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First Nations of North America



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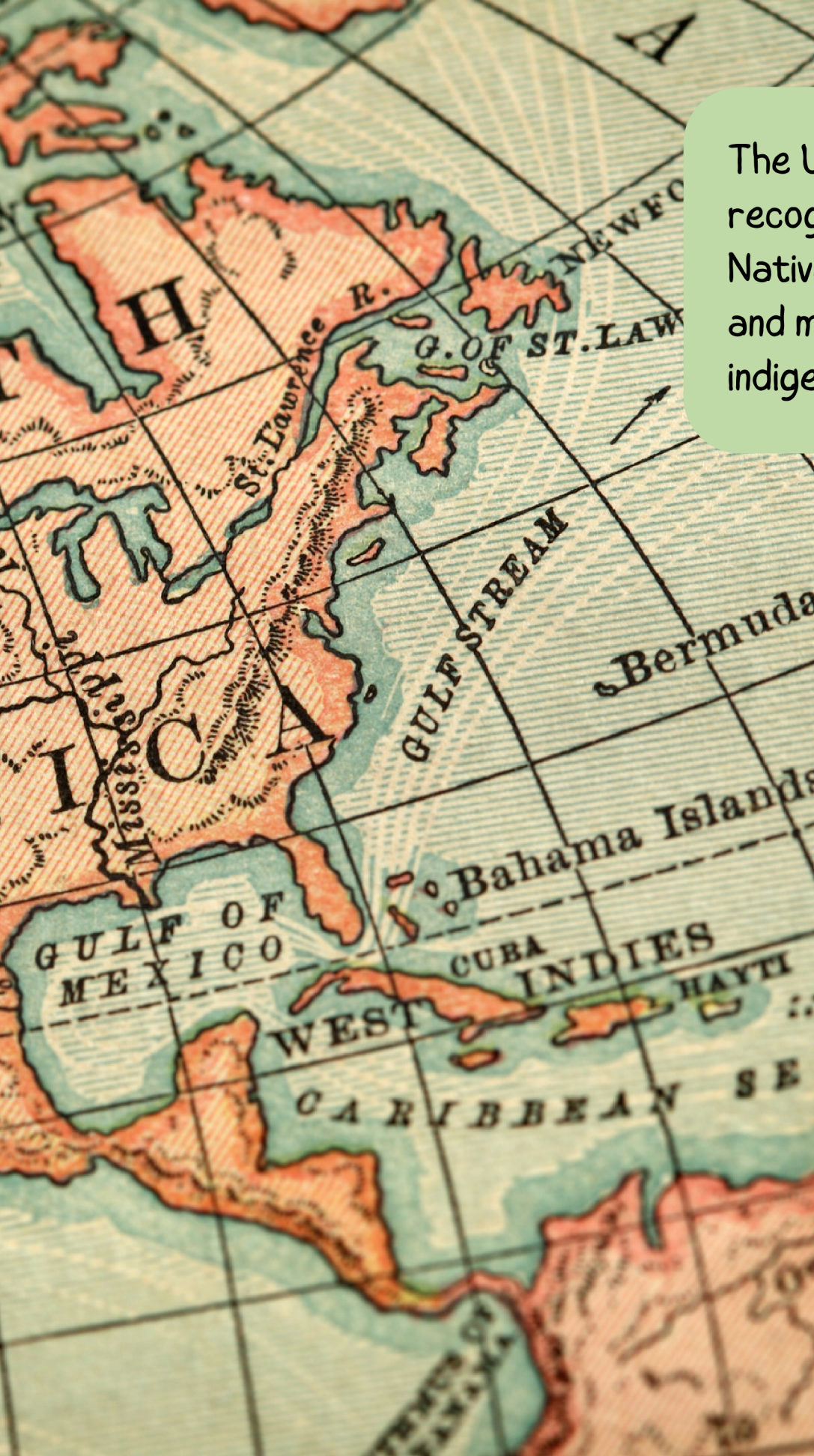
Let's pray for Native American Christians.

WHO ARE NATIVE AMERICANS?

Native Americans are the people Indigenous to North and South America.

Indigenous means that they were here first, and the land belongs to them.





The United States recognizes more than 500 Native American Tribes and more than 200 indigenous languages.*

Scan here to learn more about the Native American nations of your area.



*." Encyclopedia of Religion. . Encyclopedia.Com. 27 Apr. 2023 ." Encyclopedia.Com, 2 May 2023, www.encyclopedia.com/environment/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/native-american-christianities.

