

- **IMB Affinity Group: Central Asian People**
July, Week 4
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Objectives:

- Children will learn about the culture of Central Asia.
- Children will learn how “workers” are sharing the Good News of Christ in Central Asia.
- Children will learn how to pray for the people of Central Asia.

Materials:

- World map or globe
- Crayons
- Soccer ball
- Gospel tract
- Shallow plastic container filled with sand
- Drawing paper, cotton, glue, markers, scissors
- Various foods, clothing, toys and household items
- Naan (bread, can be purchased from the specialty foods section of your grocery or bakery), area rug
- Dowel rod or stick, string, paper clips, small magnets
- Tall, woolen hats; bright scarves

Preparation:

1. Print a black and white copy of “Central Asian Map” for each child from kywmu.org/plugin/centralasia.
2. Print “Silk Road Stations Signs” from kywmu.org/plugin/centralasia.
3. Print “Silk Road Stations Direction Cards” from kywmu.org/plugin/centralasia.
4. Hang matching “Silk Road Stations Signs” and “Silk Road Stations Direction Cards” around the room. Place crayons at each station. **Depending on the time you have, you may want to choose only a few stations to prepare, or do all the stations in more than one session.**

5. **Turkey Station:** Print “Turkey Fact Cards” from kywmu.org/plugin/centralasia. Cut apart each card. Place a soccer ball at this station.
6. **Tajikstan Station:** Place the Gospel tract at this station.
7. **Afghanistan Station:** Print “Facts about Islam Cards” from kywmu.org/plugin/centralasia. Cut apart each card. Fill a shallow plastic container with sand. Hide the “Facts about Islam Cards” in the container of sand.
8. **Iran Station:** Place the drawing paper, cotton, glue, markers and scissors at this station.
9. **Kyrgyzstan Station:** Place the various foods, clothing, toys, and household items at this station.
10. **Kazakhstan Station:** Place an area rug at this station along with naan, or bread.
11. **Azerbaijan Station:** Print “Fish for Azerbaijan” from kywmu.org/plugin/centralasia. Cut out 5 paper fish. Attach each statement to a fish cutout. Attach a paper clip to each fish. Tie one end of a string to a dowel rod or stick. Tie a magnet to the other end of the string to make a fishing pole.
12. **Turkmenistan Station:** Set up a table with clothing, food, toys, and household items.

Procedure:

1. Before the session, set up the “Silk Road Stations” according to the above preparation.
2. Welcome children. Explain that they will be learning about the countries of Central Asia and how Christian workers are sharing the Good News in those countries. These countries are known as the countries along the “Silk Road.” The “Silk Road” was an ancient network of trade routes. Point out the area of Central Asia on the world map or globe.
3. Form smaller groups of 4 to 5 children. Assign a “reader” for each group. (If you have more than 40 children, you may want to make duplicate stations.) Give each child a “Central Asian Map.” Lead children to rotate among the “Silk Road Stations.” Allow at least 10 minutes at each station.

4. Gather the children together after they have finished visiting the stations. Ask them to share something interesting they learned. Ask them to share some of the prayer requests for Central Asia. Lead in a prayer for the people of Central Asia.



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