

Family Guide

April 2022
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 (NASB 1995)

Welcome to Egypt

April finds us moving to a new continent, Africa. Our country of the month is Egypt. The country spans two continents because it includes the Sinai peninsula, which forms a land bridge between Asia and Africa.



Take a moment and think about Egypt. Have you learned anything about it in school? Have you seen photos of the country? The first thing that comes to my mind is pyramids. There are over 100 pyramids still standing in Egypt. The tallest, at 480 feet, was the tallest man-made structure from around 2500 B.C. to A.D. 1131. Pyramids were built from huge stones, some weighing as much as an adult elephant!

Archeologists still don't know exactly how they were built. Cranes and heavy machinery did not exist back then. They are amazing structures.



Fun facts about Egypt.

The Great Pyramid of Giza, found in Egypt, is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



In ancient Egypt, cats were not pets but were considered sacred and thought to bring good luck.



Many say the tradition of exchanging wedding rings began in ancient Egypt, around 4000 B.C. The left ring finger was chosen because they believed there was a "vein of love" that ran from there directly to the heart.



Egypt uses the Egyptian pound for their money. Two interesting facts:

- The size of the paper pound banknote gets larger as the value goes up.
- Each pound banknote is bilingual. One side is in Arabic and the other is in English.



Ready to pray for the people of Egypt?

We've learned some interesting facts about Egypt. Now we want to faithfully follow God's call to pray as seen in 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13:

"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. ..." (International Children's Bible).

Our prayers for the more than 106 million Egyptians can change hearts. God chooses to move in response to our prayers. Throughout this family guide, you'll find a prayer request for each day of the month. This allows us to pray specifically for needs that have been shared with us.

Whether this is your first or fourth month with us, we are excited you and your family are here. Prayer spans the miles. You may be in the United States, India, Nigeria or Egypt. As we pray for the same request each day, our prayers go to the same one true God. He will work in our lives and in the lives of those we are praying for. What a privilege to join together, united in our desire to see God move in Egypt for His glory and the furtherance of the gospel.

Your 2022 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, or if you'd like to get last month's family packet. I'd love to hear from you!
prayer@jesusfilm.org



01

Week 1: April 1–7, 2022

“The Lord is not slow in doing what he promised—the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost. He wants everyone to change his heart and life.”

—2 Peter 3:9, ICB



Week 1 Prayers



> Once each week we will pray scripture back to God for the people of Egypt. Scripture simply means God’s Word, the Bible. These verses were prayed by Paul for the Christians in the city of Philippi.

“This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; that you will see the difference between good and bad and choose the good; that you will be pure and without wrong for the coming of Christ; that you will be filled with the good things produced in your life by Christ to bring glory and praise to God.” —Philippians 1:9–11, ICB

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

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

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

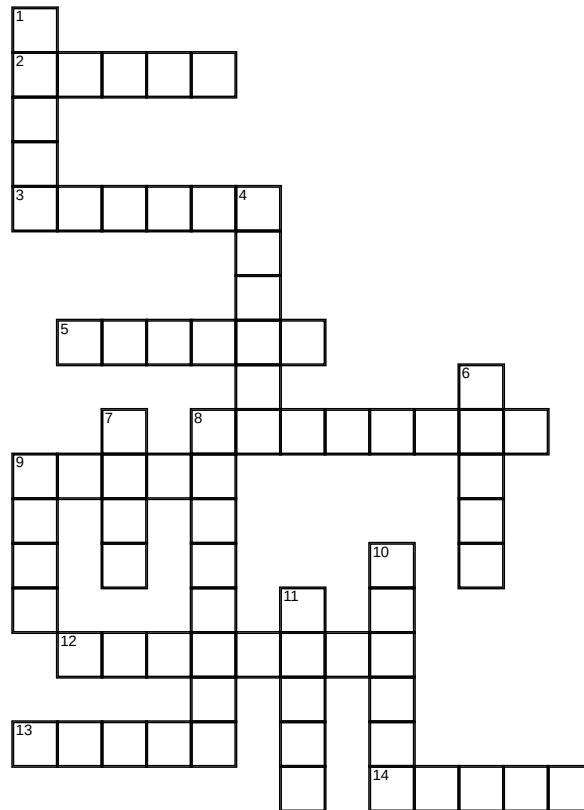
> Churches all around the world are made up of people who are not perfect. There is only one man who lived a perfect life—Jesus! Pray that His followers in Egypt will trust and obey Him. As they grow more loving and kind—like Him—may their friends and neighbors see it and want to follow Him too.

