

Teaching Guide -The Libido People

Instructions for Leaders or Teachers

- Study all the material yourself before sharing it with others.
- Introduce the people group to the children.
- Listen to the audio information that describes the people group.
- Listen to any additional information provided.
- Do these things in the order listed. Some points can be skipped over if not usable.
- Use a map of globe to locate the area where the people group lives.
- Have children do map work that is age appropriate.
- Talk about the location of the Libido people group in relation to the equator.
- Ask “Do the Libido people live close to the equator?” If the answer is “Yes”, this indicates a hot/tropical climate.
- Ask, “Do the Libido people live in a mountain area?” If the answer is “Yes”, this will indicate a colder/cooler climate.
- Have the children name the countries surrounding the country where the Libido people group live.
- Look at the map included and see if the country has any access to an ocean or a river which would allow transport of goods.
- Talk about the ways the Libido people group provide for basic human needs:
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Shelter
 - Human relationships
 - Compare the answers with the way your own people provide these needs.
 - Are these customs of the Libido people different from the way you live?
 - Talk about the importance of color and the meaning of color.
 - Talk about festivals and music.

- Talk about the animals that live in this country where the Libido people live. Are the animals helpful to the people? Are the animals a danger to the people?
- What are the main spiritual beliefs of the Libido people?
 - Have any of these people placed their faith in Jesus Christ?
 - Is there a church where these people may gather together to worship and study?
 - Do any Christians in this group face persecution, (treatment in a harsh or cruel way) for their beliefs?
- Ask your group of children if the Libido people have any part of God's Word (The Bible), translated into their own language?
- Ask if they have any other Christian material?
 - Bible stories
 - Christian radio
 - Christian music Christian drama
 - Christian audiocassettes
- Pray for the Libido people group using the prayer points you have heard. Are the children able to think of other things for which to pray?
- Are there people groups in your country who are still waiting to hear the message of God's love for all peoples? Pray for them too!
- Are there children or adults in your group who might like to train as Bible Translators? A Bible Translator put the words of the Bible into the words of a different language.
- Review the names and countries of other people groups you have already studied.
- If a craft or color page is included this week and is useful for your group of children to work on, do it now.

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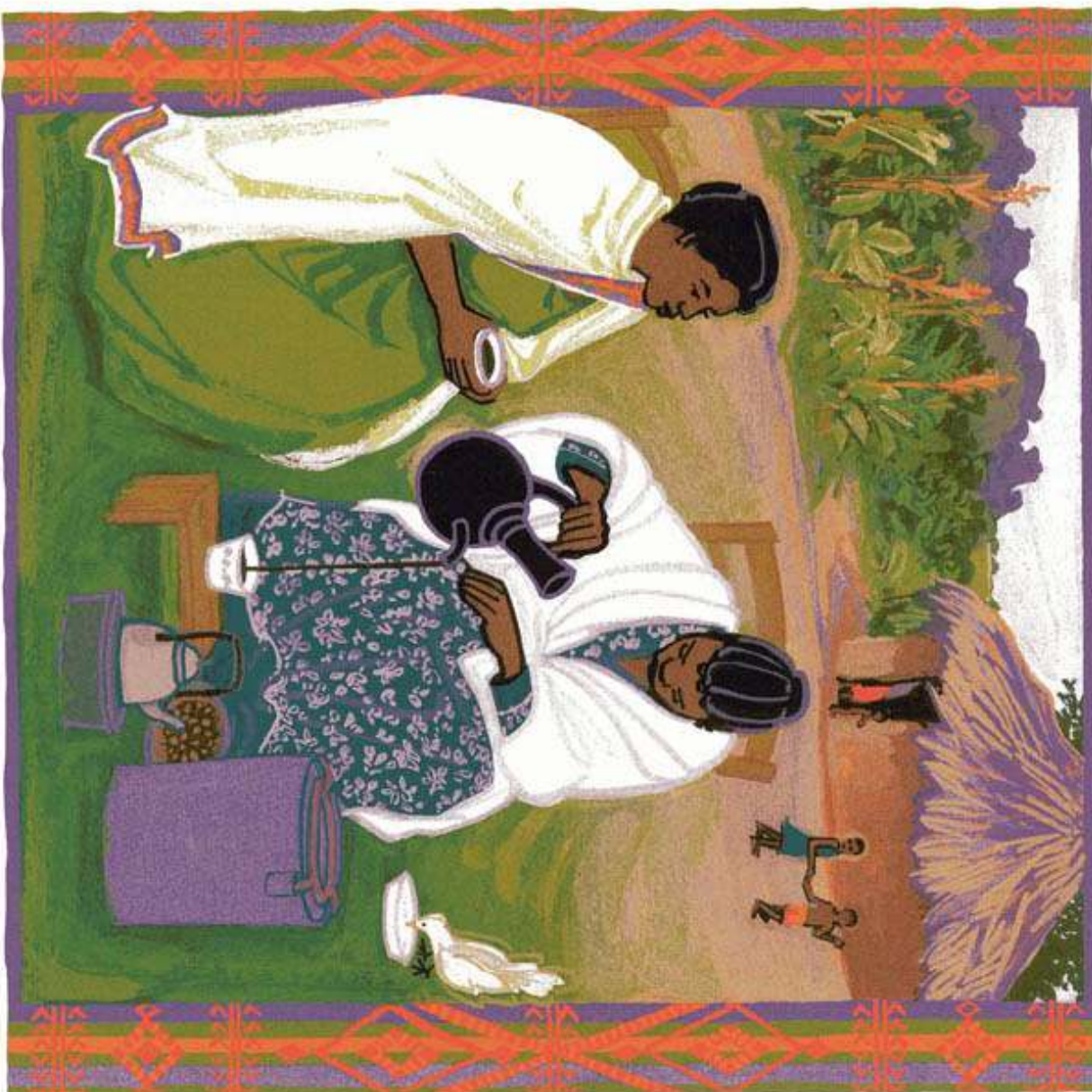
(LEE-bee-do)

