

Directions: You have 4½ minutes to read the selection and answer the questions. Do not begin reading until your teacher gives the signal.

Note this word before you begin.

drought: a long period of time with no rain

Fleeing for Their Lives

Missionary Glover was in trouble. What could he do to protect his wife and small children? Drought had come to the part of China where they were working. The people believed it was because of the missionaries that the rain for their crops was withheld. The Glovers must have insulted the Chinese gods. After all, the missionaries said their God was the only true one.

“We must kill these foreign devils,” cried the people. “It is because of them that we have no rain!”

The missionaries had to flee for their lives. A thousand miles lay between them and safety. Sometimes they walked. Other times they rode in wheelbarrows in the hot sun. Everywhere they went, people jeered at them, threatened them, and stole their few possessions. Once a beggar even tore Mr. Glover’s robe off of him and offered the missionary his own dirty shirt. Mr. Glover took it, remembering that the spotless Son of God took our dirty sin upon Himself at the cross.

Day after day, mile after mile, the missionary family kept on. How thankful they were when they finally reached safety!

Circle the correct answer.

1. The Chinese people were suffering from ?.
 - a. war
 - b. grasshoppers
 - c. floods
 - d. drought

2. The people blamed the missionaries because ?.
 - a. the missionaries were foreigners
 - b. they said the missionaries insulted their gods
 - c. they thought the missionaries did not understand Chinese ways
 - d. the missionaries were rich

3. Safety for the missionaries was ?.
 - a. 1,000 miles away
 - b. 500 miles away
 - c. 200 miles away
 - d. 100 miles away

4. The Glover family ?.
 - a. fled to safety in an old, rickety boat
 - b. flew to safety in an airplane
 - c. walked partway to safety
 - d. bought horses to make the long trip

5. The people along the way ?.
 - a. ignored them
 - b. jeered at and robbed them
 - c. were kind to them
 - d. gave them food