



# LANTERNS & LIGHT!

"What belongs to you, but others use it more than you?"

"It's uhhh...is it my hairbrush? You use it a lot more than I do, mom." Lulu guessed as she gathered the bamboo and paper to start making lanterns.

"No, silly!" her mom laughed. "It's your name! You'll have to practice your riddles if you want to win any prizes!" At the end of every Chinese New Year is the Lantern Festival with lanterns of all different sizes and shapes. Some people, like Lulu and her mom, will make lanterns with riddles and, if you answer them correctly, will give you a prize!

Lulu plopped down in the seat next to her mom at the table after giving her all the supplies.

"You know, Lulu, many years ago, I walked under a lantern and prayed to have a baby girl. Here you are today!"

"Wow! Really? Who did you pray to, and why did you have to pray while waking under a lantern?"

"Well, it's just a tradition really. Women who want to have babies do that during the Lantern Festival, but there's really not anyone or anything listening when you pray."

Lulu got busy helping her mom copy riddles and put the lanterns together. While they were working, she couldn't help but wonder to herself, "If no one is listening, then why do people pray at all?"

Was Lulu's mom right? Not at all! There is a God in heaven who hears and answers prayer, but Lulu and her mom have never heard about Him!

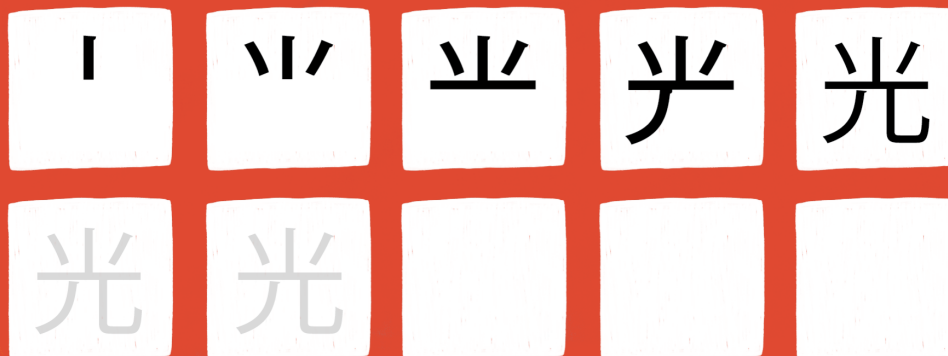
The Bible tells us that if we believe that Jesus rose again after He died for our sins and ask Him to save us, He will! That is the best prize ever, and you don't even have to answer a riddle!

Would you be willing to go to a place like China to tell people about the true God who hears prayers and can save them and give them eternal life?

Hey, it's Ping here! Did you know that there are 26.32 million people in Shanghai, China? That's about how many Cheerios there are in 9,495 boxes! Would you help tell Shanghai about Jesus?



## HOW TO WRITE CHINESE 光 "GUANG" - LIGHT



In Matthew 5:14 Jesus says that Christians are the "光" or the light of the world. Don't hide your "光"! Shine it bright by telling your friends about how they can be saved if they trust in Jesus!



# FLYING TEA BAG Lantern

you'll need



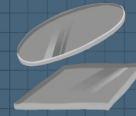
Tea bags



Markers



Lighter/matches



Metal cookie sheet



Adult supervision

**1** Cut the top off of your tea bag in a straight line and empty the contents

**2** Open the bag to make a cylinder and stand up on your metal cookie sheet.

**3** Unfold the tea bag and lay it flat. Using markers, draw your own creative lantern design!

**4** Using a lighter or match, light the top part of the bag lantern. It will burn quickly almost to the bottom then the hot air from the flame will launch the tea bag into the air!

**NOTE:** This next portion of the activity needs to be done outside, on a non-flammable surface, with no overhanging branches or power lines, and with an adult's permission and supervision.

It is better to be without a book than to believe a book entirely.  
- Chinese Proverb



There is one Book that everyone in the world should believe entirely, and that is the Bible! The Bible is the Word of God, and you can believe every word that it says! However, most Chinese people know very little about the Bible. Will you go to China and show them from the Bible how they can be saved?