



The Caravan

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Bindi

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[BIN' dee] / noun / a word for a small decorative mark that women in South Asia wear in the middle of their forehead

Bindi's friends always tell her that she is the nicest and friendliest cow they know. They ask her how she can be so nice all the time. Bindi explains that, since she knows that God is in control of life and that what we do reflects Him, she knows that we must treat other people the way Jesus would treat them.

Often, Bindi used to get mad, and sometimes yell, at her friends when they played rough games. Bindi knew it was wrong to act on her anger but the more she tried to stop it on her own, the angrier she became. One day, Bindi saw a group of people sitting and listening to stories. Bindi loves stories, so she went over to join them. Someone was telling a story about Jesus. Bindi had never heard about Jesus before. No one in her family or in her whole village had heard about Him.

Now, Bindi knows that Jesus helps people live the way He wants them to live. She still gets angry once in a while but, when that happens, she remembers that God has every reason to be angry about the bad things we've done. His love for us is so great that He forgives us anyway. This helps her forgive others.

Northeast India. The eight Indian states that make up Northeast India stretch eastward from the rest of the country, nearly encircling Bangladesh and stretching toward China. Northeast Indians come from a very mixed cultural and ethnic background. They share a more common heritage with the peoples of Tibet, Myanmar and Thailand than with the rest of the peoples of India. Now, their culture consists of a mixture of their tribal origins and the Indic culture.

Tribals/Animists. Tribal beliefs, also known as animism, are based on the belief that there is a spiritual realm in which humans are only a small part. Tribals and animists believe that plants, animals and even rocks can have a spirit like people do. They believe that they have to keep these spirits happy so that the spirits don't cause bad things to happen to them. They do not recognize that there is one God who is all-powerful.



Cows. To many people in India, the cow is considered sacred. They respect the cow as a mother figure for her gentle qualities and for providing milk and its products for their diet. The cow holds an honored place in society.

Favorite Verse

“ The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in green meadows, he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. ”
Psalm 23:1-3 (NLT)