NOTABLE CHRISTIANS

Christianity has a complicated history with the Native American community. For centuries people who claimed to be Christian chose to do harm to Native American people. This was and is wrong, and NOT Jesus' way. But Jesus is bigger! There are Native Americans throughout history and today who love Jesus, and choose to follow him. Let's learn about some of these faith leaders.



KAHKEWĀQUONĀBY (PETER JONES)

KAHKEWĀQUONĀBY (PETER JONES) WAS AN OJIBWE METHODIST MINISTER, TRANSLATOR, AND CHIEF. HE TRANSLATED THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW INTO OJIBWE.*

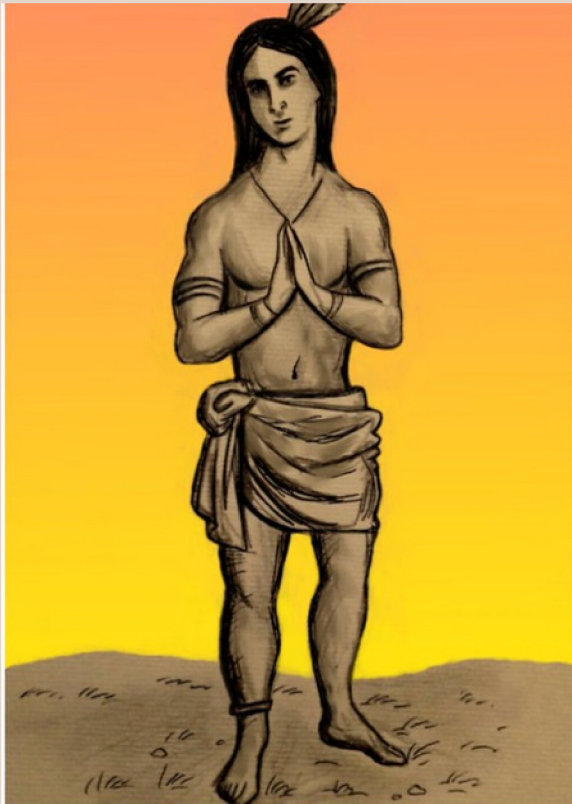
*Smith, Donald B. (1987). Sacred Feathers: The Reverend Peter Jones (Kahkewaquonaby) & the Mississauga Indians. University of Toronto Press

RICHARD TWISS

RICHARD TWISS WAS A NATIVE AMERICAN AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR FROM THE SICANGU LAKOTA OYATE NATION. HE WAS ALSO ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR INDIGENOUS THEOLOGICAL STUDIES.*



NICK BLACK ELK WITH HIS FAMILY.
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Painting of Antonio Cuipa, Christian Martyr

