



## Christian Education for Sudanese Refugees

*Ismail is a composite character who embodies stories told to Christian Light personnel who interacted with Sudanese refugees in Egypt.*

### **April 15, 2023 - Khartoum, Sudan**

The sun beat down as I headed home on the dusty street. The air was still, like the stillness before a thunderstorm. I heard terrified wailing and met Ammi (mother) racing toward me. “Come inside, Ismail. The war has begun.”

I was only seven, but I knew how much the head of the army hated the leader of the rebel forces. Ammi held me and Fahim close. “Boys, we must leave. Fighting started near the capitol building this morning.” The capitol building—that’s where my Abu (dad) is stationed with the rebel forces!

Ammi was still talking. “Aunt Farah is coming to pick us up. We’re going to the Egyptian border tonight.” My mind was reeling. My friends, my home, my school . . .

### **Two weeks later**

The Egyptians won’t let us cross the border, and Ammi says it’s not safe in our camp. Ammi or Aunt Farah must stay awake at night to watch us and our things.

One night while on my mat, I hear a new word: “smuggler.” It slides off my tongue as I fall sleep. I’m wakened in the night by Ammi shaking me. Aunt Farah herds Fahim and me to a truck. A man tells us to get into the back, but it’s more like climbing a mountain of people already packed in. The man climbs into the cab.

The truck lurches and picks up speed, straining under its load. Aunt Farah holds me tight. Ammi holds Fahim at the back against the tailgate. I wonder about Abu. Is he safe? Behind us are headlights. The truck speeds up to a ridiculous pace. It lurches violently as we hit a hole. Ammi and others are crying. Fahim is gone! We must turn back to get him! We scream at the driver to go back, but he only speeds up. That’s how we enter Egypt— Ammi, Aunt Farah, and me.

We live in a tiny room on the tenth floor of a building in Cairo. Other refugees are here too. Some days we have enough money to buy some rice, but other days . . . We can only thank God that we’re still alive.

### **Six months later**

Aunt Farah had news about a job for me. The Makani Café was hiring but wouldn’t employ Sudanese women. Aunt Farah took me to the café and pleaded with the manager to give me the job. He hired me on the spot. I will be washing dishes and sweeping the floor.

Ammi also had good news. Today she learned about an organization that is starting a learning center near our apartment. Ammi wants me to attend. I don’t know how to read, and I think it will all be in English.

### **Two months later**

I have been working every day except Friday. I start at 6:00 p.m. and work until 4:00 a.m. I earn 800 EGP (~\$16.50) per week. I want to stop, but Ammi says I can’t or we will starve. She also wants me to go to the learning center. How I can learn when I am so tired?

I just came home from my first day at the center. The teachers, also refugees from Sudan, are kind. There are twenty-five students in a small room. We sit on the floor and look at the small whiteboard Teacher Malaki uses.

### **Three weeks later**

I have made lots of friends at school and can say the English alphabet. I like to pray the Lord’s Prayer, and I have started teaching it to Ammi and Aunt Farah. I get some food at school every day. I fall asleep in almost every class.

I don’t like the walk home from the center. Last Thursday, Egyptian boys were waiting for me at the gate. One of them grabbed my bag and dumped it on the ground. While I was picking up my pencil and notebook, he kicked me.

I started running, and they followed me, throwing rocks. I ran and ran. I thought I was heading home, but when they stopped following me, I didn't know where I was.

For two days, I asked for help. People ignored me, thinking I was a beggar. On the third day, I met a kind Egyptian man sweeping the street. He asked if he could post my information on Facebook to see if anyone was looking for me. I really missed my teachers, so I told him my name and my teacher's name.

Sure enough, someone from the learning center messaged that they were looking for me. I was so excited to see Teacher Malaki come on the bus to take me home.

### **A year later**

I'm still working at the café and going to the learning center. I am learning to read in English, and I'm excited to learn more about Jesus. Someday I hope to go back to Sudan and help rebuild it after the war.

Students lining up at the learning center in Cairo.



