

Today is Native American Ministries Sunday. Did you know that the United States of America contains 50 states, and 27 state names are based in American Indian languages?

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| Alabama (<i>Choctaw</i>) | Iowa (<i>Dakota</i>) | North and South Dakota (<i>Dakota</i>) |
| Alaska (<i>Aleut</i>) | Kansas (<i>Kansas</i>) | Ohio (<i>Seneca</i>) |
| Arizona (<i>O'odham</i>) | Kentucky (<i>Seneca</i>) | Oklahoma (<i>Choctaw</i>) |
| Arkansas (<i>Illinois</i>) | Massachusetts (<i>Narragansett</i>) | Tennessee (<i>Cherokee</i>) |
| Connecticut (<i>Algonquian</i>) | Michigan (<i>Ottawa</i>) | Texas (<i>Caddo</i>) |
| Hawaii (<i>from the indigenous language of Hawai'i</i>) | Minnesota (<i>Dakota</i>) | Utah (<i>Apache</i>) |
| Idaho (<i>Apache</i>) | Mississippi (<i>Ojibwe</i>) | Wisconsin (<i>Miami</i>) |
| Illinois (<i>Algonquian language group probably Miami</i>) | Missouri (<i>Missouri</i>) | Wyoming (<i>Lenape</i>) |
| | Nebraska (<i>Chiwere</i>) | |
| | New Mexico (<i>Nahuatl</i>) | |

Can you find the states in the word search below?

I D A H O R J L B N O D A S A X E T A D
 N A G I H C I M C I L L I N O I S V D H
 Y R V A N X Y I P P I S S I S S I M F M
 D K I U O B K A L A B A M A I X V N A P
 K A S S V H L G A T U C I T C E N N O C
 B N Z R A Y I A D Y G E U T S K T M A R
 N S E W I S C O N S I N J W N L O A A F
 X A C V Q J N X W W I X Y D P Y X S K M
 B S P V Z R K A M H H C H J V Z D S S I
 I O V J D C H K K I B A R I Z O N A A N
 M I Y R K G U F T U F H Y D K G V C L N
 H D A T O K A D H T U O S A B O C H A E
 S X C W O U K N R O K L A H O M A U S S
 K Y L R A A T O K A D H T R O N L S H O
 L Y J U V H V A Q N E B R A S K A E A T
 V I M I I F I L H G N I M O Y W C T R A
 M P W L T O B S A K E N T U C K Y T V U
 O C I X E M W E N R R N A B T Q L S V W
 L U F C C L B A P V F G I R U O S S I M
 K S N H U F S T X T E N N E S S E E K Z

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| Alabama | Hawaii | Kentucky | Missouri | Oklahoma |
| Alaska | Idaho | Massachusetts | Nebraska | Tennessee |
| Arizona | Illinois | Michigan | New Mexico | Texas |
| Arkansas | Iowa | Minnesota | North Dakota | Utah |
| Connecticut | Kansas | Mississippi | South Dakota | Wisconsin |
| | | | Ohio | Wyoming |

Answer to the word scramble: To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

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In the book of Revelation 5:13, John uses a code name to talk about Jesus. Unscramble the words to see the message and circle the code name for Jesus (*answer is on the back*).

OT HTE MABL EB

SINBLGES NDA

NOHRO DNA LYOGR

NDA GHIMT VOFRERE

NDA VEER!



Prayer:

God, who walked with our ancestors,
who walks among us now,
and who will walk with our children's children
for generations to come,
we give you thanks for your presence.

In the air that we breathe, in the sound of rustling
leaves and in the waving grass,
we give you thanks for your presence.

In the sound of children's laughter,
and in the songs of our elders,
we give you thanks for your presence.

Source: Native American Writing Group of the Open Source Liturgy
Project (Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church)

Here are some books that you can read to learn
more about Native American culture:

- Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story
by Kevin Noble Maillard
- We are the Grateful Otsaliheliga
by Traci Sorell
- We Are Water Protectors
by Carole Lindstrom
- Chukfi, Rabbit's Big, Bad, Bellyache, A Tricksters Tale
by Greg Rodgers
- The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses
by Paul Goble

After reading the prayer on the opposite page that describes
some of the ways we know God is with us, draw a picture of
something that reminds you of God in your life:

