by horses or people. We know that he crossed the Sea of Galilee on a fishing boat, and on Palm Sunday he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as the crowds cheered him (Matthew 21). But as we read in the Gospels the many stories about Jesus traveling around the countryside preaching and healing the sick, we should remember that he did that by WALKING everywhere! I lived in Jerusalem many years ago and was able to visit many places that Jesus went - Jericho, Nazareth, Galilee, and even the Judean desert. The ground is rough, the climate is hot, and walking is hard, tiring, sweaty work! No wonder visitors were offered to have their feet washed after walking all day long! Jesus suffered blisters and cramped muscles just as all of us do when we have to walk a lot - but He did not let that stop him!

Jesus told his disciples to go out and preach the Gospel even to the ends of the earth - He knew that would take a long time, but Christianity quickly spread in just the first few centuries. Now that we have developed better means of transport and have new technology, it is much easier! Christians around the world must make full use of everything available to take the Gospel and reach the millions of people who still have not heard of Jesus - no matter whether they live on top of a mountain, deep in the jungle, in the desert, or on a tiny island in the ocean. Maybe YOU cannot take an airplane to another country or travel by boat to a distant island, but if you pray, the Lord will show you how YOU can help! As we all work together with Christians in other countries who CAN take a bus, or a canoe, or walk through the city or countryside preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Gospel WILL reach all over the world. We can help provide Bibles and Christian materials, and movies that tell about Jesus; we can support native pastors and ministers and pray for them. Let's all pray and do our part - and maybe one day YOU will travel by airplane and preach in another country!



'Til next time,

Your Friend,

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Answers: 1-Vietnam; 2-Egypt; 3-India; 4-Canada; 5-Mexico; 6-Papua New Guinea

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