



From an interview by Amie Jane Leavitt

Does your name have a special meaning? In Korea, a person's name often has an important meaning. Eight-year-old Luca's name means "light." His parents chose this name to remind him that he can have a bright future. ■

The author lives in Utah, USA.

I'M LUCA from South Korea

*I love living in South Korea.
It is a fun place to grow up!*

*Anyoung,
chingudul!**

**"Hello, friends!" in Korean*

*I am the oldest
child in our fam-
ily. My younger
sister is named
Erica.*



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I like to read. I am bilingual, which means I can read, write, and speak in both Korean and English.



I go to school from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Then I go to an after-school academy called a hak-won for extra studies. I also take piano and art lessons.



I LOVE TO SEE THE TEMPLE!



I love football, and I play on an indoor field all year long.

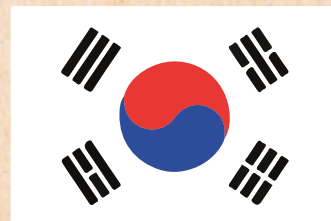


I am a citizen of both the United States and South Korea, so I take part in the Boy Scouts of America program at church.



READY TO GO!

Luca's bag is packed with some of his favorite things. Which of these things would you pack in your bag?



Chuseok is one of our biggest holidays. It is a celebration of the harvest—a Korean Thanksgiving.