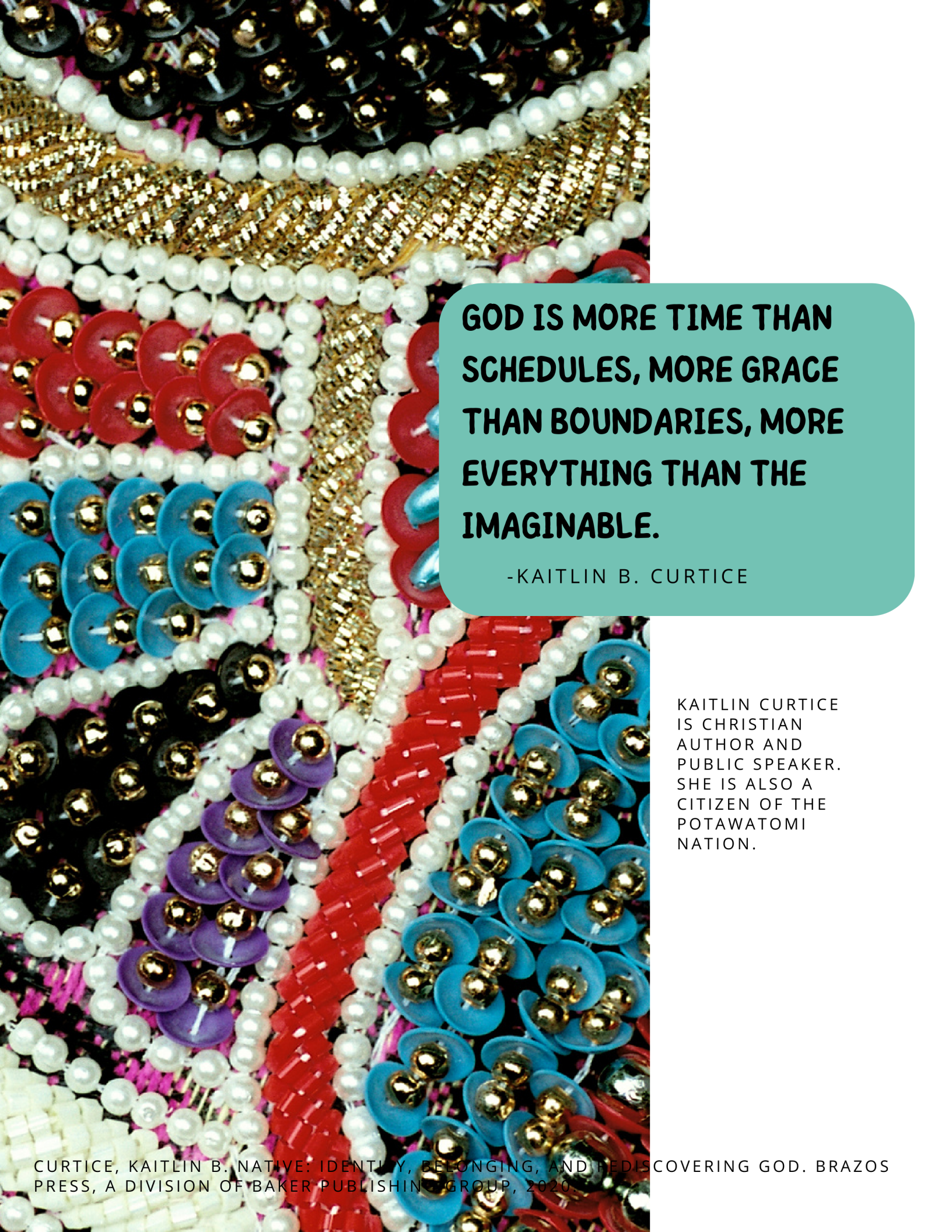
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ANTONIO CUIPA

ANTONIO CUIPA WAS AN APALACHEE CATHECIST. HE WAS RAISED CATHOLIC AND HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THEOLOGY MADE HIM A GIFTED PREACHER. HE BECAME A MARTYR IN 1704.**

* JEREMY WEBER. "CHRISTIANITY TODAY GLEANINGS: RICHARD TWISS DIES: RECONCILER OF NATIVE AMERICANS AND EVANGELICALS". BLOG.CHRISTIANITYTODAY.COM. ARCHIVED FROM THE ORIGINAL ON MARCH 24, 2013. RETRIEVED MARCH 15, 2015.

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**GOD IS MORE TIME THAN
SCHEDULES, MORE GRACE
THAN BOUNDARIES, MORE
EVERYTHING THAN THE
IMAGINABLE.**

-KAITLIN B. CURTICE

KAITLIN CURTICE
IS CHRISTIAN
AUTHOR AND
PUBLIC SPEAKER.
SHE IS ALSO A
CITIZEN OF THE
POTAWATOMI
NATION.

Storytelling



Native American tradition is full of beautiful stories, mostly passed on through oral storytelling. Terry Wildman is the leader of First Nation Version, a project dedicated to telling the story of the Bible to Native North Americans, in a culturally relevant context. Scan the qr code below to watch a First Nations Version of Jesus on the Sea of Galilee.



More than 200 languages!

There are more than 200 languages indigenous to North America. Here's how to say 'Hello' in a few of them.*

