

# All Children, All Experiences

Jesus says he wants to bless all of the children, no matter what. Everybody grows up in different places and with different experiences. Read these interesting facts about food and schools in countries around the world, and think about what makes *your* childhood experience unique!



## School Facts

In England, schools that are most like American private schools are called public. Schools that are most like American public schools are called state schools.

In Spain, many kids go to school from 9 am to 5 pm. But don't worry – they get a 2-hour break for lunch!

In Japan, kids don't go from class to class – their teachers come to them! They also have to set aside time during their lunch to participate in “cleaning” to help tidy up the school.

## Food Facts

Many local cuisines are influenced by the spices that grow nearby. Children in Italy eat a lot of foods with basil, oregano, and garlic. In India, many dishes are spiced with curry, paprika, and cilantro. Cilantro is also important in dishes from Latin American countries and some parts of Asia.

Rice is one of the most popular and plentiful foods on the planet. Children in Spanish speaking countries call rice “Arroz” (pronounced “ah-rohs”). German speakers call it “Reis,” children who speak French say “Riz” (pronounced “ree,”), and in Japan they say “Raisu.”

In many African countries, there is no running water. Children may have to walk a long way from home to fetch the water used for cooking and cleaning.

What is unique about your experience as a child? What makes your town, school, or meals special?