



EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE DARKEST VALLEY,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;
YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.
PSALM 23:4



SECOND COURSE - NORTH KOREA

Know Your Place (Mat) Quiz

1. North Korea is one of the top ten countries in the world with the most undernourished population. Is it:
A) Fourth B) Fifth C) Sixth?
2. What is the name of the Supreme Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea?
3. When did North Korea first become number one on the Open Doors World Watch List?

Find the answers on the left side of this page.

Hae Woo in North Korea

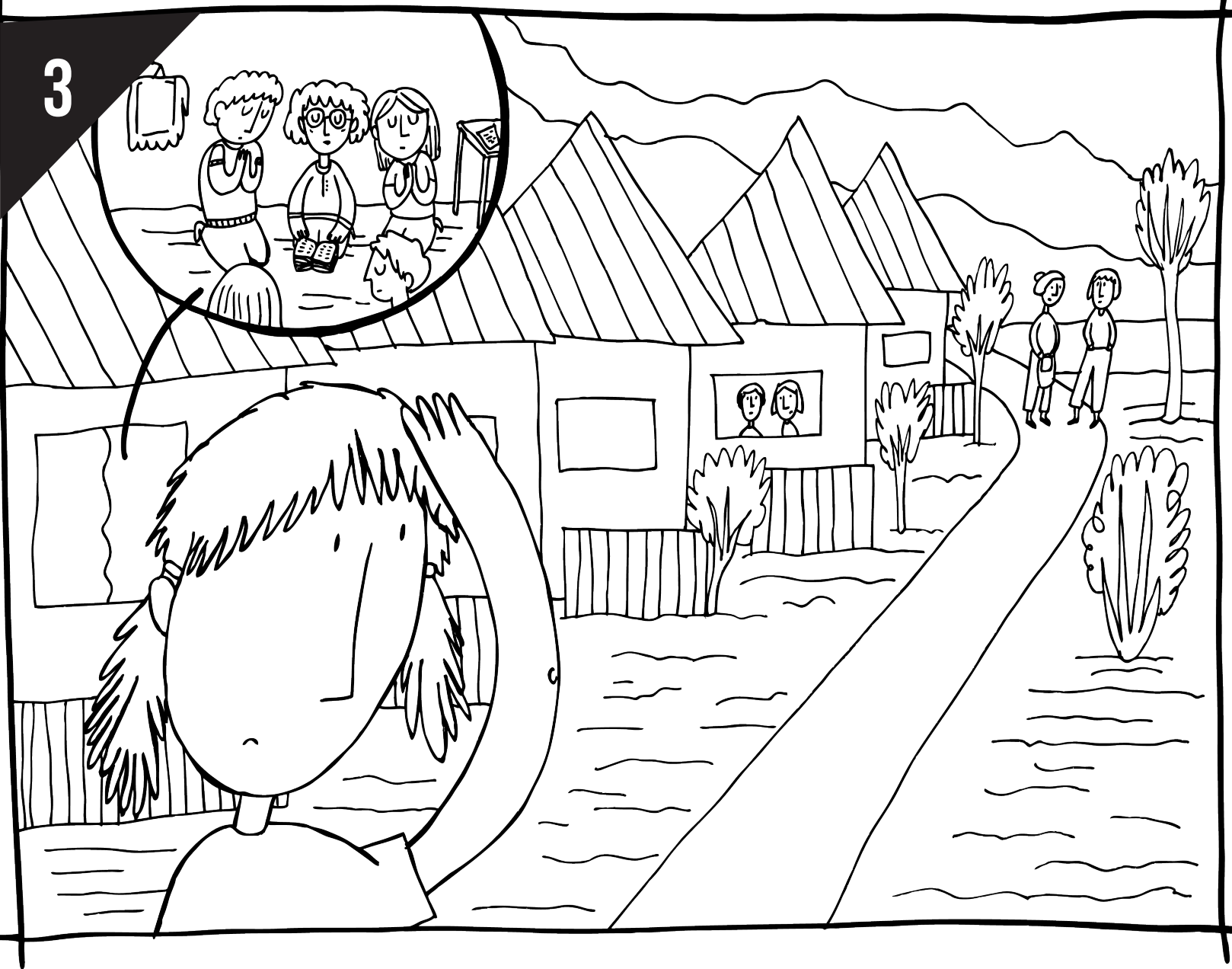
"Every day was as if God was pouring out all ten plagues on us simultaneously. That's how hard it was. But God also comforted me and brought a secret fellowship into existence. Every Sunday we would gather in the toilets and pray."

This was life for Hae Woo, a Christian woman who spent three years in a North Korean labour camp because of her faith in Jesus. She was eventually able to escape, but most are not so lucky. Open Doors estimates that between 50 000 and 70 000 Christian are imprisoned in these camps; most will die there.

And yet, many have decided that knowing Jesus is worth the risks they face. The church in North Korea is not only surviving, but growing - and believers there have great hope for the future. One Christian has shared: "One day the borders will open and we will unite with the South Korean and the Chinese church to bring the Gospel to some of the darkest places on this earth."

Food for thought: What helps you to keep calm when you are anxious or afraid?

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North Korea is a land of silence, where you don't disobey the leaders, and you don't tell anyone if you believe in God. Not the neighbours, not the police. No-one. Often parents don't even tell their children. Meetings between Christians are held in secret – in their homes, behind closed curtains, singing in whispers. Bibles are buried in the garden, or somewhere safe.

Christians say their lives are like candles: one wrong word and your life is blown out. Almost one in five Christians in North Korea have been arrested and put in prison camps.

Through people in this country and around the world, Open Doors supports Christians in North Korea with food, medicine, clothes and in other ways.

Question: What helps you calm down when you get worried?

Prayer: Lord, thank you that it's safe for me to go to church and worship you. Please protect your people in North Korea.

Bible: Psalm 23:4

Even if I walk through a valley as dark as the grave, I will not be afraid of any danger, because you are with me.