## **Christian Light and Egypt**

Interest in our curriculum has been growing internationally. One place it is being used is Egypt. Another nonprofit has started learning centers in Cairo to provide education for children in Sudanese refugee communities. Over one thousand students are currently enrolled.

Christian Light, in conjunction with Christian Aid Ministries, is partnering with this nonprofit to provide curriculum and teacher training. We are enabling them to print Christian Light curriculum in Egypt.

Christian Light has trained two cohorts of Sudanese teachers in Egypt, with plans to train a third group this fall. These teachers aim to raise a generation of Sudanese children who follow Jesus, and who will someday return home to create a new Sudan.

When asked what message should be shared with America, a teacher, with tears in her eyes, replied, "Tell them that lives and families are being changed." Join us in praying for the work of Christian education in Egypt!



**Along with your prayers, you may be interested in supporting this work financially.**

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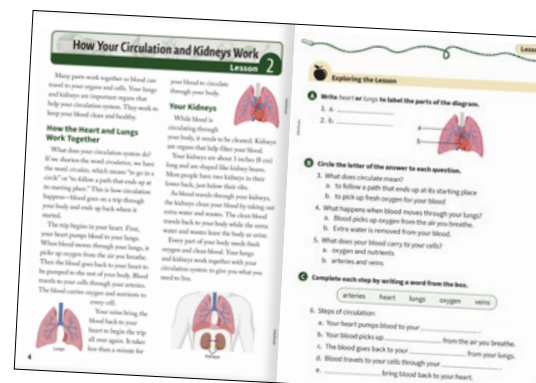
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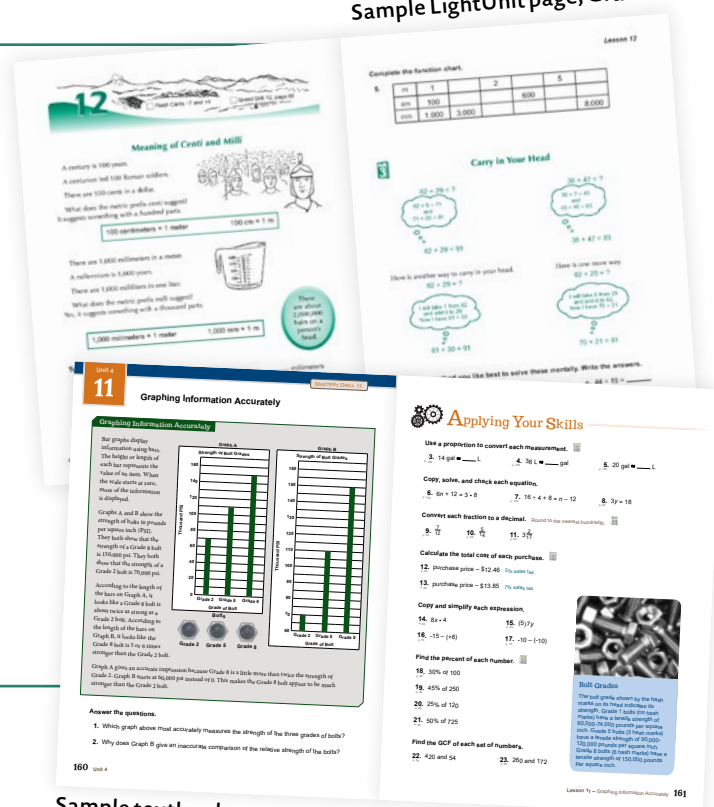
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Sample LightUnit page, Grade 4



Sample textbook page, Grade 7

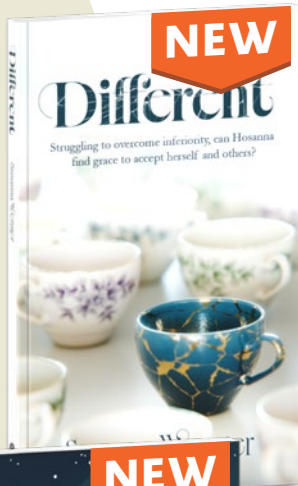
I LOVE the beautiful simplicity and organization of Christian Light. My kids honestly do their work without complaint and look forward to all the little interesting facts, graphs, and stories built into the math curriculum. - Canada



