



## n:vestigation: Friends around the world

### Explore It!

Share this story as an introduction, we've added some suggestions for Australia if you need some ideas, or you can choose a different country and change details in the story. 'Look what the postman just delivered!' shouted Barney, as he ran into the garden. Gabby put down the football and came to see what Barney had found. Barney had a card. It had a picture of a beach on one side and some writing on the other. 'My cousins who live in Australia have sent us a postcard!' Barney's mum came out to read the message with them. Gabby and Barney enjoyed hearing that lots of things were the same in Australia, but some things were different - like when it's Christmas there, it's summer time! How can we be friends with people who live far away and learn more about them? Let's n:vestigate...

### Jump Up!

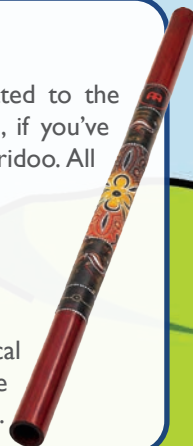
Play a game associated with your chosen country. For example, if you've chosen Australia, one of the sports popular there is volleyball. Share with your child how one of the most important things about volleyball is keeping the ball off the ground. Challenge your child to see how long they can keep a balloon up in the air, by patting it between you. Remember to check beforehand that your child isn't allergic to/has a fear of balloons.

### Get Mucky!

Engage in an arts and crafts activity related to the country that you've chosen. For example, if you've chosen Australia, you could make a didgeridoo. All you need per child is:

- A cardboard roll
- Coloured sticky tape
- Coloured sticky dots.

While your child is decorating their musical instrument, it would be great to have some didgeridoo music playing in the background.



### Dig Deep!

Share with your child how a person in the Bible called Paul often wrote to churches so as to help them and to let them know that he was praying for them. Through doing this he became a good friend to them. Spend some time praying together for your chosen country by passing around an object associated with it e.g. a Koala toy. When holding the object, if your child would like to they can pray out loud.



### Zoom In!

Explore with your child how they think people can stay in touch and be friends with those who live far away. Have to hand a series of things to prompt them; for example a phone, a letter, Skype message, email etc.

### Connect

When your GB group starts to meet again, why not encourage the children to come along and bring along their didgeridoos to play to share what they learnt and made?