

# Thai Discovery

## Thai National Days

### English Conversation Lessons

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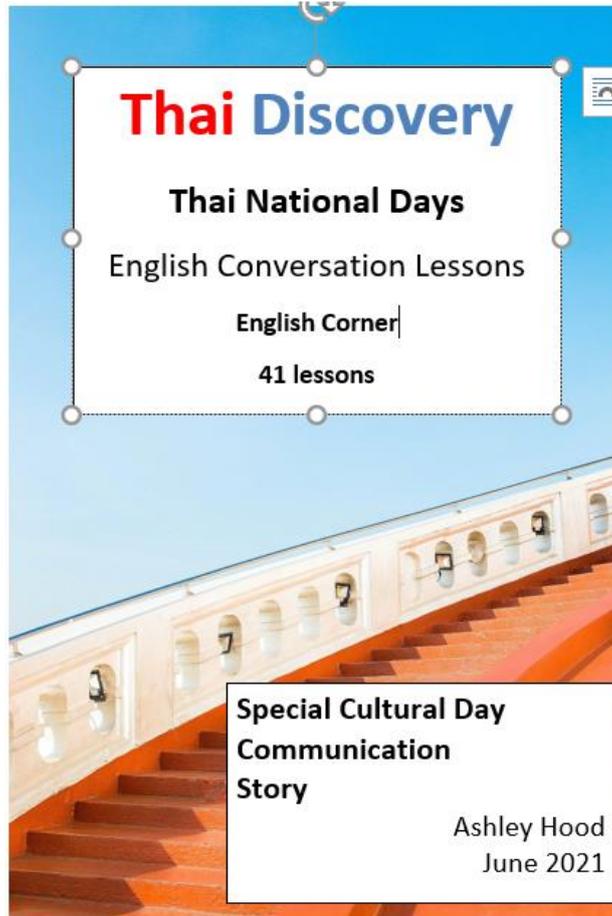
# Welcome!

Welcome to Thai National Days English Lessons. We hope that these lessons will help your students learn practical English as well as share more about Thai culture and history including encouraging stories from the Bible. Each lesson covers language that is practical for many different situations. We hope you will enjoy sharing about English, Thai culture and stories from the Bible.

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Thanks to God and thanks to everybody.





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# Yearly Planner

## Thai National Days/Seasons

### Date and Lesson Number.

#### January.

- 1 1. New Year's Day.
- 8 2. Children's Day.
- 16 3. Teachers Day.
- 22 4. Royal Armed Forces (Naresuan).

#### February.

- 5. Chinese New Year.
- 14 6. Valentine's (Lail and Firefly).
- 16. 7. Makhu Bucha Day.

#### March.

- 3-4. 8. Festival Spirited Tattoo.
- 13. 9. National Elephant Day.
- 10. Easter Week (Sunandha).
- (Easter Drama: See Appx B & C)**

#### April.

- 6. 11. Chakri Day
- 13-15 12. Songkran

#### May.

- 1 13, Labor Day
- 5. 14. Coronation Day
- 8-10 15. Rocket First Festival
- 10 16. Royal Plough Ceremony
- 17. Rice Planting (Soft Rice)
- 26. 18. Versak Day

#### June.

- 12. 19. Ghost Festival (Mak & Mae Nak)
- 20. The Rainy Season (Thoranee)

#### July.

- 21. Asahna Bucha Day
- 22. Khao Pansa (Buddhist Lent)

#### August.

- 8 23. ASEAN Day.
- 12 24. Mother's Day (Suriyothai).

#### September.

- 21 25. Moon Cake: "All in the stars"
- 26. Festival of Music and dance.
- 27. Kinnaree Awards.

#### October.

- 4. 28. Vegetarian Festival.
- 13. 29. Bhumibol Memorial Day.
- 23. 30. Naga Fireball Festival.
- 23. 31. Chulalongkorn Day.
- 31. 32. Halloween (Spirit houses).

#### November.

- 7. 33 National Pad Thai Day.
- 34. Royal Barge Procession.
- 19-20 35. Loi Kratong.
- 36. Yi Peng Lantern Festival.
- 37. Lopburi Monkey. Festival.

#### December.

- 5. 38. Father's Day.
- 10. 39. Constitution Day (Garuda).
- 16 40. National Sports (Pichai).
- 25. 41. Christmas (Mongkut Eclipse).
- (Christmas Drama: See Appx A)**

#### Appendix.

- A. Christmas Drama.
- B. Easter Drama Part 1 Good Friday.
- C. Easter Drama Part 2 Easter Sunday.
- D. Ideas for Bi Lingual Storytelling.





# 1. New Year's Day

January 1.

1. Can you say Happy New Year in different languages?

2. What did you do on New Year's Eve?

- a. I stayed home.
- b. I watched TV.
- c. I played games.
- d. I went out with some friends.
- e. I joined a party.

3. Is your goal this year to do more exercise?

Let's do some aerobics

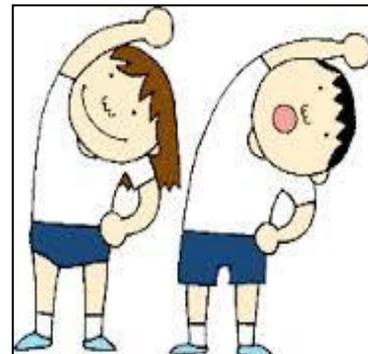
- a. March on the spot 1 2 3.
- b. Jump up and down 3 times 1 2 3.
- c. Step to the Left 1 2 3.
- d. Step to right 1 2 3.
- e. Jog on the spot 1 2 3.



4. What are your goals this year?

This year I am going to ....

- |                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| a. go Jogging, lose weight : | <b>Physical</b>  |
| b. do more reading :         | <b>Mental</b>    |
| c. call my family more       | <b>Social</b>    |
| d. go to the temple          | <b>Spiritual</b> |
| e. get a good job (money)    | <b>Financial</b> |



5. **Story 30AD:** Everyone's goal was to be like him: The Rich Young Ruler  
He was rich, successful, respectful, religious and young! but he still had one more question

**Luke 18:18-39**

18. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

27 Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."



## 2. Children's Day

January 8.

1. Back to Back Turn around showing 1-10 fingers.  
First person to add 4 hands together wins.

2. This is a

- a. This is ...  
b. These are ...



3. My things

Is this your bag?

- a. Yes, it is. It is mine;  
b. No, it's not mine.

Is this your pencil?

- a. Yes, it is. /No it isn't.  
b. It is my pencil. I have 1 pencil.

Are these your scissors?

- a. Yes, they are. They are mine. or No, they aren't.



4. Class instructions: demonstrate instructions

- a. Stand up, Sit down, Line up, Make one line.  
b. Find a partner. Change partners.  
c. One person speaking.  
d. Any questions? Hand up please.  
e. Make a circle. Pass around.  
f. Come out the front. Stand opposite a partner. Stand back to back.

5. Story: The impossible Student

This student could not follow any instructions (Parent or Anybody)

Legion Mark 5:1-20.

<sup>4</sup> he broke the chains and smashed the leg irons. No one could control him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day yelling and cutting himself with stones.

**Then he met the Teacher**

<sup>15</sup> He was sitting there with his clothes on and in his right mind, and they were terrified."



# 3. Teachers Day

January 16.

1. How many languages can you say thank you?
2. **At School** When you are/were in school. Do/did you always...?
  - a. Do your homework
  - b. Clean the classroom
  - c. Arrive on time
  - d. Wear your uniform
  - e. Help and be kind to others
  - f. Say thank you to the teacher
  - g. Give an apple or gift for the teacher

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3. **The Teacher:** What did you do on Teacher's day?
4. Share about the best teacher you ever had?  
My best teacher was/is... because he/she
  - a. Gave no homework
  - b. Helped me a lot
  - c. Was kind and smart or funny
  - d. Listened to me
  - e. Had interesting classes.
  - f. Used group work
  - g. Empowered (Believe in) the students
  - h. Love the students

## 5: Story: The Teacher

Class Size: 5000:

Into groups of 50

Mark 6:30-44

**34.** He had compassion on

**40:** "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each on green grass."

**38** "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"



# 4. Royal Armed Forces Day

January 22.

1. Give these commands.

- a. Attention.
- b. Salute.
- c. At ease.
- d. Forward march.
- e. Double time.
- f. Halt.



2. **Royal Thai Armed Forces Day** is commemorating the victory of King Naresuan the Great in battle against the Crown Prince of Burma in 1593. Share about this battle.

### 3. Are you a good Royal Guard?

Can you do these duties?

- a. Drive/ride.
- b. March.
- c. Give orders.
- d. Speak different languages.
- e. Do Thai boxing.



