

RELIGIONS

Lesson Fifty

Objectives: This lesson will tell you something about religions in Kiribati today, and introduce you to some religion-related vocabulary. By the end of the lesson you should know the names of the major religions and the words for some aspects of religious life.

Activities: Once you have studied the narrative, be prepared to answer questions on the reading, which can be posed by your teacher or classmates.

**Translation
of Narrative:**

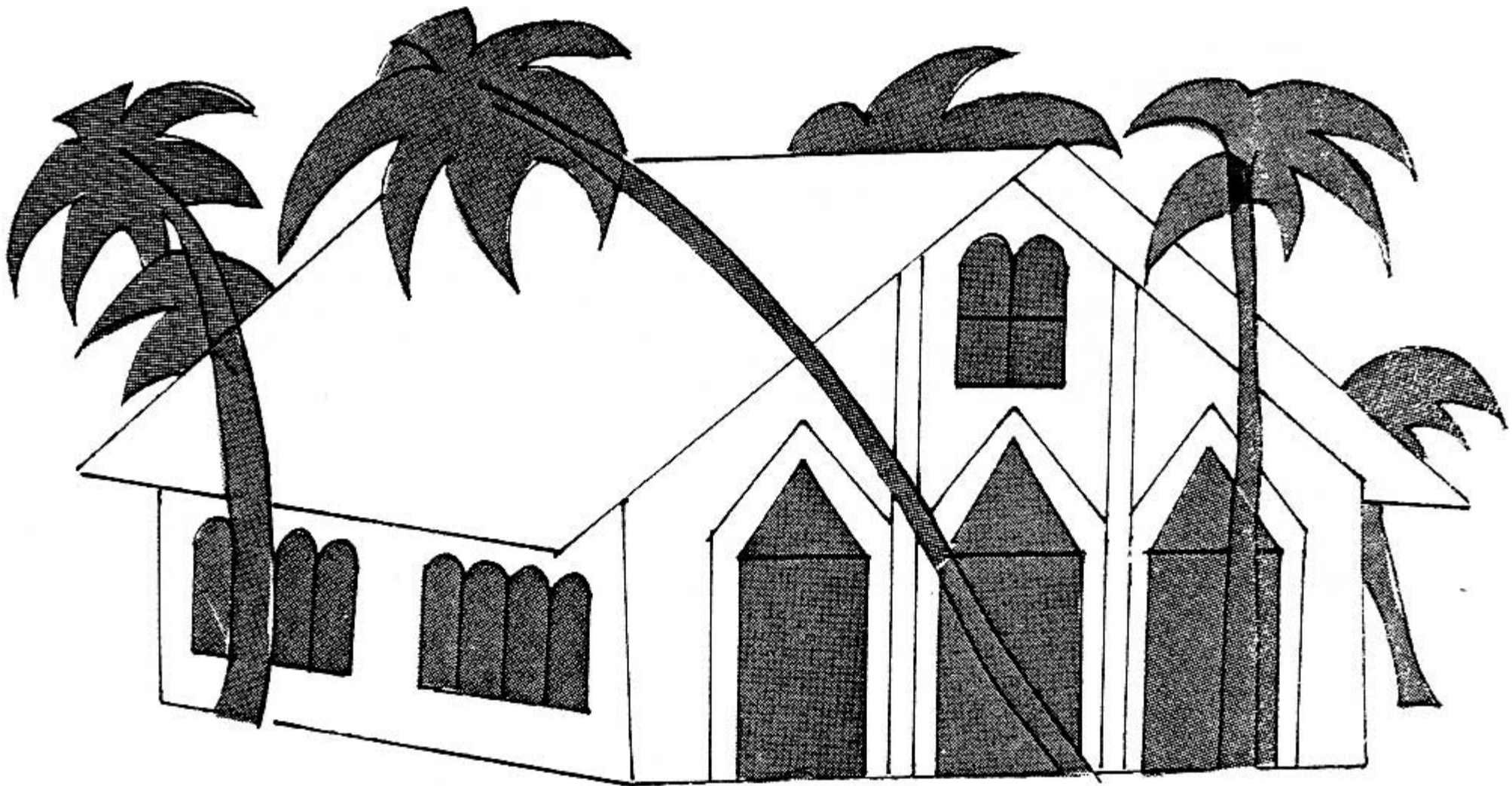
Religions

There are many religions in Kiribati. Before the coming of the European missionaries, they had their own gods.

The first (outside) religion to come to Kiribati was the Protestant, brought in by Hiram Bingham of America. Afterwards Catholicism came, brought in by missionaries from France. Nowadays there are many kinds of religions coming from outside, such as Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Church of God, Bahai, and Seventh Day Adventist.

TE ARO

Reirei Nimabwi



Narrative
for Study:

Te Aro

A bati aaro iaoni Kiribati. Im'aain rokoia Mitinare n i Matang ao bon iai Atuaia.

Te aro ae e moan roko i Kiribati bon te Kamatuu ae e uotia Hiram Bingham mai Amerika. Imwiina ao e a manga roko te Katorika ae a uotia mitinare mai Buranti. Ao n taai aikai a rangi ni bati aeka n aro aika a roko mai tinaniku n aron Te Kamatuu, Te Katorika, Te Moomon, Ana Ekaretia te Atua, Te B'aa i ao Te Aron ni Kaitibong.

Additional
Activities:

Study the continuation of the narrative, and the supplementary vocabulary. Based on these readings, prepare a short talk on some aspect of religion in Kiribati or elsewhere that you may know about.

Translation
of Continuation
of Narrative:

Are there members of these churches?

Yes, I think that no one hasn't a religion, but only the Protestants and Catholics have large congregations. On Sunday everyone goes to their services. They listen to the preacher, sing hymns, and pray to God.

Translation
of Supplementary
Vocabulary:

service	sin
prayer/pray	God
church	prayer book
Bible	hymn book
holy	heaven
hell	minister
father	kneel
Mass	funeral
wedding	grave

Outside
Activities:

Visit a religious service. What differences can you find between a service in Kiribati and one in America? Does the church look different? In what way? How much a part of daily life is religion? Can you find anyone who still knows about the old religions? What can you learn of them?

Continuation
of Narrative:

Iai kaain aaro akanne?

E eng, I taku b'a akea te aomata ae akea ana aro ma
ti te Kamatuu ao te Katorika aika a rangi ni m'aiti kaaiia
N te Taabati a bane ni kaei aia taromauri. A ongoraa
n te kab'arabara, a anenei kunan te aro ao a tataro
nako te Atua.

Supplementary
Vocabulary:

te taromauri	te bure
te tataro/tatoro	Te Atua
um'antabu	te bokin tataro
te Baibara	te bokin anene
tabu	karawa
moone	minita
te tama	katorobubua
Tutia	tau ni mate
te mare	rua ni mate