

### What is the favorite sport in Ukraine?

Soccer is by far the favorite sport. Matthew's particular delight is in-line skating, but not very many kids here have roller blades yet.

*Let's draw a picture of rollerblades!  
Decorate the skates in your own special way!*

### What else does your family do for fun?

Our family has always been big on reading-- when we can get English material! We also have (and still do) played lots of table games. We have a cupboardful that we have collected over the years.

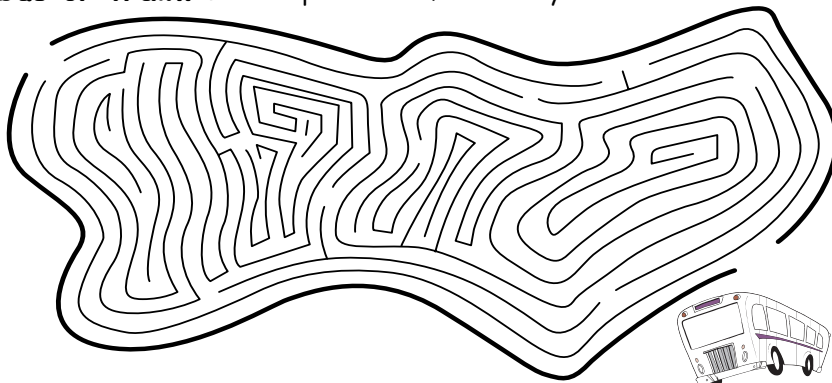


#### Two Activities for this week:

1. **Read a book this week** and be thankful for our public libraries where we can get lots of books written in English!
2. **Play a board game as a family** and pray for Abe & Diane Bible before you play.

## MAZE CRAZE

Did you know that the Bibles travel everywhere by bus or train? Let's help Matthew find his way to the bus!



# EFC-ER Missions Activity Booklet



Did you know...Russia has a land mass almost twice the size of the United States! Look inside to learn more!

*Learning about  
Abe & Diane Bible's  
lives as Missionaries in  
Ukraine & Russia*

## LET'S LEARN ABOUT CHILDREN IN UKRAINE & RUSSIA FROM DIANE BIBLE:

### What do the kids in Ukraine & Russia eat?

No fast food! Breakfast is whatever is leftover from the day before, whether it is soup or noodles. Russians eat a lot of dark bread, but not sandwiches. Sandwiches are a "foreign" idea.

### What food would be their favorite?

A special food is **pelmeni**. These are like ravioli, but no tomato sauce. Instead they are served with butter and sour cream, or maybe vinegar. (A big favorite with Matthew!)

### Do they get special treats?

Ice cream cones are a big favorite, whether it is the middle of summer or -30 in the winter.

### Do all children get to go to school?

Most children attend the full 10 years of schooling. School is very demanding with lots of memorization. Children start at age 6 or 7 and attend for 10 years. The first four years of school children have the same teacher. After that you have different teachers for different subjects. If you want to pass university exams you have to work very hard and probably have extra tutoring.

### What struggles do children have in school?

Kids basically face the same things everywhere. School is harder because if you aren't one of the brighter students you get left behind, so cheating is a normal activity. Teachers don't even try to stop it. However, you can imagine what kind of education you have if you cheated your way through school!

### What are their home lives like?

Most families have 1 child or at the most 2. Quite often they live in a 2 room apartment, but that is considered normal, not crowded.

### Tell us about the climate.

We live in Ukraine which is not as cold as Russia. Our climate here is very much like Ohio. In Russia, however, where our missionaries live it can get extremely cold. Most people live in apartment buildings and the heat in that building is controlled by the government. In many places they have had very little heat in their buildings for the last several years -- the temperature barely reaching 50 degrees.

### What is your biggest challenge?

The ongoing difficulty is language. Russian is not an easy language. It even has a different alphabet than English, and actually 2 languages are used here in Ukraine: both Ukrainian and Russian. Matthew can speak both of them fluently (no one knows he is a foreigner when he talks) but there is still a lot of vocabulary to learn!



## CONNECT THE COUNTRY TO THE CHILDREN

Abe & Diane Bible have five grown children who live around the world. Can you connect the name of their children to the country where they are living?

**Directions:** Draw a line from the name to the country where each is living.



Sarah

Priscilla

Samuel

Esther

Matthew

Sarah lives in Canton, Ohio • Priscilla lives in Ukraine • Samuel lives in Latvia • Esther lives in India • Matthew lives in Ukraine.

## LET'S PRAY

Let's pray for one of the Bible Family members each day this week! Write down one or two things to pray for each family member on their day of the calendar below:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ABE	DIANE	SARAH	PRISCILLA	SAMUEL	ESTHER	MATTHEW