4. Find 6 different people Can you...?

<p><b>1. Drive well?</b> Yes I can... Sign.....</p>	<p><b>2. March in step 1 2 3 4?</b> Yes I can ... Sign.....</p>
<p><b>3. Do a martial art move?</b> Yes I can... Sign.....</p>	<p><b>4. Say hello in 4 languages?</b> Yes I can... Sign.....</p>
<p><b>5 Give orders?</b> 1. Fall in. 2. Attention. 3. Stand at ease. 4. Fall out. 5. Dismissed. Yes I can... Sign.....</p>	<p><b>6. Give more orders?</b> a. Stand upright. b. Eyes front. c. Arms fixed. d. Heels together. e. Toes outward. Yes I can ... Sign.....</p>

5. **Story: The Impossible command:** “Come and heal his servant.”

The Roman Centurion Luke 7:1-10 33 AD

“<sup>8</sup> I can say to one of them, ‘Do this!’ and he will do it.”



## 5. Chinese New Year

Clean out the Spirits. January/February.

1. Do a lion dance in pair. Paper plate – head String for a tail.

2. Pre-Chinese New Year, people clean the house. Mime the following actions and the class have to guess which one.

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Pick up the...  | mop the ...    |
| 2. Dust the ...    | clean and      |
| 3. Sweep....       | scrub the...   |
| 4. Buy some ...    | prepare the... |
| 5. Set the ...     | light the...   |
| 6. Blow up the ... | put up the...  |



3. What housework do you do?

4. Delegating jobs preparing for Chinese New Year.

Sue: Ann, **can you** sweep the kitchen?

Ann: Ok. I can do that.

Sue: Nan, **can you** buy all the ingredients to make dumplings?

Nan: That's fine by me.

Sue: Min, **would you mind** buying some firecrackers?

Min: No problems.

Sue: Non, **I was wondering if you could** put up the red banners.

Non: Sure, I can do it.



### 5. Story 1: The Power over death

Red banner over the doorways is considered lucky; some people believe this practice originates from what happened in Egypt 1400BC.

Exodus 12:1-13 29-31.

<sup>7</sup> They took some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door

### 6. Story 2: Cleaning out of evil spirits and power over death 33 AD.

Mark 1: 23-26.

<sup>25</sup> "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!"

Mark 5: 21-43 30AD.

<sup>35</sup> "Your daughter is dead,

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said "Don't be afraid; just believe."



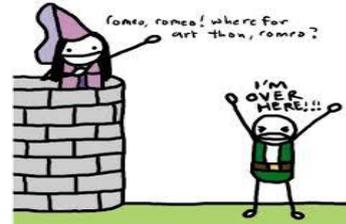
# 6. Valentine's Day

February 14.

1. Role play the famous love story of Romeo and Juliet.

**Juliet:** "Romeo! Romeo! Where are you Romeo?"

**Romeo:** "Shall I hear more, or shall I speak at this?"



2. What gift would you like to receive?

3. Role play giving a gift.

**Role Play 1.**

Alex: Here are some flowers for you.

Bo: Wow, they are so beautiful!



**Role Play 2.** (change partner)

Alex: Here is a card for you.

Bo: Thank you, you shouldn't have.  
That is very kind of you.



**Role play 3** (change partner)

Alex: Here is a .... for you.

Bo: Thank you; it is just what I wanted. So beautiful, pretty & cute.

3. Share about a famous love story.

- "The Lampil and the Firefly"
- Prince Aphai Mani, the mermaid, and the Pisue Samutr

4. Couples often say at weddings.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Read together.

**Love** is kind and patient, never jealous, boastful, proud, or rude.

**Love** isn't selfish or quick tempered.

**Love** doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.

**Love** rejoices in the truth, but not in evil.

**Love** is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting.

**Love** never fails!

5. Replace the word love with your name. Is this type of love possible?



# 7. Makhu Bucha Day

Community February 16.

1. What will do on this day?

1. Go to the temple.
2. Earn merit.
3. Walk 3 times around the temple.
4. Meditate.
- 5 Light a candle.

2. Read together: Makhu Bucha day is a day when people remember Buddha's teachings.

- a. Be more loving and pure.
- b. Stop doing bad things.
- c. Do more good things.
- d. Clean your mind.
- e. Be more community minded.

3. Give advice to a friend about joining a community

Tim: I am so lonely, I don't know anybody. I am so bored

Kim: You should ... Why don't you... Have you thought about ...?

4. Form new communities by finding 3 things in common with your partner

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| a. Do you like ....      | So do I.    |
| b. Have you been to ...? | So have I.  |
| c. What is your dream?   | Same as me. |
| d. Can you...            | So can I.   |
| e. Are you ...?          | So am I.    |
| f. Where are you from?   | Same as me. |



5. Story: This man changed

No community to New community

Luke 19: 1-10

<sup>5</sup> "Zacchaeus, come down now I must stay at your house today."

<sup>7</sup> All the people said, "He is a sinner."

<sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood up and said Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give..."



## 8. Festival of Spirited Tattoos

Wat Bang Phra March 3-4.

1. Are you good a drawing?
2. Do you know someone with a tattoo?
3. On their body where do people have their tattoo
4. Let's learn more parts of body by singing this song

### Song: Hokey pokey

You put your **right hand** in,  
You put your right hand out,  
You put your right hand in,  
And you shake it all about,  
You do the hokey pokey  
and you turn yourself around  
That what it's all about.

**left hand.**      right foot.    left foot.  
head.            butt.            whole self.

5. People at Wat Bang Phra believe that anyone with a tattoo (by Luang Pho Poen) were never attacked by a wild animal or tiger ever again. What do you do when you are afraid or if you saw a tiger or lion?
  - a. Trust my tattoo.
  - b. I run away.
  - c. I get help.
  - d. I hide.
  - e. I fight.
  - f. I pray.

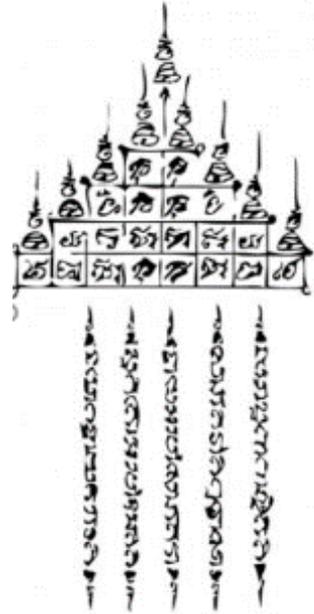
6. Story: No tattoo but survived.

Danial in the Lion's Den. Danial 6.

<sup>16</sup> They brought Daniel and threw him into the hungry lions' den.

<sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions.

<sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed.



# 9. National Elephant Day

Chang Thai Day March 13.

1. Read together:

- Elephants are special for Thai.
- We need to protect them.
- We need to preserve their home.

2. Have you ever..?

- Seen an elephant.
- Ridden an elephant.
- Patted an elephant.
- Fed an elephant.



3. Draw a 20 percent outline of an animal and the class have to guess?

4. Share about elephants True / not true

- Beautiful and Cuddly.
- Furry and sleepy.
- Playful and loving (affectionate).
- Smart and always hungry.

5. Describe an elephant

- I have....legs.
- I am big/small, fast/slow.
- I can run very fast/slow.
- I like to eat...
- It have ... paws / sharp teeth.
- I have lot of fur/spots/stripes.
- I live in the jungle/a tree/a house/on a farm.



6. What is the nick name of Thai football team?

7. **White Elephant: Confused Gift**

King Mongkut offered Abraham Lincoln a gift of 2 war elephants. Share how this gift's meaning was confused by some people.

8. **Easter: Confused Gift**

Soon is Easter. Easter is also about a gift often confused:

The gift given to all countries: John 3:16.

<sup>16</sup>“For God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son ...”



# 10. Easter Week

March/April.

1. Have you ever..?
  - a. eaten an easter egg.
  - b. painted an easter egg.
  - c. met the easter bunny,
  - d. been on an easter egg hunt.



2. The Egg is symbolic for new life.  
Share about your life.

1. **Facts:**

My name is .... I am .. I like..

2. **Past:**

I was born ...

3. **Now:**

I am ... (ing)..

4. **Recent news:**

I have just ...

5. **In the Future**

I hope to ...



3. The Easter story has a very sad part, the shock death of royalty. It reminds me of the story of Thai Queen Sunandha and her daughter May 31 1880. Share how people didn't help save her life as they followed cultural rules.

“Don't touch the queen!”.

4. Share what happened during Easter Week in Jerusalem 33AD.

**Excitement.**



**Surprise.**



**Confusion.**



**Shock.**



**Great Joy.**



5. Sukhothai means :**The Dawn of happiness.** The Cradle of the Thai Nation. The resurrection of Jesus could also be known as 'The Cradle of the Kingdom of God.' The Dawn of everlasting joy!.

6. Ready to do the **Easter Drama:** See Appendix 2. Good Friday and Appendix 3. Easter Sunday: Enjoy!



# 11. Chakri Day

April 6

1. How many kings have there been?  
a. 8. b. 10. c. 12.
2. When did the Chakri dynasty begin?  
a. 1782. b. 1799. c. 1850.
3. Share about the Kings of this Dynasty.  
a. Agriculture. b. Medical. c. Water. d. Nation
4. The Chakri family line has a long royal history in Thailand. Where are your ancestors from? a. Always from Thailand. b. Originated from ..
5. Share more about who you are

## Person 1

Info My name is ....

