



# The Caravan

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## Raj

[RĀJ] / noun / Hindi word meaning to have dominion or rule over / comes from ancient Sanskrit word raja meaning king

Raj is considered by his friends to be the most responsible member of the Caravan. He always thinks carefully about his words and actions and tries to do the right thing. He is also very brave and compassionate.

Raj comes from the city of Kathmandu, which is the capital of the South Asian country of Nepal. Most people in Nepal are Hindu and don't know Jesus. They worship many gods but don't know about the one true God who sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins.

One day, one of Raj's neighbors invited his family to attend house church. A house church is a church that meets in someone's home. When Raj and his family went to house church, they learned all about Jesus and how much He loves all of us. They learned that the only way that we can be forgiven of our sins and go to heaven is to accept Jesus.

Raj and his family began to attend house church every week so that they can keep learning about Jesus. Raj realized that it isn't right to know about Jesus' love and not tell anyone else about how wonderful Jesus is. Now, he tells everyone he can about Jesus and how He can save them from their sins.

**Nepal.** Nepal is a country in South Asia, bordered by China to the north and India to the south, east and west. 74.8% of Nepalis follow Hinduism. The country boasts eight of the ten highest mountains in the world.



**Hinduism.** Hindus believe in millions of gods that they have to worship to protect them. They also worship these gods to build good karma. Karma is like a score being kept of every good or bad thing a person does. Hindus don't believe that life is over when a person dies. They believe that everyone is reborn again as a different person or animal. This is called reincarnation. The only way to escape from the cycle of reincarnation is to build up enough good karma (to do enough good things) to earn salvation.



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**Tiger.** The Royal Bengal tiger is found in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar. It is the most common tiger and lives in grasslands, subtropical and tropical rainforests, scrub forests, wet and dry forests and swampy mangroves. Its fur is orange-brown with black stripes.

### Favorite Verse

“But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about God's wonderful kindness and love. ”  
Acts 20:24 (NLT)