



The Caravan

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Jatra

[JA' tra] / Bangla word meaning journey

Jatra is a clever mongoose and very fast. Sometimes his speed gets him in trouble because he jumps to conclusions as fast as he runs to play! Zeke reminds him that it's easier to learn if you slow down and give others a chance. He tries to remember that faster isn't always better.

Once Jatra remembers to slow down and give others a chance, he loves to hear people talk about Jesus and how they learned about Him. Since Jatra only began learning about Jesus recently, he can't hear enough about Jesus or the Bible!

Jatra has heard about many people who have had dreams about a man dressed in white. The man has big holes in His hands and feet. A friend told Jatra that when she saw the man in her dream, she felt that the hole in her heart had been filled because she knew that she could trust this man to show her how to be satisfied with her life. A missionary then told Jatra's friend that the man in her dream was Jesus. Jatra's friend learned that only Jesus can make us whole. These stories remind Jatra of the many times in the Bible that God speaks to His people through dreams!

Bangladesh. Bangladesh is a country in South Asia surrounded by India on all sides except for a small border with Myanmar to the southeast and the Bay of Bengal to the south. Its population is 85 percent Muslim. Most parts of Bangladesh are within 33 feet above sea-level and 10 percent of the land would be flooded if the sea level were to rise by three feet.

Islam. The people who follow the religion of Islam are called Muslims. They believe in one supreme God but don't know that Jesus is God's Son who was sent to die for their sins. Muslims consider Jesus to be Isa, a prophet and teacher but not God or the promised Savior. The most important teacher for Muslims is the prophet Mohammad. Mohammad taught that people are sinful and that they need to live a very strict religious life and do good works for God to forgive them.



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Mongoose. The mongoose is a rodent-like mammal. It is unique for its ability to kill and eat venomous snakes. The common mongoose of Bangladesh lives under rocks, bushes or in termite mounds. Two of the three species of mongoose in Bangladesh are endangered. Most species feed on small rodents, reptiles, amphibians, and insects. Mongooses are easily tamed and often kept as pets in many parts of the world.

Favorite Verse

“ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. ”
Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)