Ask What is your name?

## Person 2:

Answer My name is ...

Add I am from...

Ask Where are you from?

## Person 1:

Answer I am from .....

Add I am a ..... (job).

Ask What do you do?

## Person 2

Answer I teach Maths.

Add. I have taught for 5 years.

Ask: What do you do?



6. King Rama 1 was also known as Buddha Yodfa Chulaloke. How do we know if somebody is of divine origin?  
a. Very kind. b. Family line. c. Miracles. d. Look like an angel.

## 7. Story: The Divine King: Mark 2:1-12

9 "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

11 "Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

"Get up, take your mat and walk?"

12 "This amazed everyone"



## 12. Songkran

### Cleansing Water Festival April 13-15

1. Label 4 corners 'New life', 'Joy', 'Water', and 'Cleansing'. Spin a bottle in the middle of the room and if it points to your corner, you are out of the game.

2. Has this bottle been opened?

3. How full is it?

- a. Full.
- b.  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.
- c.  $\frac{1}{2}$  full.
- d. nearly empty.



4. Water is used for cleaning, what jobs do you do in your house?

- a. wash the dishes/car.
- b. Do the laundry.
- c. Mop the floor.
- d. Wipe benches.

5. Songkran is about water cleaning away bad luck and cleansing a person of sin. What will you do this Songkran? I will...

- a. pour water over Buddha.
- b. wash older people's hands.
- c. have a water fight.
- d. stay home or go to my hometown.

6. Invite a friend to join you for Songkran.

Bo: Come and join us for Songkran this year. Its lots of fun.

Fre: Great! What do I need to bring?

Bo: You need to buy a water gun, sunglasses and a tropical shirt.

Fre: Thank you for inviting me.

Bo: My pleasure.

7. **Story:** An Ethiopian man was searching how to be cleansed of sin.

Acts 8:26-40 40AD

<sup>36-37</sup> "Look! water. Why can't I be baptized?"



# 13. Labor Day

## Bank Holiday May 1

1. Bingo: Banks/Notes/Coins.
2. Can you name the different colored banks in Thailand.
3. Which (colour) bank do you visit?
4. Can you say these bank slogans and mottos?



- a. TMB: Make a difference.
- b. K excellence.
- c. Bangkok Bank “Inspiring change”.
- d. “plan koo kit mit koo baan”.
- e. Aspiring to be trusted.
- f. CIMB Motto: Forward.



5. Use these verbs dealing with money.
  - a. Can I pay you?
  - b. Can I buy this?
  - c. Can I lend you some money?
  - d. Can I borrow....?
  - e. Can I deposit/withdrawal in this account.
  - f. I have saved....
  - g. Can you help me? I lost my wallet.

6. Can you help me find my money

You: I lost my money.  
Can you help me find my money?

Friend: How much did you lose?

You: About ..... baht.

Friend I think it's over there,

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|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| a. behind the...  | b. next to...      | c. between ...  |
| d. in front of... | e. opposite the... | f. past the ... |

7. Story: The Lost Coin: Luke 16: 8-10.

8 “....a woman has ten silver coins<sup>[a]</sup>



# 14. Coronation Day

May 5

1. What you know about King Rama X?
  - a. Favorite animal.
  - b. Skill.
  - c. Hobby.
  - d; Education?
2. The following are Signs of Royalty worn during Coronation of the king. Which one would you like to have?
  - a. The Royal Fan or staff.
  - b. The Royal Slippers.
  - c. The Great Crown of Victory.
  - d. The Sword of Victory.
3. What makes a good king?
  - a. He is from royal family
  - b. He like cats, dogs and birds
  - c. He is very intelligent
  - d. He helps and serves the people



## 4. Show your skill in serving others:

### a. Serving a customer

Pan: Can I have a coke please?

Big C: Do you want a straw?

Pan: Yes thanks

Big C: Here is your drink

Pan: Thanks, how much?

Big C: 18 baht

Big C: Here is your change.

### b. Serving at home

Beer: We have no milk; we are out of milk. I need to buy some milk. Can you go and buy some milk?

Pu: How much?

Beer: 2 liters

Pu: Where can I buy it?

Beer: At 7/11. They are very friendly

## 5. Story: Serving at a Wedding: The beginning of the Kings Service

The Wedding John 2:1-11

<sup>3</sup> ...“They have no more wine”

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



# 15. Rocket Fire Festival

Gift from Heaven May 8-10

## 1. Read together:

Farmers make rockets for the rocket festival; they believe the higher the rocket reaches the more chance they will receive later from heaven the rain for their crops and their harvest.



## 2. Make a paper plane/rocket.

## 3. Describe your plane/rocket:

This is my rocket. It's called "Super rocket"

- a. It is fast/slow
- b. It is cheap/expensive to make.
- c. It is beautiful & attractive looking
- d. It's lightweight and aerodynamic.
- e. Simple design and easy to make.

## 4. Line up/see which plane flies the furthest This plane came: 1st, 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>

## 5. Congratulate the winner.

Congratulations, your plane is amazing! You did a good job!

## 6. Describe the weather/wind conditions for today's test flight.

- Hot/Cold.
- Sunny'/Cloudy.
- Windy/calm.
- Nice breeze, windy /strong wind.

## 7. During the rocket festival, If your rocket team loses you may be thrown into the mud, what surface would you like to be thrown into? (Ice cream!)

## 8. Story: A blessing from heaven combined with a wind noise like jet engines

55 days after Easter. Acts 2:1-15.

2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a mighty wind came from heaven.



# 16. Royal Plough Ceremony

May 10

1. Read together: At the conclusion of the ceremony, buffalo are presented with one of these items. Whatever it chooses will be plentiful.

- a. Grass. b. Rice. c. Corn.
- d. Beans. e. Sesame. f. Alcohol g. Water.

2. Have you ever seen these crops?

3. Do you know any farmers?

4. Have you ever been on a farm?

5. Show on a map where crops (Rice, tea...) are grown in your country.

6. Another crop grown is Sunflowers. Do the Sunflower drama. One person is the sun. Everybody else are Sunflowers who follow the sun from sunrise to sunset.

7. In pairs meet a farmer (F)

S: What do you grow/raise?

F: I grow...

S: Are you a good farmer?

F: Yes, I am very hard working.

8. Dramatize the following farm jobs

- a. Drive a truck.
- b. Plant/sow the seed.
- c. Plough the soil.
- d. Water the crop.
- e. Pull up the weeds.
- f. Harvest the crop.
- g. Keep the birds away.

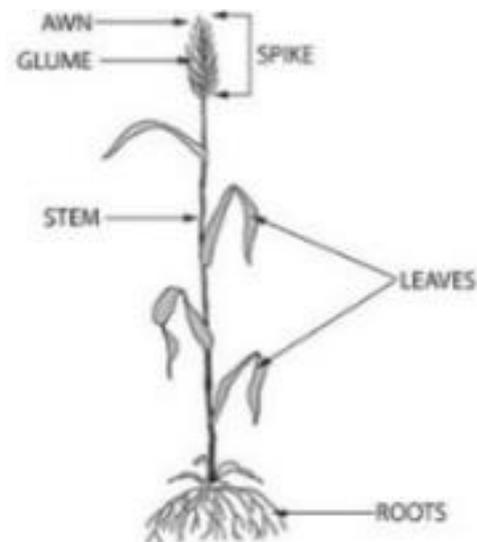
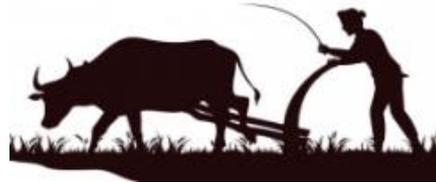
9. Label /name parts of a plant.

This is soil, a seed...These are roots...

10. During the Royal Plough Ceremony, the seed is scattered. Let's learn the story of seed that was scattered on 4 fields.

11. **Story:** The 4 fields: Mark 4:1-20.

<sup>20</sup> "They produce thirty or sixty or even a hundred times as much as was planted."



# 17. Rice Planting Season

## Starts in May.

1. Encourage your partner.
  - a. You can do it.
  - b. I believe in you.
  - c. Keep going.
  - d. You did a good job.
  - e. I'm so proud of you.

### 2. Story of Good heart: Soft Rice

Using the encouraging words, share the story of Thai story of "Soft Rice": Pohnae" and his wife Mohnae who are on a quest to find soft rice seeds

Mohnae: Can you help me?

Pohnae Sure

Mohnae: Go and get some soft rice seeds

Pohnae: Me

Mohnae:: Yes, **you can do it.**

Pohnae: Oops a daisy! Oh no! I tripped and some fell into the water. I must pick up the seeds.

Mohnae: Welcome back

Pohnae; I'm sorry I tripped and some fell out.