> 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 and kind and cooperative toward 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.

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

Week 1 Activity: Crossword

Egypt Crossword



Across

- 2 A big bird of prey that is also on the Egyptian flag.
- 3 A well known desert that is partly in Egypt.
- 5 Official language for Egypt.
- 8 Egypt has more users of this social media site, ?, than any other country in the middle east.
- 9 Capital city of Egypt.
- 12 One of the seven wonders of the ancient world.
- 13 "Ship of the desert." An animal used when crossing the desert.
- 14 Of all the Arab countries, Egypt is the only country with a ? industry.

Down

- 1 God's Son.
- 4 Egypt spans two continents: Asia and ?
- 6 Famous Old Testament leader who was born in Egypt. His mom put him in a basket to save his life.
- 7 Name of the longest river in the world. Flows through Egypt.
- 8 The name for soccer in most of the world. Very popular in Egypt.
- 9 A common pet that was considered sacred.
- 10 Majority religion in Egypt.
- 11 God's Word

WORD LIST

AFRICA	CAMEL	FOOTBALL	MUSLIM
ARABIC	CATS	JESUS	NILE
BIBLE	EAGLE	MOSES	PYRAMIDS
CAIRO	FACEBOOK	MOVIE	SAHARA

02

Week 2: April 8-14, 2022

*"Your word is like a lamp for my feet
and a light for my way."*

—Psalm 119:105, ICB

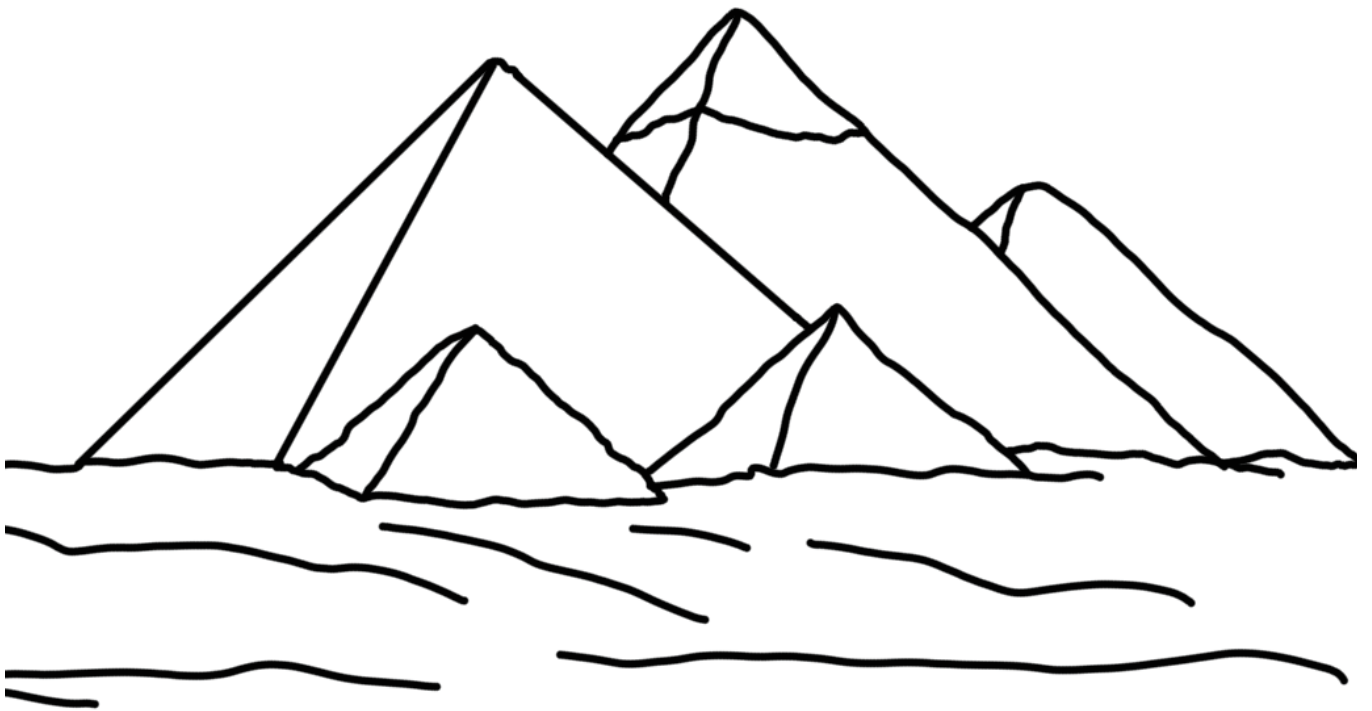
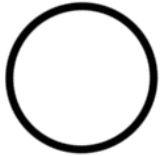


