

# CENTRAL ASIA



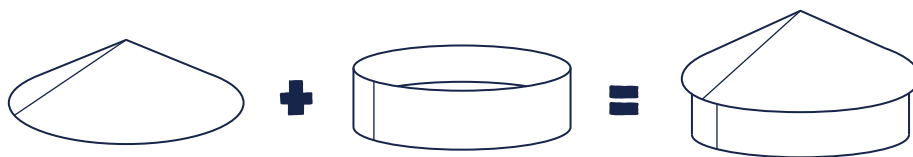
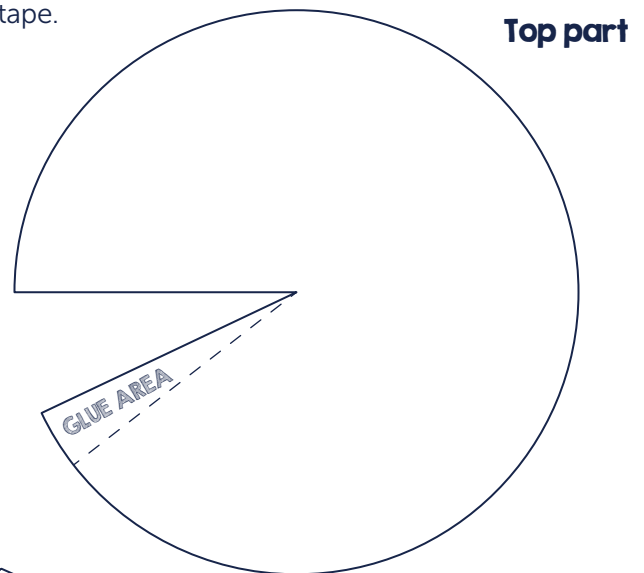
Central Asia is made up of many countries, and is situated between Europe, South Asia and East Asia. Around 72 million people live here and the majority religion is Islam. Many people here don't know Jesus and some don't ever get a chance to even hear about him. CMS missionaries share about God's love with people and use their skills in healthcare, agriculture and other areas to support communities in Central Asia.

## ACTIVITY

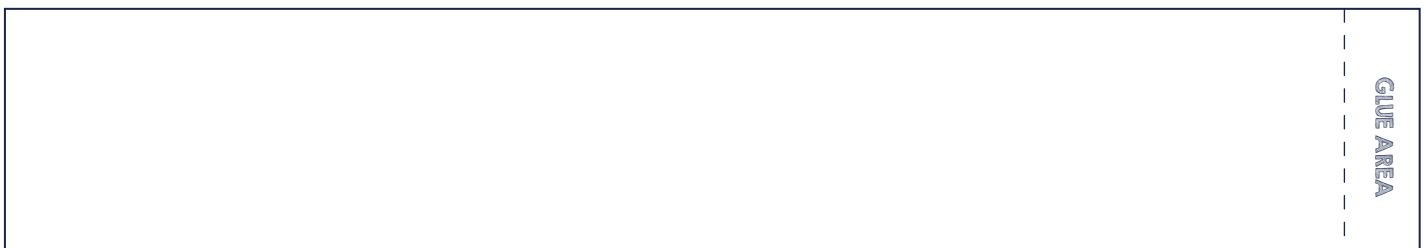
There are many nomadic people groups living in Central Asia. This means they don't have permanent homes and instead move from place to place according to the seasons. A type of housing they live in is called a 'yurt', which is like a large circular tent. Make your own mini yurt here:

**You will need:** scissors, colour pencils or textas, glue stick or tape.  
Ask an adult if you need help cutting with the scissors.

- 1 Colour in your yurt—you may even want to design some patterns for it!
- 2 Cut out the circle. Bring the two ends together and either glue or tape it securely in place. This will be the top of your yurt.
- 3 Cut out the rectangle. Bring the two ends together and either glue or tape it securely in place. This will be the base of your yurt.
- 4 Put your yurt together. You're done! You can now move your yurt around easily.



**Bottom part**



### Did you know?

Some historians believe the bubonic plague, or 'black death', came to Europe from Asia via the Silk Road (see next page).



### Fun fact:

Before the development of farming or cities, many people were nomads.

## BIBLE CHALLENGE

The Silk Road was a trade route that went through Central Asia from around 114 BC - 1450 AD. Can you help these travellers find the correct route through the Silk Road by highlighting the right words from Matthew 7:13?



ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE. THE PATH IS EASY AND YOU WILL SURELY PASS  
TO OUTER SPACE GATE. FOR WIDE IS THE EYE  
WIDE GATE. THE PATH IS EASY AND YOU WILL SURELY PASS  
IT IS EASIER FOR A CAMEL TO GO THROUGH THE EYE  
A POSSUM TO MAKE A CAKE  
HARDER LEADS TO SWIMS TO  
LEADS TO SLEEP AND DREAMS OF SHEEP  
AND PLAY THE DIDGERIDOO.  
DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ENTER THROUGH IT.  
THE BEST PARTY ANYONE COULD EVER HAVE.  
AND SAND EVERYWHERE.



**TIP:** READ THE WHOLE CHAPTER IN THE BIBLE TO GET THE FULL STORY

## PRAY

### Thank God

That CMS missionaries have opportunities to share about the gospel with people in Central Asia.

### Ask God

To provide security and hope for vulnerable people in Central Asia—both now and into eternity.



Whenever you see a **tent**, pray for Central Asia!