Mohnae: It's okay. You are a silly billy but you have a good heart **You did a good job.**



### 3. Good Heart. How do you show they have a good heart?

- a. Give food or some water.
- b. Give a ride on my bike.
- c. Say nice things.
- d. Put on a bandage or help sick people.
- e. Give someone a bed to sleep in.

### 4. Role play: Can I help you, can I..?

5. Helping a stranger: People who help others especially strangers are called Good Samaritans. Have you ever helped a stranger?

### 6. Story: Let's learn the story behind the saying 'The Good Samaritan'.

Luke 10:25-37.

<sup>31</sup> A temple helper ....., he walked by

<sup>33</sup> A man from Samaria saw the man, he felt sorry for him and ...



# 18. Versak Day

Buddha's birthday May 26.

1. Stand in two lines and ask.

- a. What is your name?
- b. How old are you?
- c. Where were you born?
- d. When is your birthday?



2. Make a birthday line from Jan to Dec.

3. Match birthday party items and labels:

candles, balloons, banner, card, paper plates, streamers, cake and a gift.

4. Have you ever had a surprise party?

5. What is the best birthday gift you have ever received?

6. Versak day celebrates the birth of Buddha. Share what you know about his birth, life and death.

7. What will you do on Vesak Day?

- a. light incense and candles.
- b. go to the temple and pray.
- c. give special food.
- d. circle the temple 3 times.
  1. The Birth of Buddha.
  2. The Enlightenment of Buddha.
  3. Lastly his Death.

8. Christianity, also celebrate 3 things

1. God the Father.
2. God the son.
3. The Holy (God's) Spirit.

Share what you know about these three things.

9. Story: Two Birthdays! Born again: John 3: 1=21 33 AD Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are **born again.**"

<sup>4</sup> Temple priest Nicodemus asked "How can someone be born when they are old?"



# 19. The Ghost Festival

Phi Ta Khon Village: Dan Sai. June 12-14.

1. During this festival, masked spirits dance and parade through the streets.. What type of mask would you wear?
2. The three-day *Thai festival* is a re-enactment of a Buddhist story 'Versantara Jataka' Share what you know about this story.
  - a. Buddha in past life.
  - b. Young prince.
  - c. Long trip.
  - d. Presumed dead.
  - e. Returned.
  - f. Great Party (Wake the dead).



3. What do you think happens to you when you die?
4. Do you believe in ghosts? Share the story of Mak and Mae Nak
5. Have you ever visited Phra Khanong, shrine or Canal to make an offering?
6. What things are important for you while you are alive?
  - a. ... Is very important for me.
  - b. I really value ...

Family.	Ancestors.	Friends	Job.	Food.
Winning.	Happiness	God.	Money.	Honesty.



7. **A story** of what is important when you are alive and when you are dead.  
The Rich man and Lazarus: Luke 16:19-31.

<sup>22</sup>The poor man died, and angels took him to the place of honor next to Abraham. <sup>21</sup>The rich man also died. <sup>23</sup>He went to hell and was suffering terribly.

## 20. The Rainy Season: Monsoon

June-October.

### 1. Sing: "Singin in the rain"

I'm singin' in the rain.  
Just singin' in the rain.  
What a glorious feeling  
I'm so happy again.



### 2. Share about the weather.

Yesterday it was ... Today it is ...

Tomorrow it is going to be ...

- Sunny or warm (mild)
- Cloudy,(overcast).
- Stormy.
- Cool and windy.
- Hot and humid.

### 3. Role play: 'Going to' and 'will'

Pup: What are you going to do today?

Nok: I am going to drive to Khon Kaen.

Pup: But the forecast is heavy rain and the road is flooded.

Nok: Okay I will to go Loei instead.



### 4. People go to Khon Kaen to visit the Phra Mae Thoranee shrine. An image of her wringing her hair to drown the demon Mara by the merit of Buddha. Share about the story of this image that caused floodwaters to drown evil.

### 5. Story: Rain: 40 days and nights Flood to destroy Evil: Noah Genesis 6

<sup>5</sup>The LORD saw how bad the people on earth were and that everything they thought and planned was evil. <sup>8</sup> But the LORD was pleased with Noah, <sup>9</sup>  
<sup>17</sup> I'm going to send a flood"

Genesis 7 <sup>17-18</sup> "For forty days the rain poured down without stopping."



## 21. Asahna Bucha Day

The First Teaching July/August.

1. Asahna Bucha Day is a celebration of Buddha first teaching at Deer Park in India. Role play being welcomed by a teacher.

Teacher: Good Morning.

Student: Good Morning.

Teacher: How are you today?

Student: I'm very good and you?

Teacher: Good thank you. Thank you for coming.

Student: My pleasure. I am happy to be here.



2. Are you good at listening to your teacher's instruction. Listen to the teacher in the following activity.

Teacher: Say what I say, do what I do:

*"Walk" Class walks "Stop" Class stops*

- |                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Walk.             | 2. Stop.      |
| 3. Grow tall.        | 4. Be short.  |
| 5. Be open (bright). | 6. Be closed. |
| 7. Shout (name).     | 8. Quiet SSH! |



Teacher: Say what I say and do the opposite:

*"Walk" class stops. "Stop" class walks.*

3. At Deer Park India, Buddha preached about the wheels of life, law and doctrine. On Asahna Bucha Day, will you walk clockwise around the temple carrying 1. A candle, 2. Incense sticks or a 3. Lotus flowers?

4. The Lotus is a very symbolic flower.

*"As it rises out of the muddy waters yet itself is not soiled".*

How do you like to be like a lotus helping people. Being beautiful in an imperfect muddy world. For e.g. offering food or helping people to study.

5. **Story:** Being very beautiful in a difficult world:

Jesus teaching a sermon on a mountain.

Israel 30AD. Matthew 5-7.

Matthew 6 14: "You are the light of the world."

6:44: "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you".



## 22. Khao Pansa Candle Festival

Udon Ratchathani July.

1. **Read Together:** Khao Pansa is the beginning the Buddhist lent period also known as the 'Rains Retreat' the start of the Green Season in Thailand.

2. What do you like to do on rainy days?

- a. Go to the cinema.           It's very relaxing.
- b. Play football.               (exciting).
- c. Read a book.               (enjoyable).
- d. Sit by a fire.               (romantic).
- e. Go fishing.                 (adventurous)
- f. Coffee shop.               (cozy).

3. Thai Buddhist tradition includes spending time in a temple or forest. Walk around a forest and share

- P1: Wow! I love **those** trees.
- P2: **Those** flowers look beautiful.
- P3: **That** tree looks amazing.
- P4. Look at this insect, awesome!



4. Draw a tree (branch) with 4 leaves on it. On each leaf draw your favorite flower, tree, place and insect/bug.

5. Monks can spend 3 months in temples while others traditionally wander around forest. Do you think this is ...?

- a. Easy.   b. Okay.   c. Difficult.

6. What would you give these monks to help them during these 3 months?

- a. Food.   b. Drink.   c. Clothing.   d. Prayer.

7. During Ramadan, Muslims have 30 days where they can't eat food and drink between dawn to dusk. Share what you know about Ramadan?

7. Do you know somebody who has done Ramadan or the Buddhist rains retreat?

9. Let's learn more how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert without food.

Luke 4:1-13.

"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by the devil. He ate nothing, and at the end of them he was hungry."



## 23. ASEAN Day

August 8.

1. Name the 10 ASEAN Nations.
2. What is the colour of a five-pointed star on the flag of Myanmar?  
a. blue. b. white. c. red. d. green.
3. What is the capital of the Philippines?  
a. Phnom Penh. b. Jakarta. c. Manila. d. Kuala Lumpur.
4. What is the currency of Brunei Darussalam?  
a. kin. b. rupiah. c. peso. d. dolla.
5. What's the best thing about Thailand?  
a. The beaches are beautiful.  
b. The food is delicious.  
c. The people are very friendly.  
d. Many people visit the temple.  
e. The country is very interesting.  
f. The people work hard.  
g. Has an amazing history.  
h. Great markets and good prices.  
i. Very modern and prosperous.
6. Which country do you want to visit?
7. In small groups, choose an ASEAN country and introduce yourselves from that country.  
a. Hello, we are from ....  
b. To say hello in our country we say....  
c. The capital city of our country is...  
d. The main food we grow/eat is....  
e. Our country is well known for ....  
f. The most popular dish in ... is...  
g. The main religion is...  
h. You are very welcome to visit my country. Thank you
8. **Story:** In 500 BC, 10 powerful nations wanted to be like one other country.



Zechariah 8:20-23.

<sup>23</sup> "In those days 10 people from all languages and nations will ... 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.'"



# 24. Mother's Day

August 12.

1. In pairs, find 3 things in common

- a. Do you have...? We both have...
- b. Do you like ...? We both like...
- c. Are you ....? We both are...
- d. Can you ... We both have...

2. Describe your mother or another woman you know: *My mother is*

- a. tall short or medium size.
- b. young old, young for her age.
- c. beautiful, kind or friendly.
- d. quite slim or a little bit chubby.
- e. loving and considerate.
- f. Hardworking or creative.
- g. outgoing, talkative or shy.
- h. sporty or musical.
- i. loyal and faithful.
- j. very brave and easy going.



