

NATION TO NATION

hope that changes lives

#### christmas joy

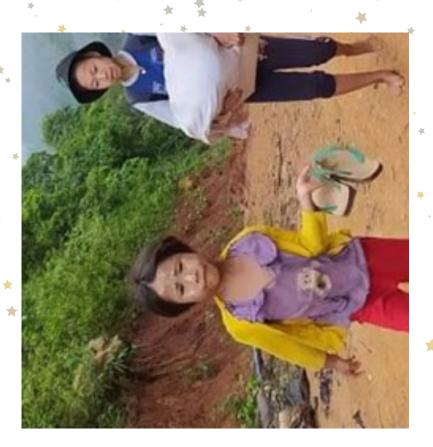
THIS IS A TOOL FOR YOUR FAMILY TO MERGE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH THE HARDSHIPS AND JOURNEY OF THE PEOPLE IN MYANMAR. FOCUSING ON THE STORIES OF A YOUNG GIRL AND A BOY, WE WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR DESIRE TO NURTURE REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY WITHIN YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY LOOK OUTWARD TO JESUS.

THERE ARE 12 DAYS OF ACTIVITY - \*\*
USE IT IN A WAY THAT YIELDS JOY.





# Denpo



# Hayma





Where you live

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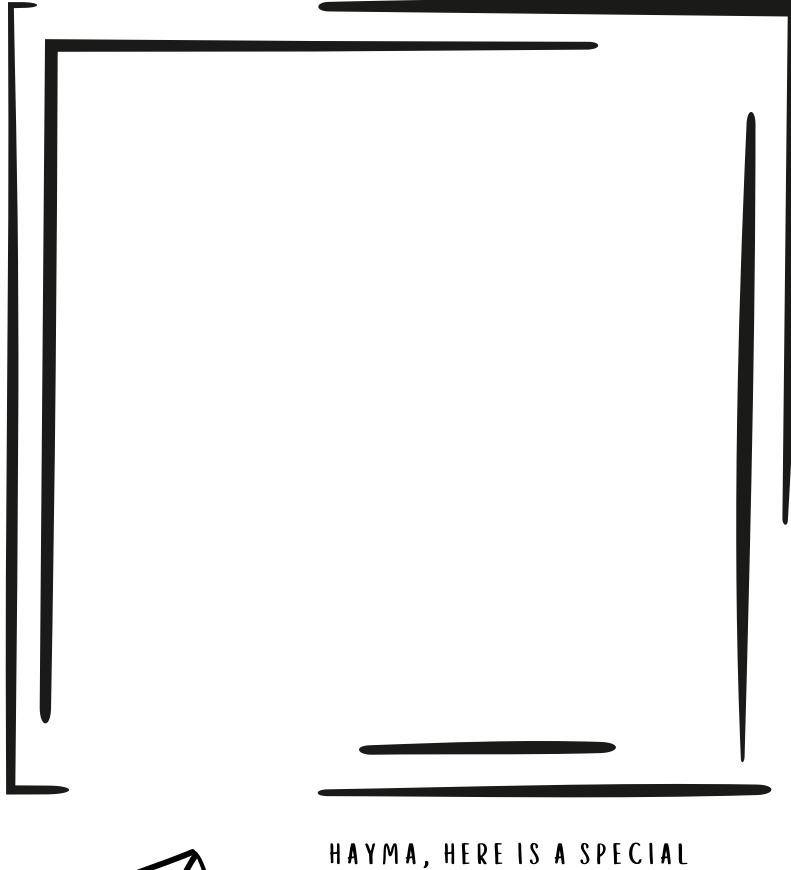
## Hayma's Story

I am 4. I live where the heart is on your map. It got scary when the soldiers started fighting when I turned 3. When my cousin's village burnt down we packed up our things and now we live in the jungle. We get rice sometimes, but usually we have to eat raw things we find. I have 2 brothers. We can't go back to our farm. When our family got our water filter I felt happy and stopped feeling sick all the time.

Pray for me please because I am scared that the soldiers will find us.

