

PRAYER:

Dear Saint Frances Cabrini, you worked very hard to help people who came to the United States from other countries. Please show us how to welcome immigrants we meet. Amen.

HOMEWORK:

Your child learned about the important contributions immigrants make to our country. What does Jesus say about immigration? Help your child decode the Scripture and then talk about what it means.

CODE: 1 = A 2 = E 3 = I 4 = O 5 = U

3 w1 s 1 str1 ng 2 r

1 nd y 4 5

w 2 lc 4 m 2 d m 2

Matthew 25:35

ANSWER: I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Write one way your family will put Jesus' words into action this year. _____

DEAR TEACHER, The following study guide has been designed to help you present in an age-appropriate way material in the story "Reaping the harvest" on pages 34-35 in the January/February 2017 MARYKNOLL magazine. Though the youngest students cannot read the magazine, encourage them to look at some of the pictures and bring home the magazine to their parents.

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AIM OF THIS LESSON: To help students see the gifts immigrants bring to us.



Puja wants to be a doctor to help poor people like these in Bangladesh, where her family came from.

NOTE TO TEACHERS:

Before reading this story, show children on a map or globe Bangladesh and the United States. As you read the story, show an image of a banyan tree (available on <https://www.shutterstock.com/search/banyan+tree>)

STORY (TEACHER READS ALOUD):

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| <p>Puja was born in a poor village in Bangladesh. She had no toys but played with pebbles and leaves under a banyan tree.</p> <p>Puja’s father had come to the United States to work picking fruits and vegetables.</p> <p>When Puja was 7, her father sent for the family. Puja was sad to leave her banyan tree. Her new home was much colder than Bangladesh and the trees were different. Puja started school. Everyone spoke English—and she didn’t! But her family and teachers helped her. She learned her new language. And she saw that in the autumn, the leaves of trees turned beautiful colors! And one morning, she saw snowflakes falling from the sky!</p> | <p>Whenever Puja got sick, her mother took her to a clinic for farm workers’ families like hers. She went with her dad when he got a rash from the pesticides on the plants he worked with. How nice and helpful the clinic workers were! She liked this.</p> <p>When she was older, Puja visited Bangladesh. She met a girl named Priya and her father. They were very poor and Priya’s father was becoming blind. Puja knew he would not get any medical care. She decided she would become a doctor so someday she could help people like Priya’s family.</p> <p>Now Puja is in college. She studies hard so she will become a caring doctor.</p> |
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DISCUSS:

Immigrants are people who leave their country and come to live in another country. Often they give much to their new country. Here are some examples. (Point out each country of origin on a map or globe.)

- ✧ Pierre Lallement moved from France to the United States. He invented the bicycle.
- ✧ Sergey Brin and his family came from Russia to the United States when he was 6. He is one of the inventors of Google.
- ✧ David Ho came from Taiwan when he was 12. He has created medicines that help many people.
- ✧ Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland and eventually moved to the United States. He invented the telephone.

DISCUSS CONTINUED:

- ✧ Eve Bunting came from Ireland with her husband and children. She writes books for young readers.
- ✧ René Colato Laínez was 14 when he came to the United States from El Salvador. He writes books for children in English and Spanish.
- ✧ Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini came from Italy. She started schools and hospitals to help poor people who came to the United States from other countries. She is the patron saint of immigrants.

What would life be like without the talents these people have shared? _____

Has someone from another country helped you? _____

How? _____

ACTIVITY:

DRAW A PICTURE OF SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY AND HOW THEY MAKE LIFE BETTER IN THIS COUNTRY.