3. Are you similar to your mother so sister?

4. Role play thanking your mother

Child: Mum, can I tell you something?

Mum: Yes, what do you want to tell me?

Child: I just want to say thanks for being my mother.

5. Queen Suriyothai was a wife and mother who had a very special relationship with her family. She was very loyal, caring, brave and sacrificial. Share her story

6. Read how we have a special relationship with our mother and creator.

Psalm 139:13-14 900BC

<sup>13</sup> You (God) created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

7. **Story:** Special relationship: Mother & Daughter in law; Ruth and Namoi. Ruth 1. 600BC. Bethlehem Israel and Moab (Jordan).

<sup>16</sup> Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.



# 25. Moon Cake Festival

## September 21.

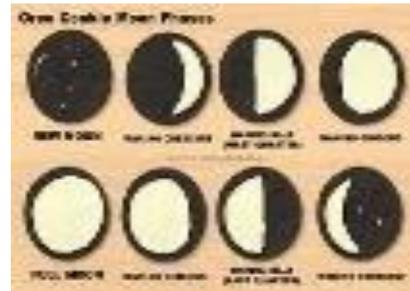
1. Play Chinese Whispers:

2. What is your favorite moon cake?

- a. Durian.
- b. Mixed nuts.
- c. Lotus seed.
- d. Jujube.



3. Make different phases of the moon using Oreos (See Web).



4. Do you know the legendary stories shared during the Mid-Autumn festival?

- a. The eight immortals going to the moon
- b. The love story of Chang E and Hou Yi who wanted to be together forever.
- c. Zhu Yuanzhang secret messages in Moon cakes.

5. In 1368 AD, Zhu Yuanzhang organized secret messages in moon cakes to be read during the Mid-Autumn festival. This message helped China to have a great victory. Write a message to someone and put in box. Don't tell anyone who it is from.



6. One thing that is not secret explained in Thai folktale "It's all in the Stars" is how huge is the moon, stars and the universe are. Share what else you know about this story?

7. Buzz Aldrin the 2<sup>nd</sup> astronaut to walk on the moon also expressed the same thinking of 'It's all in the Stars'.

Psalm 8:3-4. 900BC.

<sup>3</sup> When I **consider** your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> what, is humankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?



## 26. Bangkok Festival of Dance and Music

September-October.

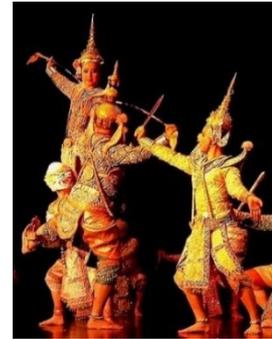
### 1. Australian Dance: Heel & Toe polka

1. Stand side by side partner.
2. Heel & toe 2 times.
3. Forward 2.3.4.
4. Heel & toe x 2.
5. Backward 2.3.4.
6. Face partner.
7. Right arm clap 3 times.
8. Left hand clap 3x.
9. Both hands clap 3x.
10. Slap your knees 3x.
11. Left arm up.
12. Swing your partner 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.



### 2. Dancing is good for you? Your opinion? Yes! Totally

- a. Dancing is a lot of ... (adjective).
- b. Everybody knows that dancing is...
- c. If you go dancing you will ....
- d. From my own experience when I dance I feel ....
- e. Research shows (experts believe) people who dance...



### 3. Share and show a dance from Thailand and South East Asia.

- a. **Thailand:** Khon, a story of the triumph of good over evil.
- b. **Cambodia:** Over 1500 hand gestures.

### 4. Story: **Light over darkness**

Make up new a dance with hand gestures for this story from Jerusalem

The Man born blind: John 9 33AD

<sup>6</sup>He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes."

"So the man went and washed, and came home seeing"

<sup>32 33</sup>" If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>38</sup>"I believe"

### 5. For dance off competition

Story: The Healed Man: John 5:1-15

"Get up! Pick up your mat and walk".

## 27. The Golden Kinnaree Awards

The Bangkok International Film Festival: October.

1. What type of movies do you like?

- a. Sci fi.                      b. Romantic.                      c. Comedy.  
d. Animation.                      e. Horror.                      f. True Stories.

2. What is your favorite movie?

3. Who are you favorite actors or actresses?

4. Actor Training: **Lights Camera Action**

a. Voice warm up: Take 1

Breath in (stomach) Breath out(mouth).

Breath and project your voice breathing out.

“ Mumma Mia” “My mother makes jam”

b. Voice Projection: Take 2.

Say: “Don’t be afraid” x3 in each of these tones

High voice    Low voice    Fast voice    Slow Voice    Pause

c. Empathy/Feelings: Take 3.

Know your character, feel, be and do the character:

You are tiger, butterfly, snake

d.. Voice and Movement: Take 4.

Listening to what you saying: Say the line and say “why”

Go to Bangkok? Why? I am afraid. Why?



4. Golden Kinnaree Award

The winner of Bangkok international film festival receives the Golden Kinnaree award. Have you ever watched these awards?

5. What do you know about Kinnarees? They are .....

- a. Angel like                      b. Women                      c. a link between heaven and earth

6. Kinnarees could be similar to the Angels in the Christmas Easter story.

Practice these lines from the Christmas Easter stories using voice projection

Christmas    a. Angels to Mary                      ‘The Lord is with you”

                    b. Angels to Joseph                      “Joseph”

                    c. Angels to Shepherds                      “Don’t be afraid... I bring you good news”

Easter                      d. Angels to the women                      “He is not here. He has risen”



## 28. Vegetarian Festival

Phuket October 4.

1. What is your favorite vegetable?

2. Point and name fruit/vegetables.

This is a.... These are ....

3. Role play shopping for vegetables.

Som: What would you like?

Pin: Can I have a pumpkin please?

Som: How many would you like?

Pin: Just one thanks.

Som: Do you want it cut up?

4. Where do you get your vegetables?

a. I grow my own. or I have a ... tree.

b. I buy at the market supermarket.

5. Share Food habits: I eat/drink ...

a. A lot/heaps of pumpkin.

b. Heaps/plenty of rice.

c. Not enough fruit.

d. Too much meat.

e. Not many carrots.

6. Share how fruit and vegetables are good for your health. For example:

a. Carrots are good your eyes. b. Taro are high in fiber.

c. Cabbage helps stops bleeding. d. Chili pepper destroys cancer cells.

7. Read together: The vegetarian festival is held in Phuket where eating only vegetables helped heal a Chinese Opera Group of Malaria in mid-1850;s. People also believe the 9 emperor gods also helped.

8. Share other information about this festival. For example:

a. Welcome Hindu god Shiva with a big pole.

b. Go to the temple to get power through giving items.

c. People pierce themselves with sharp objects. The gods will protect them.

d. Have to be pure, no meat. no alcohol, wear white, no bleeding woman.

9. Story: This woman would not be invited to this festival but was healed by God's power. Luke 8-43-48. Israel 33 AD.

<sup>43</sup> "woman had been bleeding 12 years."

<sup>46</sup> Jesus "I felt power going out"

"Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."



# 29. King Bhumibol Memorial Day

October 13

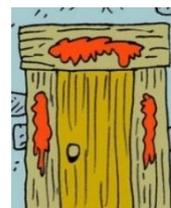
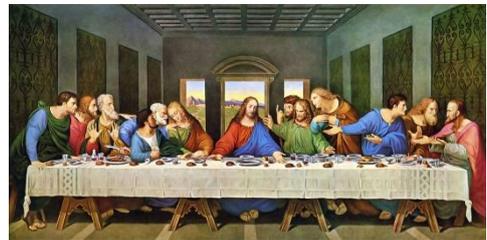
1. Memorial Day is held to remember King Bhumibol who died October 13 2016 aged 88. How long did King Bhumibol reign for?

51 years. 60 years. 70 Years.

2. Choose one photo that helps you best remember the King.

3. Photos help you to remember about people and events. Role play being a photographer for a group photo.

1. Hi everyone, time for a photo.
2. Could you all group together?
3. Can you bring the sides in?
4. Can you stand back/move forward a little?
5. Front row, bob down a little bit.
6. I can't see your face. Can you move to the left?
7. Could you move over a little bit more? Thankyou.
8. Looking good.
9. Could you change places?
10. Move back a little bit.
11. Could you squat down?
12. Could you fold your arms?
13. Everybody stand still. That's Great.
14. Okay say cheese 123 Hold it.



4. What pictures, text or items help you to remember events?

5. Examples of remembering events from a long time ago.

**a: Text:** Remembering the **Power:** Deuteronomy 5:15

Lev 22;33 1440BC. "Remember in Egypt the LORD your God mighty hand".

**b: Symbols and Painting:** Remember the **Sacrifice:**

1 Cor 11:23-25 " Do this in remembrance of me."



**c: Dreams:** Remember the future hope: Mark 9:2-9 33AD

<sup>4</sup> And then appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus, dressed in dazzling white clothes".