Activity:

DRAW A PICTURE OF HAYMA'S STORY AND PRAY FOR HER AND HER FAMILY



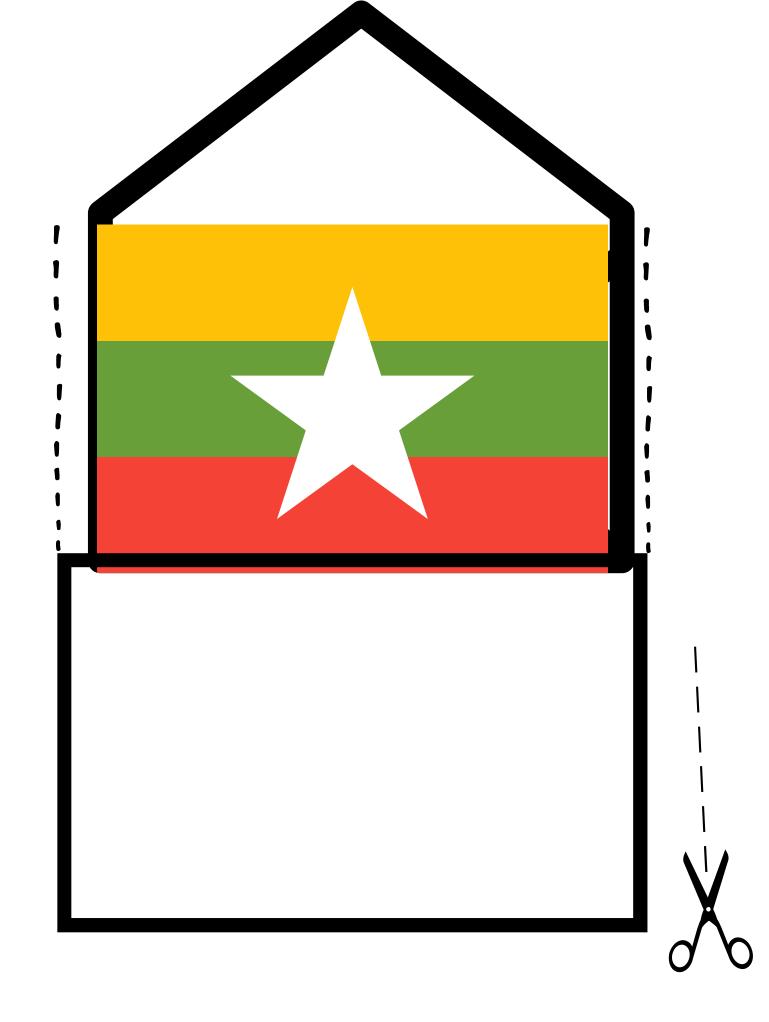


HAYMA, HERE IS A SPECIAL DRAWING FOR YOU. WE PRAYED FOR YOU TODAY.



