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Ruth had people read from today's article about "How Did the United States Grow?". She used a globe to show longitude and latitude. She also had a laminated map of the United States. As the article described more and more western migration, she marked off those areas on the map so that the students could see how the country expanded from the 13 colonies. They were quite impressed about the bargain we had from the Louisiana Purchase.

Ruth had made a handout of some of the vocabulary words from the story. She has a list of the words and of the definitions, which they completed fairly quickly.

Then she had copied descriptions of something from Korea, China and Japan. The Japanese one talked about the Emperor, the Chinese one talked about Chinese New Year, and the Korean one talked about the upcoming Olympics in Korea. Ruth had written questions for each of the articles. She gave the questions and the article to each student that matched their own country. Each student took a turn being a teacher. They first read the questions to prepare others what to listen for. Then the "teacher" read the article about their country to the rest of the class. Last they read the questions to see if the other students could answer them. It appears that they took notes to remember the questions and the information to help them correctly answer.

Prior to the class Jing asked about our church and wanted to see the worship area. She asked a lot of questions and said that although she is not a Christian, she feels that she should learn more about Christianity and the Bible because it is important in our culture. I happened to have the book "God's Word, Kid's Voice" in front of me which is our lectionary but written in kid-friendly language. (We use it for Kid's Sunday the last Sunday of the month). All three students were quite excited about the book. Yoko's husband and kids are Christian and Hyunju is a Christian but they are unable to read the Bible in English. They wondered if we could have a Bible study group or a book group for part of the time.

We should have further discussions about it.