(People have expressed how they have dreamed of a man dressed in a white?).



# 30. Naga Fireball Festival

October 23.

1. **Read together:** Every year on the Mekong river near Nong Kai, people see fire balls shot from the mouths of Nagas.
2. **Dramatise:** 123 Raise your arm and ROAR! as you see a fireball rise.
3. What are Nagas? Nagas are ...
  - a. Birds.
  - b. Fish.
  - c. Snakes (Serpents).
  - d. People from India.



3. Where do they live?
  - a. On a river bank.
  - b. In long grass.
  - c. In trees.
  - d. Under water.
4. How would you describe Nagas?
  - a. small.
  - b. dangerous.
  - c. kind.
  - d. real.
  - e. protective.
  - f. Buddha like.

5. Nagas are a little snake like, describe snakes in Thailand.
  - a. Long.
  - b. Slippery.
  - c. Dangerous.
  - d. Green.
  - e. Camouflaged.



6. Which of the following ideas are a good idea or not good idea after being bitten by a snake? The put in order first, then next, after that, finally.

- a. Panic **(no)**
- b. Relax **(yes) First.**
- c. Raise (elevate) your leg/arm (bite) above your heart. **(yes) Then.**
- d. Cut out where it bit you.
- e. Suck out the poison.
- f. Tie a narrow tourniquet.
- g. Wrap a wide compressed bandage.
- h. Call and drive to a hospital. **Finally.**



7. What do you know about the snake on a pole sign as seen on many ambulances in Thailand?

8. **Story:** The Snake on the Pole. Desert near Egypt 1440-1406BC.  
Numbers 21:4-9. (Also see John 3:9-16 33AD).

<sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live".



# 31.Chulalongkorn Day

Freedom was important October 23.

1., Chulalongkorn reigned for ... years?

a. 22. b. 32. c. 42. d. 52. e. 62.

2. Chulalongkorn helped encouraged (Choose one)..

- a. Freedom to smoke.
- b. Freedom to speak.
- c. Freedom to travel.
- d. Freedom to speak Thai.
- e. Freedom to ride a horse.



3. King Chulalongkorn helped abolish...

a. Video games. b. Slavery. c. Rats. d. Malaria. e. Christianity.

4. **Read together:** The abolition of slavery in Thailand is considered one of Chulalongkorn's greatest achievements as before over one third of Thai population were enslaved or born into slavery.

5. King Chulalongkorn encouraged religious freedom for people in all faiths. Do you know any other people from different faiths?

6. Chulalongkorn was influenced by the words quoted in Abraham Lincoln's 1863 speech "All men are created equal." Lincoln was drawing on from the origin or beginning of mankind (see 8). What is known about the origin of Thai people?

- Mongolia, China, Indo China.
- Thai or Malay Indonesia.

7. Which group do you originate from?

Ethnic Chinese. 14 %. Thais 78 %. Malay Muslims 4 %.  
Khmer. 1 %. Karen 1%. Indian and Pakistanis 1 %.  
Lao Isan 20 million.

8. **Story:** The inspiration behind Lincoln and Chulalongkorn.

All People are equal.

Genesis 1.

1. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth

27 So God created people in his own image. 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.



## 32. Halloween

Fear of Evil Spirits. October 31.

1. During Halloween, shops sell many bats, witches, jack-o-lanterns. Match the words with the pictures:

bats.      black cat.      Zombies.  
Witch.      Ghost.      Jack-o-lantern.



2. Share one thing you are afraid of?  
Spiders, ghosts, heights, death, English.
- I am afraid of ...
  - I am scared of...
  - I am petrified of ...

3. Name 3 famous horror movies.

4. Do you like horror movies?

5. Have you ever seen a ghost?

Yes, I have / No I haven't or my friend has.



6. How do people try to stop ghosts/evil spirits in Thailand?

- By wearing an amulet.
- By having a lucky charm.
- By going to the temple.
- Using spirit houses.
- Tying colored ribbons around trees to honor the spirit Nang Takhian.
- Putting a pink silk dress.
- By having a Monk come and chant.
- By praying to God.
- Other....



7. **Story** : The man delivered from evil spirits: Mark 1:21-28. 30-33AD

<sup>25</sup> "Be quiet!"

"Come out of him!" Jesus said sternly.

# 33. National Pad Thai Day

November 7.

**1. Read Together:** In the 1930s, Acting Prime Minister Plaek Phibunsongkhram (Phibun) wanted the country to have a strong and independent national identity. These are 2 of his ideas.

- a. Country's name Siam was changed to Thailand.
- b. Phad Thai was voted as the new national dish. Why was it chosen?

Four answers are correct One answer is incorrect.

- 1. Made from local ingredients.
- 2. Philbun's favorite dish.
- 3. Sell more rice to other countries.
- 4. Eating Pad Thai means I love Thailand.
- 5. Thai people love salty, sweet, sour, and spicy food.



## 2. Role play ordering pad thai

- Market: Can I help you?  
Customer: Yes, how much is the pad thai?  
Market: 40 baht.  
Customer: Hmm good price. I'll have one please.  
Market: Do you like spicy or non-spicy?  
Customer: Spicy is okay.  
Market: Eat in or take away?  
Customer: Take away thanks.  
Market: Any drinks?  
Customer: Just a can of coke thanks.  
Market: Okay that will be 55 baht.



**3.** What other things are national objects of identity for Thailand?

**4.** Share about national symbols of other countries.

- USA: Stature of Liberty, can you draw?
- Australia Kangaroos or BBQs How do you like your meat?  
Rare, Medium Rare, Medium or Well done.

**5. Story:** The giant sacrifice (BBQ) that changed nations identity:

Mt Carmel 950BC: 1 Kings 18:16-45: The famine in Samaria:

The god who answers by fire—he is God.”

<sup>27</sup> “Shout louder!”. “Maybe he is sleeping”. “slashed themselves”.



## 34. Royal Barge Procession

Divine Power. Oct-Dec.

1. In Thailand, the Royal barge ceremony has been held for over..?  
a. 700 years. b. 900 years. c. 1100 years.

2. There are .....boats in 2 formations  
a. 50-60. b. 60- 70. c.70-80. d. 80-90.

3. Years ago the boats helped carry what from Ayutthaya to Thonburi?

4. To row on the royal barges requires good teamwork. Share which of these are true about yourself.

- a. I am fit.
- b. I like swimming.
- c. I am a good team player.
- d. I work well in a team.
- e. I enjoy working in a team.
- f. I have good interpersonal skills.
- g. I like to encourage other people.
- h. People say I have good people skills.
- i. I find it easy to build relationships (rapport) with people).
- j. I find it easy to get along and inspire others.



5. Royal barges carry spiritual significance in transporting golden buddhas and presentation of robes to monks during the royal barge ceremony. What would you like to be presented with?

6. On the barges it is also common to sing while rowing a traditional boat song, raising the King's majesty and power, what songs would you sing?

7. Story: A boat trip that contained royal and divine power but no singing.

Sea of Galilee 33AD Mark 4:35-41

<sup>39</sup>... "Quiet! Be still!"

<sup>41</sup> "They were terrified."



## 35. Loi Khratong

Goodbyes and welcome November 19-20.

1. What will you do for this festival?

- a. I will have dinner with friends.
- b. I will go to the river or park.
- c. I will visit my parents.



2. Draw and describe a Khratong.

3. Read the following together and fill in the blanks with these words

1. River. 2. Ask. 3. Welcome. 4. Goodbye. 5. Year. 6. Light. 7. Festival.

Loi Khratong is a... (7)

It is held every .... in November.

People .... floating candles and put them on the ...

It is to ask forgiveness of sins, ... to hatred and .... a new life.

4. Why do people light the candle on the Loi Khratong?

- a. To scare away the fish.
- b. To ask Buddha for extra goodness.
- c. To help boats see the Khratong.

5. Loi Khratong festival is about saying goodbye to bad things and welcoming a better life. What do you want to say goodbye to?

- a. Bad habits or Bad luck.
- b. Poor health or Sin.

6. What do you want to welcome?

- a. Better Job or More money.
- b. Improved English.
- c. New life or New friends.
- d. Better relationships.
- e. Forgiveness.
- f. Peace in my heart.

7. **Story:** The woman who said good-bye to bad things and welcomed many good things.

John 8:1-11 33 AD.

. "Go now and leave your life of sin."



## 36. Yi Peng Festival

Darkness to Light November 19-20.



1. **Read together:** Yi Peng Festival requires people releasing lanterns which symbolizes letting go and **moving from** darkness to light.

1. Do you know anybody who is blind?

2. Give directions to your partner who is blindfolded.

- a. Walk forward 3 steps.      b. Stop.      c. Turn left/right.  
d. Go straight.      e. Turn around.      f. Be careful.

3. How did you feel during this activity? Happy    b. Excited    c. Nervous

4. Letting the lantern fly is about **Releasing bad memories:** Time being sick can be a bad memory. Role play a time when you felt sick and went to the doctor

Doctor: What are your symptoms?