# MY LIST HAY MA'S LIST



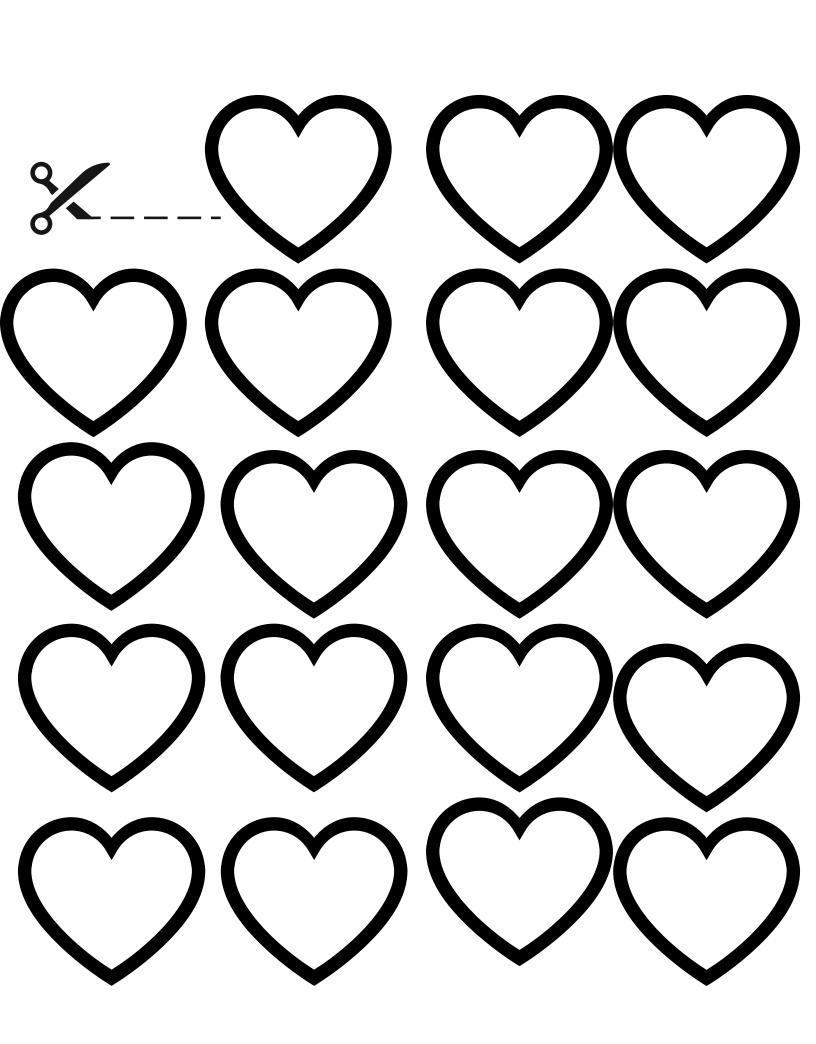


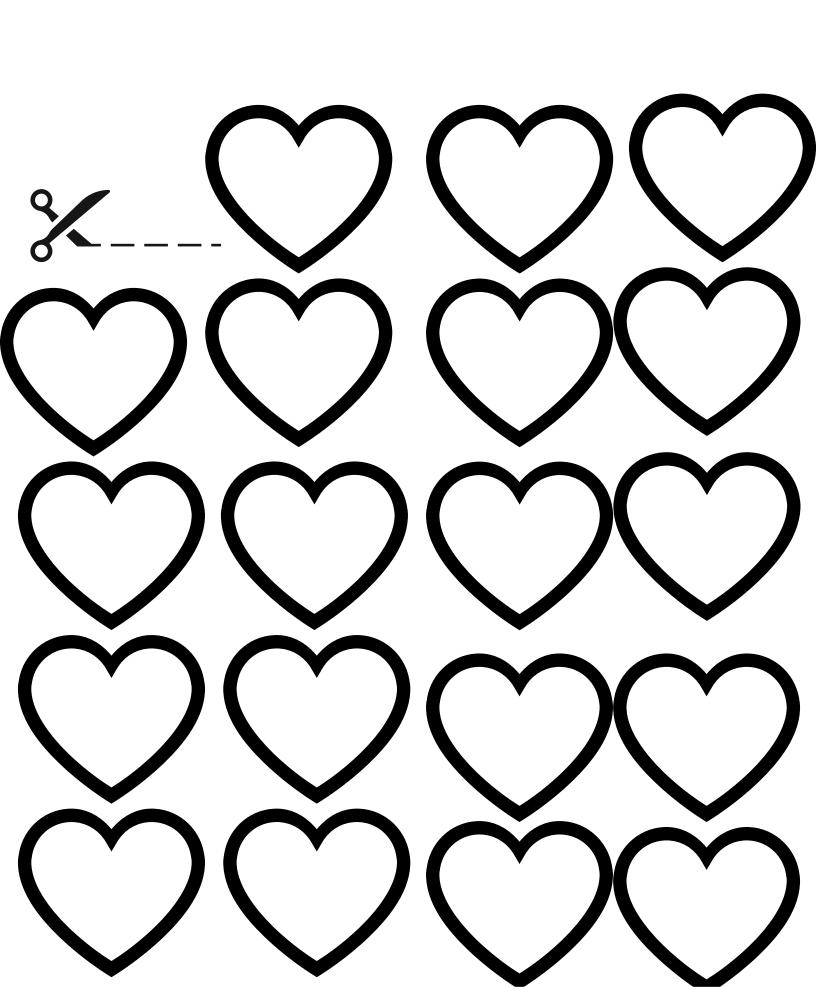


# cut this out and glue or tape the seams together or use the tabs and glue them to the inside to form the envelope

Put all of the coloured hearts into the envelope for another day's activity.