Week 2 Prayers



- > 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.
- > Ask the Lord that many, many Egyptians who haven't yet heard the good news of Jesus would soon hear and invite Him into their hearts.
- > This is our scripture prayer for week two. Pray this for every Christian in Egypt.
"You were raised from death with Christ. So aim at what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on earth." —Colossians 3:1-2, ICB
Scripture prayers are great to pray for yourself, your family and friends, not just for people far away.
- > Pray that God would provide all that is needed—money, supplies and other necessary things—to help bring the gospel message to Egyptians.
- > Ask God to encourage many Egyptian Christians to share the story of Jesus with their own people and with people in other countries.
- > Some Egyptians are taking God's truth to their people as well as to other countries, and right now they are sharing the gospel! Pray that God would guide these Christians to people who want to know Jesus as their friend.
- > Pray that the hearts of students of all ages would be glad and ready to receive the good news of Jesus as soon as they hear it.

Week 2 Activity: Coloring Page



03

Week 3: April 15–21, 2022

“I will make this agreement with the people of Israel,” says the Lord. ‘I will put My teachings in their minds. And I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people.’”

— Jeremiah 31:33, ICB



Week 3 Prayers



➤ 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.

➤ Ask God to lead many followers of Jesus to be messengers of the gospel in Egypt and in other places where people haven't yet heard.

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

➤ The Bible teaches us that we have an enemy (the devil) who wants to keep Christians from trusting God. God wants us to stay close to Him and let Him fight for us. The Christians in Egypt need to do this as well, so join me in praying God's word for them.

“Control yourselves and be careful! The devil is your enemy. And he goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat. Refuse to give in to the devil. Stand strong in your faith. ...”—1 Peter 5:8–9, ICB

➤ 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.

➤ 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.

➤ 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.

Week 3 Activity: Word Search

Egypt Word Search

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

WORD LIST:

AFRICA
ARABIC
BIBLE
CAIRO

CAMEL
CATS
EAGLE
FACEBOOK

FOOTBALL
JESUS
MOSES
MOVIE

MUSLIM
NILE
PYRAMIDS
SAHARA

04

Week 4: April 22–28, 2022

“For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. God gave His Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life.”

—John 3:16, ICB



Week 4 Prayers



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

> Ask God to make it possible this year to send Christian workers into provinces of Egypt that have not yet heard the good news of Jesus.

> 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.

> Christians in Egypt will soon be able to attend a conference that will teach them how to be leaders. Pray that 1,000 people will come and that each will learn to lead well.