Patient: I have a headache.

Doctor: Let me check your pulse. Hmmm! You should drink lots of water.

5. **Letting go of past problems:** Read, discuss symptoms and home remedies

- |                       |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| a. Flu or sore throat | You should..          | drink honey/lemon. |
| b. Headache           | You have to           | drink raw egg      |
| c. Fever              | You must              | eat rice soup      |
| d. Backache           | It's a good idea to.. | get a massage      |
| e. Burns              | Try                   | applying aloe Vera |
| f. Co-vid             | ...                   | ...                |
| g. Loneliness         | ...                   | ...                |
| h. Mistakes or sin    | ...                   | ...                |

6. **Yi Peng is about making wishes come true for the future. Share:**

I want to be ... 1. Healthy/cured. 2. Rich. 3. Free. 4. Forgiven. 5. Thankful.

7. **Yi Peng is about Making Merit:** Have you ever released a lantern or donated robes or money trees?

8. **Story. Ten men in extreme darkness. One man went into great light.**

The 10 lepers: Near a village on the road to Jerusalem. Luke 17: 11-17.

<sup>12</sup> ten men with leprosy<sup>l</sup>

<sup>15</sup> One of them.. came back, <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan."



## 37. The Lopburi Monkey Buffet Festival

Last Sunday in November.

1. How would you describe monkeys? Yes, no or maybe.

- a. Big or small.
- b. Tame or wild.
- c. Intelligent.
- d. Friendly or scary.
- e. Hungry or full.
- f. Cuddly or crazy.
- g. Fast or slow.
- h. Funny or boring.
- i. Cheeky.



2. Do you have a pet? What is his or her name?

3. Describe your pet

4. What do you do with your pet?

1. Wash.
2. Feed.
3. Hug.
4. Run.
5. Walk.
6. Groom.
7. Play.
8. Protect.
9. Look after.

5. **Story:** The **Savior** Monkey.

**Read together:** A huge buffet meal is offered to Monkeys to say thank you as a long time ago, monkeys are believed to have saved the wife of Lord Rama from a demon. Share anything else you know about this story.



6. **Story:** A **Savior** has been born, to save us from demons.

Christmas Day Bethlehem. OAD

Luke 2:8-20.

<sup>8</sup> That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep.

<sup>10</sup> But the angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.



## 38. Father's Day

The Helping Hand December 5.

1. How many people are in your family?
2. Are you the youngest or tallest?
3. Line up youngest to oldest. Tallest to shortest.  
You are older/shorter than me.
4. December 5 is the birthday of the previous King Rama IX. In Thailand King Rama IX was proclaimed by the Thai people as the Father of Thailand. How old is your father?
5. Describe yourself and your father
  - a. My name is ..      **His name is/was ....**
  - b. I am from...      **He is/was from ...**
  - c. I am tall      **He is .....**
  - d. I like ...      **He likes ...**
  - e. I am ..(kind)      **He is..(hard working)**
6. Share some of activities the Father of Thailand (King Bhumibol Adulyadej (King Rama IX) did for the farmers and all Thai people. For example:
  - a. Establish dams.
  - b. Planting grass.
  - c. Invented Iron buffalo
7. How do you like to help people?
  - a. Helping with homework.
  - b. Cooking and cleaning.
  - c. Giving people a ride.
  - d. Welcoming people.
  - e. Giving them gifts.
  - f. Sharing food and money.
  - g. Saying hello.
  - h. Inviting them for a big dinner.



**8. Story:** Best Father's Day present ever: Luke 15:11-32

<sup>32</sup>·Your younger brother was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"



## 39. Constitution Day

Handing over power. December 10.

**1. Read together:** Constitution day celebrates bringing in a constitution that brought great change to a country. People of Thailand thank the monarchy for granting them the right to run their country.

**2.** When was the constitution drawn up?

- a. 1906.    b. 1926.    c. 1032.

**3.** Why did the people want a change in 1932?

- a. King has left Thailand.  
b. To be part of China.  
c. People didn't want the king to have any power.  
d. Thailand (The king) needed help because of World War 1 and Great depression.

**4.** What will you do on Constitution day?

- a. Watch a street parade and fireworks.  
b. Visit an image of a king.  
c. Visit Democracy Monument.



**5.** The Garuda is a royal symbol and seal shared by the power shared by the Government and Monarchy since 1932. Share the following information about birds using intonation in statements (S), questions (Q) and lists (L).

- |  |                  |                 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>a.</b> What is your favorite bird?                              | W/H question.    | Falling tone.   |
| <b>b.</b> Can you draw a Garuda?                                   | Yes no question. | Rising tone.    |
| <b>c.</b> Garuda's are legendary birds.                            | Statement.       | Falling tone.   |
| <b>d.</b> The USA, China and Thailand have symbolic birds. (List). |                  | R. R. F.        |
| <b>e.</b> What are those birds?                                    | W/H question.    | Rising tone.    |
| <b>f.</b> Can you tell me what that bird is?                       | Indirect Q Y/N.  | Falling Rising. |

**6.** The Garuda symbolizes divine power and authority of the king. Where have you seen the Garuda symbol?

**7. Story:** Sign of divine power and a time of handing over of power

Luke 5: 1-11. Sea of Galilee 33AD,

<sup>8</sup> "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man:

"Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."



# 40. National Sports Day

December 16.

1. **Read together: National Sports Day** commemorates the day when King Bhumibol Adulyadej won gold medal in sailing in 1967.

2. Charades of sports.

3. What sports do you like? a. I like ...      b. I play...      c. I watch...

4. **Come and play**      Messi:      Do you want to play football?  
Win:      Yes I would love to.  
Messi:      Great! Meet at 5pm at 7/11.

5. **Health:**      Pete: Do you like playing football?  
Tex: Yes I do, it's good for your health.  
Pete: Are you fit?  
Tex: Of course. I go running every day.

6. **Game Day:** Encourage Tex as a team

a. **Before** the game:      You can do it.      We believe in you.  
b. **During** the game:      Keep going.      You are doing well.  
c. **After** the game:      You did a good job.      I'm so proud of you.

7. Debrief your team after a game you won or lost.

a. What went well today?  
b. What didn't go so well?  
c. How could we do better next time?

8. Can you demonstrate some Thai boxing or Sepak takraw?

9. **Story:** The Supreme Fighter: The Life of Phraya Pichai 'Dap Hak' and love for Thai boxing,

a. His fight and victory (broken sword)  
b. His loyalty to his King

10. **Christmas like "Daap Hak"** is a story of loyalty/victory involving a King.

a. A story of surprise      b. A story of loyalty to his people  
c. A loyalty to the point death      d. A story of ultimate victory.  
e. A Savior is born      f. A story of a great gift

John 3: 16: <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
1 Timothy 6:12: <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith.



# 41. Christmas Day

December 25.

1. Sound like a Santa Claus: "Ho ho ho, Merry Christmas!"
2. Match these Christmas decorations and their meanings.

Decorations	Meaning
1. Christmas Tree.	a. Gift.
2. Star.	b. Eternal life.
3. Angel.	c. Sign.
4. Presents.	d. Messenger.
5. Santa Claus.	e. Joy (Coke).



3. What Christmas gift would you like to receive?
4. Christmas is about a Gift sent by God in the year 0 AD. God spoke through messengers (Prophets) 600BC so people would know when this gift arrived.

a. Micah 5.2: Born in Bethlehem.

"Bethlehem, a very small town will come a king".

b. Jeremiah 23:5 (David's hometown).

"An honest king from the Family of David".

Describe your hometown: Busy/quiet. Near/far. Flat/hilly. Big/small. Famous.

c. Isaiah 7: Virgin Birth

<sup>14</sup> God will give you a sign: The virgin will give birth to a son"

d. Numbers: 24:17: The Star: "A star will come"

<sup>2</sup> We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" Mat 2:2

Share about King Mongkut who was fascinated by the galaxy and stars.

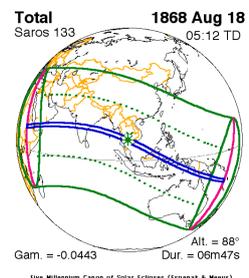
*'King of Siam's eclipse'. 1868.*



5. In the Christmas story three Persian kings sought direction from a star to find the new born king. Practice these directions

- a. Go this way. Go past. Go straight.
- b. Turn Left. Turn right. Turn around.
- c. Keep going. Go past. Next to.

6. Ready for the Christmas drama? See Appendix A. Enjoy!



# Appendix A

## The Christmas Drama.

Bethlehem 0 AD.



### Scene 1.

**600BC Israel:** He is coming.

Prophet 1: He will be born to a virgin.

Prophet 2: He will be born in Bethlehem.

Prophet 3: He will be from family of David.

Prophet 4: There will be a star.

### Scene 2.

**0AD Nazareth.**

Angel: Mary you will have God's baby. You will call him Jesus.

Mary: This is impossible.