The hearts will be used for a counting game.





#### While the kids are colouring, you can read this story to them:

The kids in Myanmar are living with no extra money, no fluffy beds, and no fridges. You know who that makes me think of? Jesus. When he was born, his mommy and daddy didn't have fancy and expensive things. They had just enough to live. What do babies usually sleep in? (A crib) Yes, and when Jesus was born they didn't even have a crib. He slept in something called a \_\_\_ (manger). The kids in Myanmar are having problems with their government, so they don't feel safe. That reminds me of Jesus too, because after he was born, an angel told Joseph to move to another country until it was safe to come back, because the government was trying to find baby Jesus.

The hearts you are colouring can make us think of kids who are all alone, and they need to be tucked into the safety of God's love.

Put all of your coloured hearts into the envelope. On another day we will use them for a counting game.

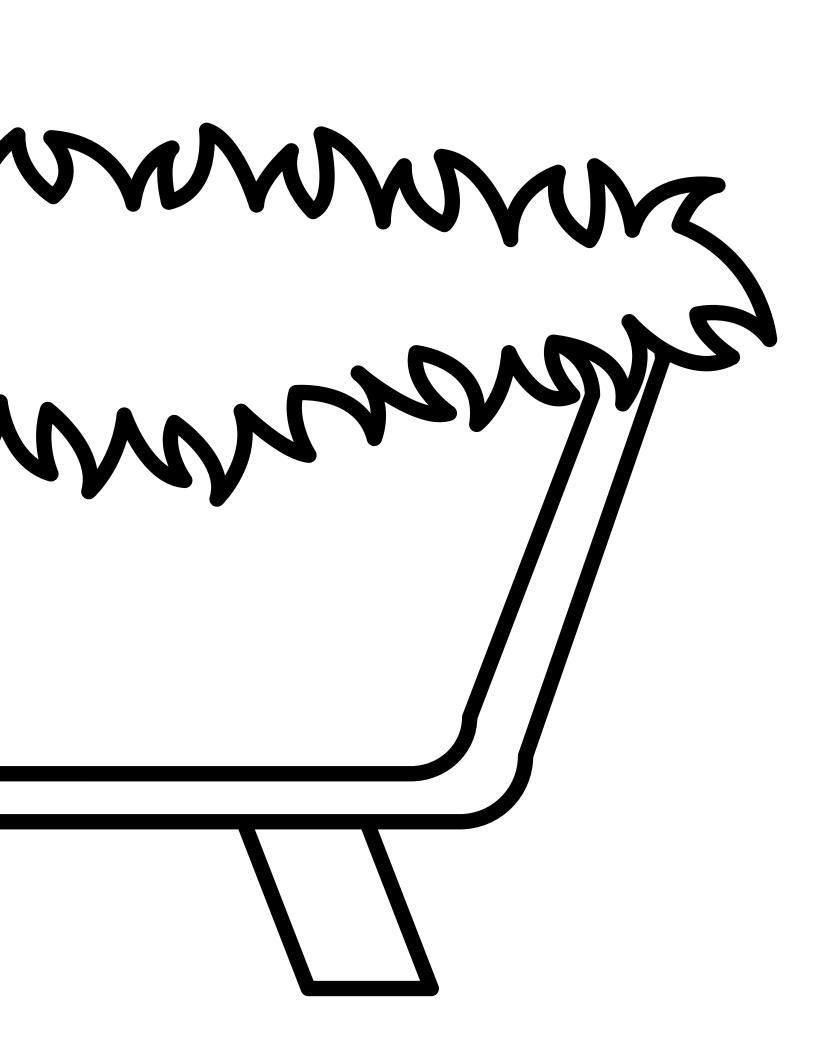
1) Do you think Jesus cares about what's happening for the kids in Myanmar?