Siyo

Cherokee

Aloha

'Ōlelo Hawai'i

boozhoo

Ojibwe

Dosha

Hidatsa

hallito

Chickasaw

Geed

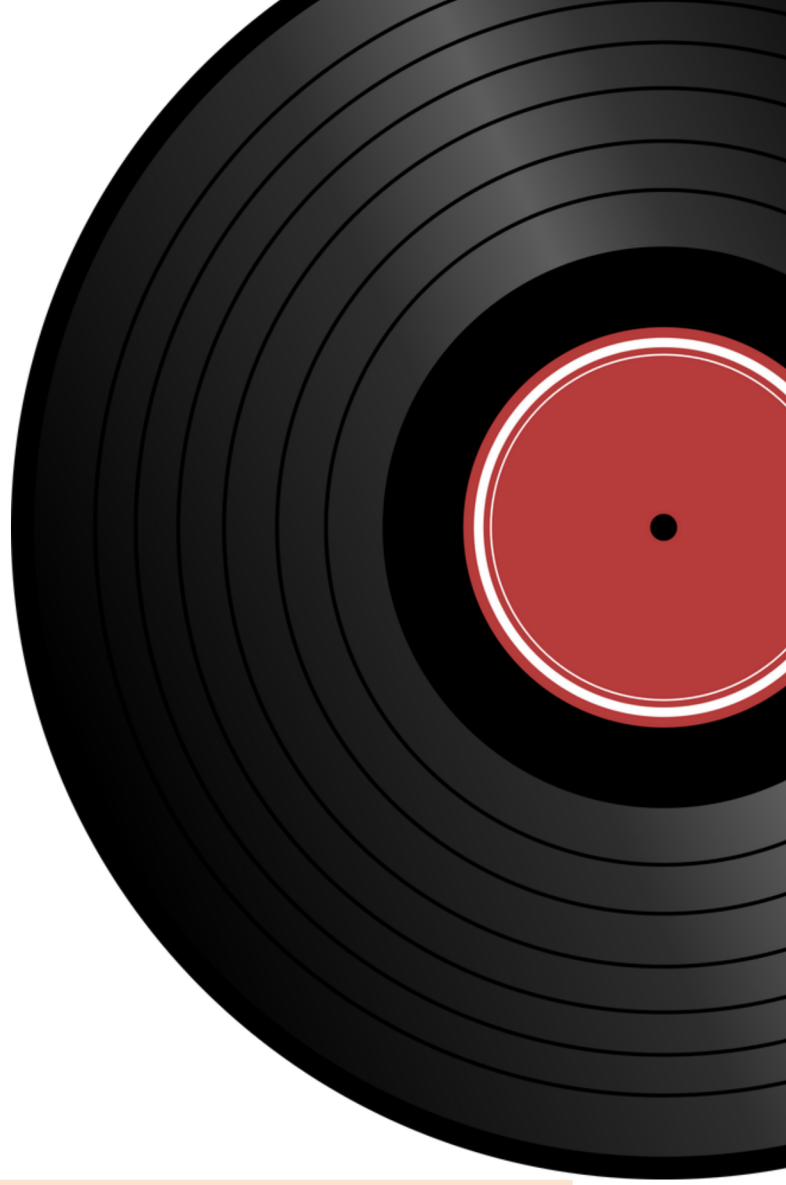
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Music and Heritage

Callie Bennett is an award-winning worship artist. As a baby, she was adopted from Korea by a Native American family. She has embraced her family's Navajo heritage as her own, and it has greatly influenced her songwriting. She uses her music to point others to Jesus.

Scan to listen to music
by Callie Bennet.



Book Recommendations

- 'The Harmony Tree' by Randy Woodley
- 'God's Love is Like...' by Ray Buckley
- 'The Wing' by Ray Buckley
- 'My Heart Fills With Happiness' by Monique Gray Smith

*Look for these titles at your local library.



Three Sisters Soup

Three Sisters Soup is a soup with Native American origins. It's made from corn, squash, and beans, foods that are indigenous to the Americas. Grab your soup pot and a grown-up then try making a batch for your family. Scan qr code for recipe.



Let's Pray

Beadwork is a beautiful and important part of Native American culture. Scan the qr code below to learn more about the artform and the significance in Native Alaskan culture. Then gather your own supplies and try your hand at beading. As you work, pray for the First Nations of North America.

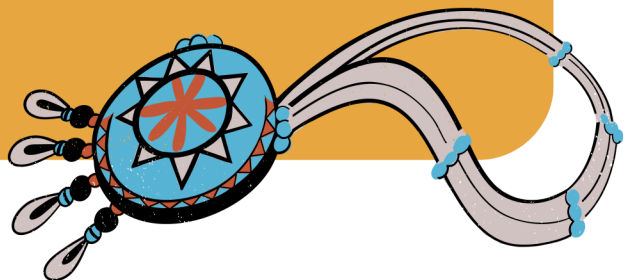
Materials:

- String
- Scissors
- Beads



Instructions:

1. Cut a long piece of string (about the length of your arm). Tie a knot at the end.
2. Choose the beads you would like to use and thread them onto the string. Try to make a pattern, if desired.
3. When you are finished, tie a knot in the other end. Then tie the two ends together to make a necklace.



Prayer Needs

- Pray for healing and justice for Native American communities.
- Pray that Native American children would feel the love of God.



Give

The Red Road is an organization that seeks to empower and administer hope to Native American Communities. To learn more visit:
<https://theredroad.org/>