

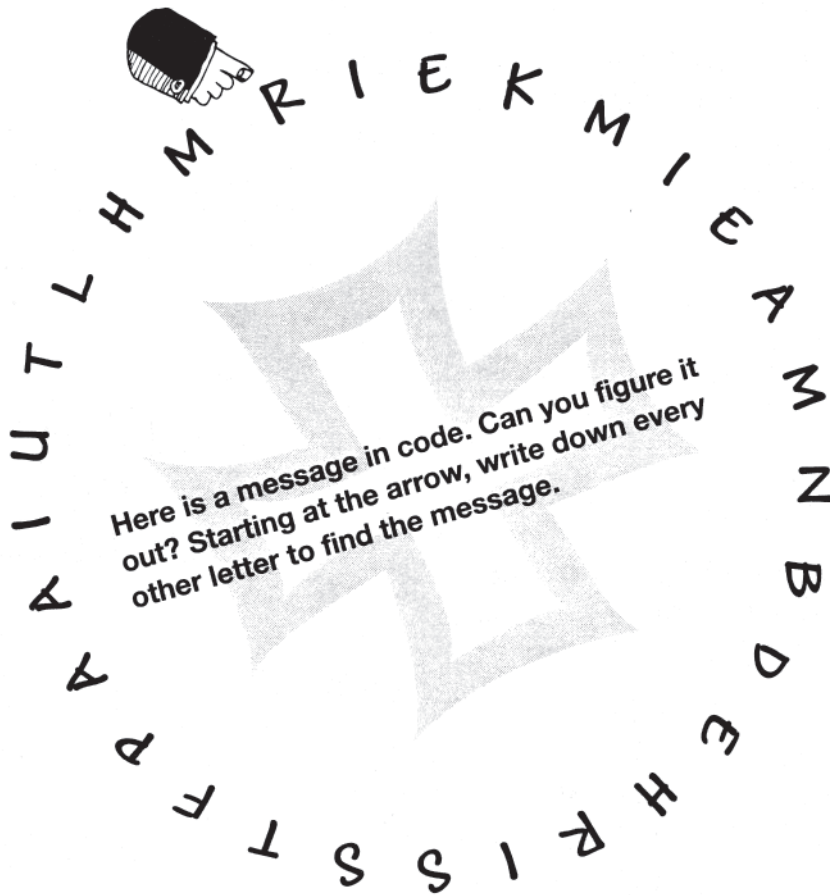
St. Paul Miki and Companions (died 1597)

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A Preacher in Japan

St. Paul Miki was born in Japan. He joined a religious community called the Jesuits, and he became known for the beautiful way he preached about Jesus. So many people listened to his sermons and followed his teachings in worshiping Jesus that the ruler of Japan felt threatened. He not only had St. Paul Miki crucified but he also executed 25 other Catholics on the same day.

Although St. Paul Miki died on the cross as his savior did before him, his words lived on. Many people in Japan continued to worship Jesus in secret, in spite of the fact that they faced death if found out. They might have sent messages to one another in code.



Here is a message in code. Can you figure it out? Starting at the arrow, write down every other letter to find the message.