Angel: Nothing is impossible for God.. His Spirit very powerful

Mary: I am blessed.

Angel (dream) Joseph, marry Mary. She has God's baby

Joseph: I will.

### Scene 3.

**Nazareth to Bethlehem.**

Govt: Go to your hometown.

Joseph: My hometown is Bethlehem. We have to go.

### Scene 4.

**Arrive in Bethlehem.**

Joseph: Any rooms?

Innkeeper: Sorry, full but you can use my stable.

Joseph: Oh many animals Mary try to be comfortable.

### Scene 5.

**Baby born in a stable Bethlehem.**

Jesus: Crrrrr!

Joseph: Amazing, God in human flesh..

Mary: I will wrap him in cloth and place him in the manger.

### Scene 6.

**Hills near Bethlehem.**

Angel 1: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Angel 2: Tonight in Bethlehem the savior of the world has been born.

Shepherds: Let's go to Bethlehem and see.

### Scene 7.

**Persia.**

King 1: Look, the star we have been waiting for.

King 2: Yes, the great king has been born.

King 3: Let's go and follow the star.

### Scene 8.

**Kings arrive in Jerusalem.**

Kings: Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

King Herod: Me too! (Not true) Go, find him and then tell me.

### Scene 9.

**Jerusalem to Bethlehem.**

Kings: Let's go!

Kings: The star, we are overjoyed.

Kings: There is the stable, Joseph, Mary and Jesus, let's bow and worship him. We give you gifts.

King 1 Gold, for the king of kings.

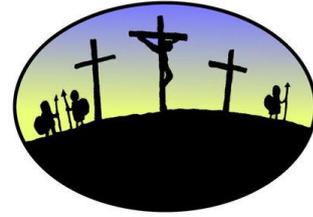
King 2: Frankincense: For the priest of priests.

King 3: Myrrh: For the death he will have.

**Scene 10:** Now sing Christmas Carols.

## Appendix B

### Easter Story Part 1: Good Friday.



**Where:** Jerusalem 33 AD.

**Narrator 1:** The soldiers took Jesus. They put a purple robe on Jesus, and on his head they placed a crown made of thorns. They made fun of Jesus and shouted:

**Soldier 1:** Hail! You king of the Jews!

**Soldier 2:** Long live King of the Jews

**Narrator 2:** The soldiers beat Jesus on the head with a stick. They spat on him and led him off to be nailed on a cross. A group of women followed Jesus crying. Jesus said to them.

**Jesus:** Women of Jerusalem! Don't cry for me, but for yourselves and your children.

**Narrator 1:** Two other men, both of them criminals, were also led out to be put to death with Jesus. The soldiers took Jesus to a hill to be crucified. They crucified Jesus there, and the two criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said:

**Jesus:** Forgive them Father! They don't know what they are doing!

**Narrator 2:** The soldiers gambled for Jesus' clothes among themselves by throwing dice. The crowd stood there watching while the soldiers mocked him.

**Religious Leader 1:** He saved others. Now he should save himself!

**Religious Leader 2:** If he is the Messiah God's chosen one, come down from the cross!

**Soldier 4:** Save yourself if you are the King of the Jews.

**Narrator:** One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at Jesus:

**Criminal 1:** Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

**Narrator 1:** The other one, told the first one off.

**Criminal 2:** Don't you fear God? Aren't we getting the same punishment as this man? We got what we deserved, but he didn't do anything wrong.

**Narrator 2:** Criminal 2 turned to Jesus and said:

**Criminal 2:** Remember me when you come into power!

**Jesus:** I promise that today you will be with me in heaven.

**Narrator 1:** When Jesus was crucified, some women stood at a distance. They were upset and cried for Jesus. The sky turned dark and Jesus shouted:

**Jesus:** Father, I put myself in your hands!

**Narrator 2:** Then he died. A Roman soldier saw what happened and said:

**Soldier 4:** Surely this was no ordinary man.



## Appendix C

### Easter Story Part 2: Easter Sunday.



**Audience:** Cock a doodle do.  
**Narrator 1:** Three days later, very early on Sunday morning, at sunrise, Mary and two other ladies went to the tomb.

**Narrator 2:** When they arrived they were surprised, the stone had been rolled away.

**Women:** Who rolled the stone away?

**Narrator 3:** So they entered the tomb.

**Audience:** Whistle of silence.

**Narrator 2:** They found the wrapped cloth but no body of Jesus.

**Mary M:** Where is he?

**Narrator 1:** Two men "Angels" as bright as lightening stood beside them.

**Audience:** Bright Bright Bright.

**Women:** Oooooooooohhhhhhhh.

**Narrator 2:** The woman were frightened and bowed down.

**Angel 1:** Jesus, He is not here. He has risen.

**Angel 2:** Remember he said he would be killed and 3 days later rise again.

**Narrator 3:** They remembered his words and ran to tell the others.

**Audience:** Knock Knock Knock!

**Mary:** It's Mary. Let us in.

**Men:** What! What! Calm down!

**Women:** He has risen!

**Men:** Impossible! Not true.

**Narrator 1:** However Peter and John got up and ran to the tomb. They arrived.

**Audience:** (Panting) Hhhhhh Hhheh

**Peter:** It is true, He is not here. Look at these strips of cloth.

**John:** I see and I believe.

**Narrator 2:** They ran back to tell the others. Peter told them everything. Lock the doors!

**Audience:** Locking noise (crrkkkkk).

**Men:** Chatting Maybe .....

**Narrator 3:** While they were still talking. Jesus stood among them.

**Jesus:** "Peace be with you. "Don't you believe".

**Narrator 1:** They thought they had seen a ghost.

**Audience:** (Silent whistle wind noise); Hussssh!.

**Jesus:** Look at my hands and my feet. Touch me and see.

**Narrator 2:** They looked and saw

**Jesus:** Do you have anything here to eat?"

**Narrator 3:** They gave him something to eat.

**Men:** We are so overjoyed. We believe.

**Narrator 1:** The Jesus said to all

**Jesus:** Go and tell everybody in every country what I have done for them. Repent and be baptized. They can be forgiven, be free. have new life. I will be with you always. I am going and I am coming back.



# Appendix D

## Ideas for Bi lingual Storytelling

(End of every lesson).

### Everybody loves a Story

From Lesson 13 No 6.  
Labor Day (Bank Holiday)  
Story: The Lost Coin.



**(T) Teacher and (S) Student)**

**A.** T & S read and act out the main words (usually verbs) from the story (Charades).

- |            |           |               |
|------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Had.    | 2. Lost.  | 3. Look.      |
| 4. Light.  | 5. Sweep. | 6. Find.      |
| 7. Call.   | 8. Come.  | 9. Celebrate. |
| 10. Happy. | 11. Turn  |               |

**B. (T)** Tell the story. Students can help with use of actions with verbs.

**C.** Read the story (optional).  
(English/Thai).

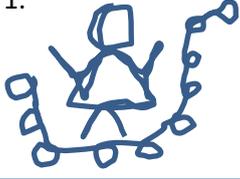
#### Story: The Lost Coin Luke 15:8-10.

<sup>8</sup>What will a woman do if she has ten silver coins and loses one of them? Won't she light a lamp, sweep the floor, and look carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>Then she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, "Let's celebrate! **I've found the coin I lost.**" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "In the same way God's angels are happy when even one person turns to him." [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

#### ลูกา 15:8-10

<sup>8</sup> “สมมุติว่าหญิงคนหนึ่งมีเหรียญเงิน<sup>[๑]</sup> อยู่สิบเหรียญ แล้วทำตกหายไปหนึ่งเหรียญ นางจะไม่จุดตะเกียงและกวาดบ้าน ค้นหาทุกซอกทุกมุมจนกว่าจะพบหรือ <sup>9</sup> เมื่อหาเหรียญนั้นเจอแล้ว นางก็เชิญเพื่อนบ้านเพื่อนฝูงมาพร้อมหน้า และพูดว่า ‘มาร่วมฉลองกันหน่อย เพราะฉันพบเหรียญที่หล่นหายไปแล้ว’ <sup>10</sup> เราจะบอกให้รู้ว่า พระเจ้าก็ชื่นชมยินดีอย่างนั้น เหมือนกันต่อหน้าพวกทูตสวรรค์ของพระองค์ เมื่อมีคนบาปคนหนึ่งกลับตัวกลับใจ” [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

**D. T/S** Draw a story map.

1. 	2. 

**E.** Practice voice intonation with the whole class.

**“I've found the coin I lost”**  
(Phrase from story).

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. High voice x2. | 2. Low voice x2.  |
| 3. Fast voice x2. | 4. Slow voice x2. |
| 5. Use pause x2.  |                   |

**F. (S)** Retell the story in pairs.  
(Not re read).

**G.** Dramatize the story if you wish.

**H.** Discuss the story.

#### Choose Discussion. Questions.

1. What do you like about this story?
2. What surprised you in this story?
3. What do we learn about people from the story?
4. What do we learn about God from the story?
5. Who are you like or want to be like in this story?
6. Who could you tell the story to?