2) Does God see them in the jungle, hiding, or can the kids hide from God?

3)Just like God made sure there was something to hold Jesus (a manger), do you think there are special ways God is taking care of the families in Myanmar?











FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD

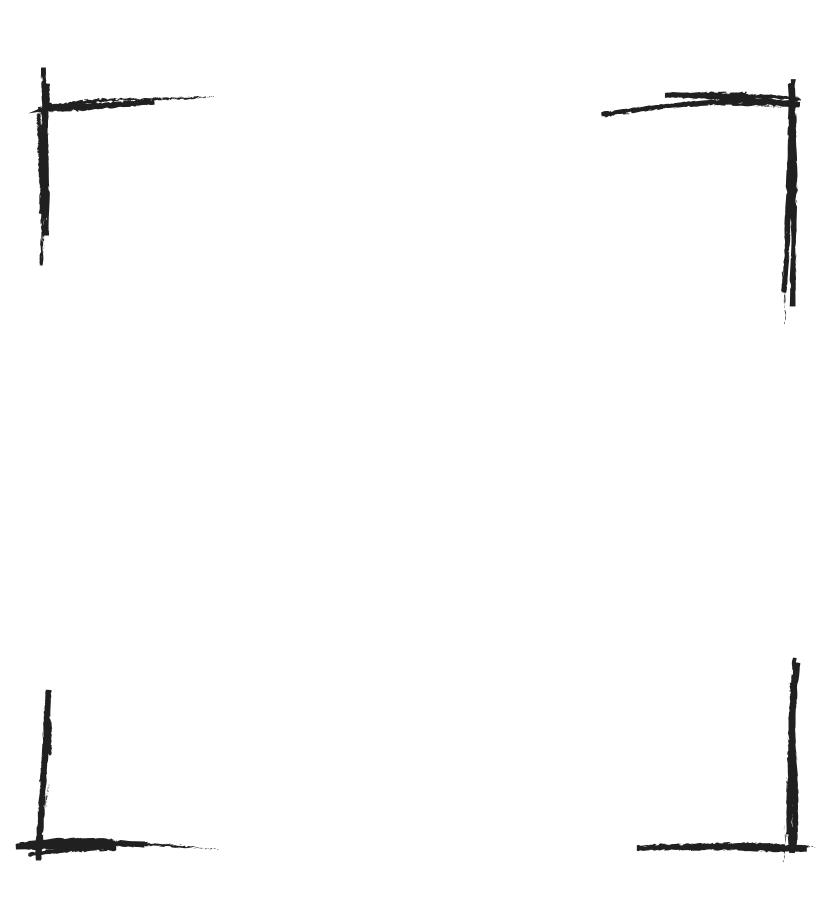


# Dempo's Story

I am 7. I live where the star is on your map. School stopped for me two years ago when so much changed. My dad got arrested this year and so my mom and sister and I walked for three days to live with my grandma in a little village. We have no running water and no electricity. One day a truck came into our town and set up a water tap with safe water and gave all of us kids cool lights that are charged by the sunshine. Since those two things happened, living in the jungle feels less lonely, because I know somebody out there somewhere cares that we will be ok. I want to go to school and I want to see my dad again.

Activity:

DRAW A PICTURE OF DENPO'S STORY AND PRAY FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY





This is a drawing I made for you, and I prayed for you today.





CUT OUT THE GIFTS, AND WRITE ON THE BACK OF EACH GIFT WHAT THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HAYMA AND DENPO. PUT THE GIFT CUT-OUTS UNDER THE TREE.





## Materials: -pipecleaners or string -beads

Today we're making a special bracelet to help us remember the story of Christmas.

Choose an extra bead to represent You, and an extra bead to represent a child from Myanmar. Try to wear your bracelet to all of your Christmas gatherings, and tell others about the Christmas story, and the kids in Myanmar.

