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6. This is the Hong Kong flower market where people buy flowers and fruit displays for decorations and parties.

Teacher’s Notes: In Hong Kong each cluster of high-rises is like a planned community. On the first few floors is a shopping mall with all kinds of stores, restaurants, markets, and sports facilities. Above the mall is where the people live, but it’s not just apartments. Platform 1 is the beginning of the residences. The elevator door opens, and you walk into the lobby that is partially opened to the outside. There are gardens, playgrounds, fitness trails, a swimming pool, and more—it’s like walking into another world.

It’s quiet and peaceful here. The children play while their maids watch. This is just the lobby; there are approximately 45 stories above this level. The Chinese are very superstitious. There are no 4th, 14th, or 44th floors. In Chinese, the number 4 sounds like the word for death. There is, however, a 13th floor.

Now, you would think with all these high-rises there would be lots of space in the apartment. However, some Americans have bathrooms that are larger than some bedrooms in Hong Kong. This apartment has about 900 square feet with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen, a living room, and a maid’s “room.” You can now imagine the size of each room. Included in the 900 square feet are the common areas like the lobby and hallway. They get divided among the residences.
7. It is quite an experience to ride in the front on the top level of this double decker bus.
8. How many people do you think are moved along these escalators in a given minute?
9. Residents have their boats anchored in the bay.
10. This is a typical scene in the tunnel of a subway station. People are rushing to catch the next train that is pulling into the station.
11. These streets are open to pedestrians only—that’s a good thing!
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Bible Verse and Prayer
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Teachers: If you have letters from friends or international workers in China, share them with the children.

Tell the children good-bye in Mandarin Chinese: “Dzai Jian.”
For this lesson, use the same activities as above but add some or all of the additional ones listed below.

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**Game: Cat Catching Mice**

This traditional Chinese chase game can cause much screeching and excitement! Play outdoors—or indoors if you have a large room. This game is also known simply as “Cat and Mouse.”

**Age: Any**

One child is chosen to be the Cat (the chaser) and another child is chosen to become the Mouse. All the other children form a circle, holding hands, with the Mouse inside and the Cat outside.

The children in the circle move around while calling out the following rhyme:

“What time is it?”
“Just struck nine.”
“Is the cat at home?”
“He’s about to dine.”

When the rhyme stops, the children stop moving and the Cat starts to chase the Mouse, weaving in and out of the ring of children to do so. However, the Cat MUST follow the mouse’s path. When he catches the Mouse, he can enjoy pretending to “eat” him, and then two more children take a turn.

http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/cat_catching_mice.htm

**Craft: Chinese Paper Lanterns**

Make Chinese paper lanterns for your Chinese New Year party. For instructions, go to:
http://crafts.kaboose.com/lantern1.html

Use little battery operated candles instead of real candles for safety reasons.

**Snack**

Serve Chinese almond cookies, which are available at international markets.
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