



## Terrific Trivia Tidbits

Use the fun facts below to start thinking about the fun theme (traveling around the world) and our spiritual theme (God's love for the nations, starting from the tower of Babel). The trivia tidbits can be used during arrival and dismissal times or during any downtime while kids wait to get to their next rotation.

### *South America Trivia*

- Which continent is home to the largest rain forest and the driest desert on earth? South America (the Amazon rain forest and the Atacama Desert)
- How many countries are there in South America? 12
- Do you like the color pink? Some dolphins in South America are actually pink!
- Hola! Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world and is widely spoken in South America.
- Watch out! At the Catatumbo River in Venezuela, lightning storms occur repeatedly up to 10 hours a day.
- Feel like a swim? The world's largest swimming pool is in Chile.
- How would you like to live in a floating house? The houses are attached to stilts in one village in Peru, and they float on the river.
- In South America, used toilet paper is thrown in a trash can or waste basket—not in the toilet.
- The tip of South America isn't warm, like you may think. It is cold and covered with giant ice fields.
- Take a deep breath. More than 20% of the world's oxygen comes from rain forests, including the Amazon rain forest in South America.

### *Asia Trivia*

- Which continent is the biggest and has the most people? Asia
- How many countries are there in Asia? 48
- If you want to go to the highest point or the lowest point on earth, Asia is the place for you. Mt. Everest is the highest, and the Dead Sea is the lowest.

- Which job is popular in Asia? Farming. Asia has the most farmers in the world!
- Have you ever played the board game Chutes and Ladders? It started in India as a game called Mokshapat.
- If you own a computer, TV, or other electronic device, there's a good chance it was made in Asia because Asian countries produce most of the world's electronics.
- There's only one place giant pandas can be found in the wild—in the bamboo forests of China.
- If you took a dive into the ocean off the coast of Japan, guess what you might find? The remains of what appear to be step pyramids!
- What country likes to go to the movies the most? India! Indian people go to more movies each year than people from any other country.
- Ever buy anything from a vending machine? In Japan, there are vending machines everywhere, selling unusual items like comic books, toilet paper, and even used underwear!
- $2 + 2 = 4$ . Kids in Singapore have the world's best math scores. Maybe that's because they study so much.
- Hopefully, yellow isn't your favorite color because in Malaysia, it's against the law to wear yellow clothes.
- Did you know tigers don't live in the wild in Africa? They are only found in the wild in Asia!
- The name "Japan" means "Land of the Rising Sun" because people used to believe Japan was the first country to see the sun rise each day.
- There are over 2,000 languages spoken in Asia!
- Go to Hong Kong if you like heights. It has the most skyscrapers in the world.
- What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten? How about monkey brains? They're a favorite in parts of Asia.
- Happy birthday to you! Everyone in Vietnam celebrates the same birthday on the same day—their Vietnamese New Year.

## ***Africa Trivia***

- Which continent is the overall hottest and poorest on earth? Africa
- How many countries are there in Africa? 54
- Which is more dangerous: hippos or crocodiles? Hippos actually kill more people each year than crocodiles and lions combined.
- The world's biggest frog is found in Africa. It can be up to a foot long and weigh 8 pounds and is called the Goliath frog. Why do you think it's named that?
- What country in Africa has the most pyramids? If you said Egypt, you're wrong! Sudan has over 200 pyramids, twice as many as Egypt.
- Are you seeing double? Maybe that's because a country in Africa (Benin) has the highest rate of twins.
- Moo! In one tribe in Africa, your wealth is determined by how many cows you own.
- Have you heard of the Great Sphinx? It doesn't have most of its nose (it was broken off), but it does have a tail!
- Bonjour! There are more people who speak French in Africa than in France.
- The Mursi women in Africa pierce their lips around the age of 15 or 16 and put in plates that can be up to 5 inches in diameter.

## ***Europe Trivia***

- One European country is the favorite tourist spot of the whole world. What is it? France!
- Here's something to be thankful for: the first Bible ever printed was printed in the European country of Germany.
- Did you know there's one city in the world that is on two continents? Istanbul, which is in the country of Turkey.
- Instead of hiding Easter eggs, Germans throughout the centuries hid baked pretzels on Easter.
- Watch where you're going! There's only one stop sign in the entire city of Paris.
- Do you like French toast? Well, surprise, surprise. French toast isn't French!
- Tea time! English people drink more tea on average than anywhere else in the world.

- How would you like to eat a dish called vedarai in Lithuania? If you said yes, you'd be eating intestines stuffed with potatoes!
- Know anyone who snores? They may want to visit Germany where there's a museum of snoring.
- Cheese lovers, listen up! There are over 300 different kinds of cheese in France.
- Fill 'er up! It's illegal to run out of gas on Germany's highway, the Autobahn.
- Do you like to eat hamburgers? They got their name from a town in Germany called Hamburg.
- Cluck. Cluck. There are more chickens than people in England.

## ***North America Trivia***

- How many countries are there in North America? 23
- Russia and the United States are separated by about two miles of ocean!
- Do you like donuts? Then head to Canada, where there are more donut shops per person than in any other country.
- Depending on how you measure it, some say the biggest pyramid in the world is found in Mexico, not in Egypt.
- Chihuahuas are the smallest dogs. They come from a place in Mexico called, of all things, Chihuahua.
- North America contains the world's largest island. Do you know what it is? Greenland.
- Do you receive presents on Christmas Day? Mexican children don't! They receive theirs on January 6 to remember the wise men who came to see Jesus and bring him gifts.
- Ever seen the movie *Cool Runnings*? It's a true story of a bobsled team from Jamaica, one of the island countries of North America. They were the first team from a tropical country to participate in a winter Olympics.
- Monarch butterflies migrate all the way from Canada and the US every year to the mountains of Mexico, flying some 2,000 miles (and sometimes landing in the exact same tree). Amazing design by our Creator!
- Yikes! Mexico is sinking by about eight inches a year.
- Have you heard of the queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II? Well, she happens to be the queen of Canada, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Grenada, and other countries, too!