#### CHRISTMAS STORY BRACELET MEANING

- White- for the angel who came to Zechariah and told him his wife would have a baby.
- **Blue** for Mary who believed what the angel told her and trusted God.
- Brown- for Joseph who was going to divorce Mary, but stopped when an angel told him to trust Mary.
- **Grey** for the donkey Mary rode to Bethlehem because of the Roman decree.
- **Gold bell** for Jesus, the bell rings to remind us to tell everyone of the Good News, and it's gold because Jesus will wear a gold crown.
- **Star** for the star that appeared above Jesus.
- White- for the angel that appeared to the shepherds to tell them of lesus' birth.
- **Green** for the shepherds who ran to see the newborn babe.
- Light purple- for the magi who traveled so far to see the baby Jesus.
- Yellow, purple, and red- for the gifts the magi brought. Gifts fit for
- a king.





#### What you will need:

-A wire coat hanger or another small wire -plastic bag or other material in your house cut into strips -things from your yard to decorate (berries, pine branches, pine cones

The kids in Myanmar have to be resourceful, using what is around them. Christmas wreaths remind us of the infinite nature of God's love. Make a wreath without buying anything.

#### How to Make a Wreath from Plastic Bags

- 1.Bend the hanger out in a circle.
- 2. Cut the handles and bottoms off of the grocery bags.
- 3. Fold the bag into one long strip.
- 4.Cut the strip into 4 pieces.
- 5. Cut the sides to make individual strips.
- 6. Tie the strips to the hanger.



turning our blessings into blessing for others

### IN YOUR HOUSE TRY TO COUNT HOW MANY YOU HAVE OF:

Action figures

Barbies

Bikes

Cats

Dogs

Dinosaurs

Dolls

HotWheels

Lego people

Paw Patrol Pups

shoes

Freezers

Cars

Calendars

Beds

TV

collections

Every 5 items = 1 heart (from the heart & envelope craft on Day #4)

Tally up how many hearts you collect for Myanmar

- **1)You can make the hearts worth money:** saving up toward a life-pac for the kids in Myanmar (\$35). \$1 per every heart.
- 2) You can make the hearts worth time spent in prayer at bedtimes for Myanmar. 1 Heart = 1 bedtime prayer for the kids in Myanmar



# WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR THEY WERE OVERJOYED.



MATTHEW 2:10

#### APPLE CIDER RECIPE

- 4 cups (1 L) pure apple juice
- 2 4" cinnamon sticks
- 8 whole cloves
- optional: allspice berries or star anise
- 1-2 tablespoons (15-30 ml) brown sugar, palm coconut sugar or maple syrup (optional, fairly sweet without it)

#### **Instructions**

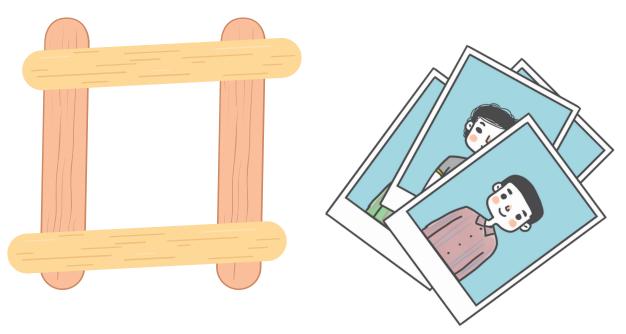
- 1.Place all the ingredients in a sauce pan.
- 2.Heat the apple cider over medium heat, until it begins to simmer, then reduce the heat and continue to simmer for at least 30 minutes. The longer you simmer it, the stronger the flavour will be. Once it is spicy enough for your taste, remove the spices using a slotted spoon. 3.Serve warm.
- 4. Can be refridgerated and reheated



THE KIDS IN MYANMAR DRINK SOY MILK WHEN THEY CAN. IT'S YUMMY WARM OR COLD.

# 12 PHOTO FRAME SOUVENIR

- 1) Cut out the photos of Denpo and Hayma from the start of this package.
- 2) Make Popsicle Stick frames on their photos. Put them on your fridge, or Christmas tree, or maybe on your bedside table, or your dining room table. Write a message on the frame.



2) Send a photo to Nation to Nation of your kids holding their drawings for Denpo & Hayma to thefosters@nation-to-nation.com and any other feedback on how the 12 day journey went. Feel free to email pics of the wreaths or any other element.





Merry Christmas & Thank You for your Participation