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My eldest was really struggling with math and language arts, which made our homeschool days challenging and discouraging. Making the switch to Christian Light was truly the best decision we could have made—it completely transformed our homeschool journey. The structure, clarity, and approach have helped rebuild confidence and brought joy back into learning. – Illinois

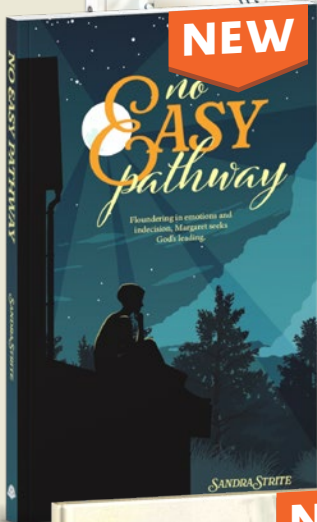
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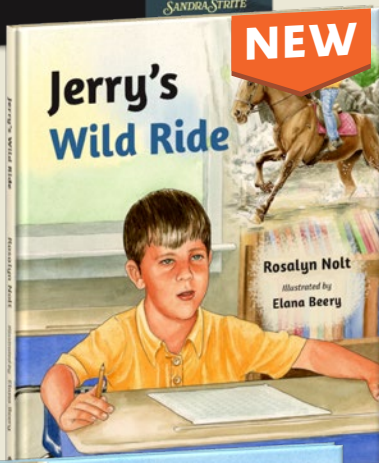
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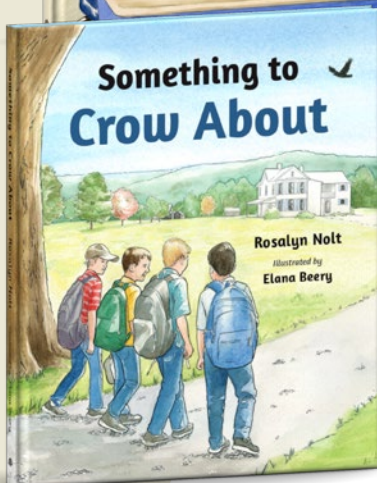
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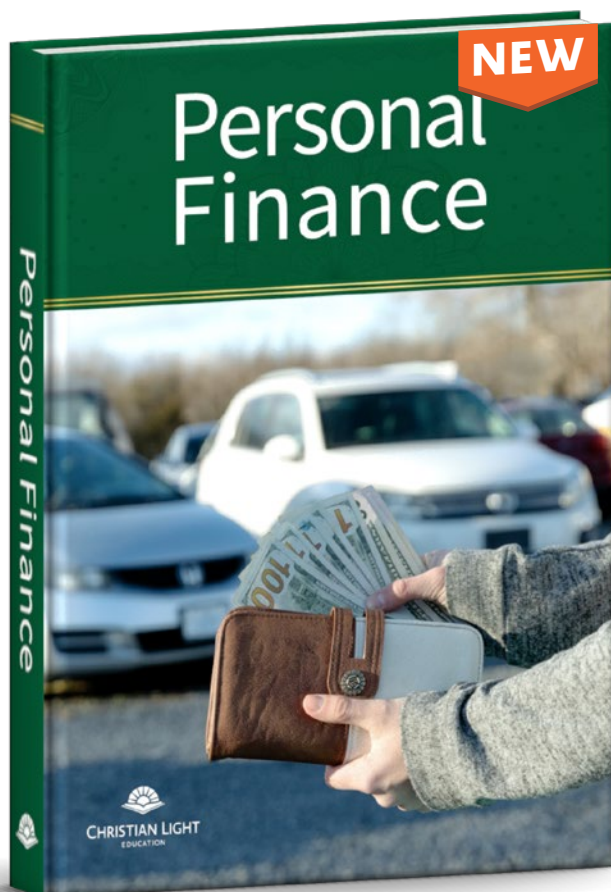
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