> 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

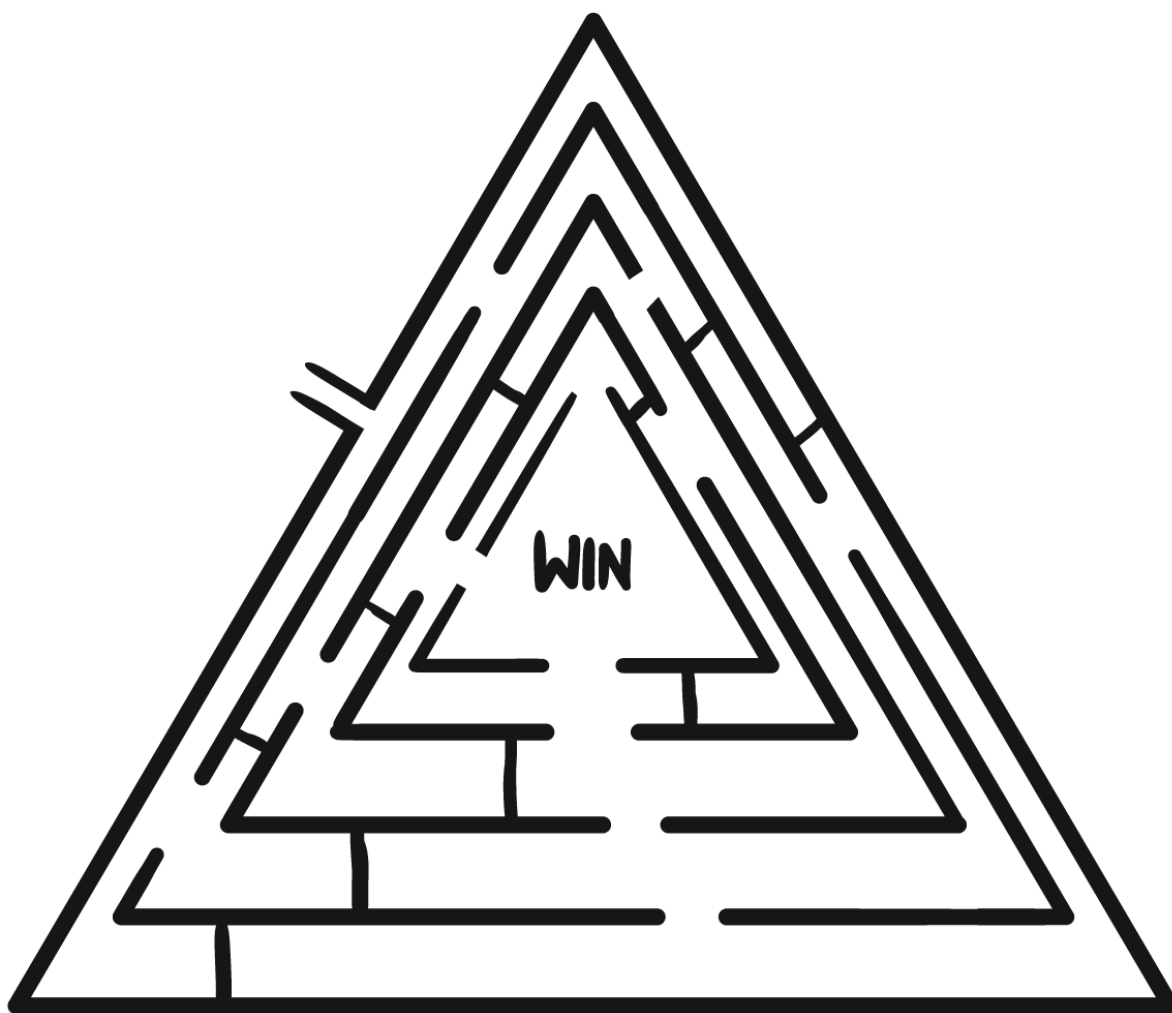
getting to the finish line first. In Egypt and other countries, some churches have partners too, like another church or a group of people who want to help in some way. These are called “partnerships.” Pray that churches and their partners will work well together to get jobs done.

> God wants every Egyptian to understand what Jesus did for them. For this to happen, we need Christians to go tell them. Let’s pray for that.

“But before people can trust in the Lord for help, they must believe in Him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about Him. And for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. And before someone can go and tell them, he must be sent. It is written, ‘How beautiful is the person who comes to bring good news.’” — Romans 10:14–15, ICB

> 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.

Week 4 Activity: Maze Coloring Page



05

Week 5: April 29–30, 2022

Week 5 Prayers



> Some Christians in Egypt will 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.

> 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.

Resources

Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to Egypt.

<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/EG>

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 1,900 languages on our website.

<https://www.jesufilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english.html>

We also have multiple other films and short films available.

<https://www.jesufilm.org/watch.html>

For more Jesus Film Project prayer resources—including access to each month's Family Prayer Guide—point your phone's camera app here:



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.