Mother pours fresh coffee in the traditional way. The rich brew splashes into the cup. A delicious aroma fills the air. Mmmm! Mother wears her new dress and best white cotton *shamma*. She is delighted to welcome her special friend on a peaceful afternoon.

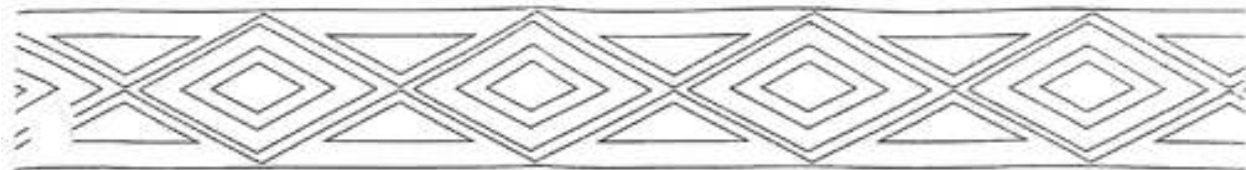
The children sneak away, skipping along the path. It is fun to pretend to steer oxen with a stick. Libido boys in Ethiopia learn to plow with oxen as soon as they can run.

Libido people build round thatched homes in the countryside. Every family owns a few prized hens and takes great care of them. Often people give a squawking chicken to a visitor as a sign of goodwill.

The Libido people do not have the Bible in their own language.



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The Libido People

Continent: Africa

County: Ethiopia

Geographical Information:

The Libido people live in Ethiopia, a country in East Africa.

- Ethiopia is a fertile mountain plateau.
- It is surrounded by deserts of the Red Sea coast.
- Ethiopia shares borders with the countries of Somalia, Kenya and Sudan.

Can you find these countries on the map of Africa. ?

- Zebras are one kind of wild animal that still lives in Ethiopia.
- Zebras live in the same area where the Libido people live.

Facts about the Libido people:

- The Libido live in the central part of the country. They are one of about 142 distinct ethnic language groups in Ethiopia.
- In early times the Libido were warriors.
- Today they are mainly herdsman. A man's importance is decided by how much livestock he owns. Riding, spear throwing and fighting against enemies is honored.
- Most Libido people live in rural areas. They raise animals and do some farming.
- Some Libido have settled in towns and some serve as soldiers for the country of Ethiopia.
- The Libido people live as single families. This means a husband, his wife and their children live together.
- A Libido father expects total obedience from his wife and children.
- Homes of the Libido people are called a tukal. Tukals are round huts made of acacia branches covered with grass mats. The cone-shaped roof has an opening that allows smoke to escape.
- The main foods of the Libido people are Durra which is a cereal grain. They also grow and eat maize, beans, rice, milk, meat and wild fruits. Coffee and tea are both grown in the country of Ethiopia. They are very popular to drink.

- The Libido are known as easy going people who like to visit each other. They value hospitality and helping relatives and friends.
- Ethiopia was one of the first Christian nations. The New Testament book of Acts, Chapter 8 verses 26-40, tells of an Ethiopian man who became a believer after talking with the apostle, Philip.
- Long ago many of the Libido people converted to Islam.
- Now most of the Libido people are Muslim.
- Today there are about 1,000 Libido who have heard and accepted the Good News of Jesus.

You can pray for the Libido people.

- Pray that God's Message and other Christian materials will be available for the Libido.
- Pray that Libido believers will be faithful in sharing the Good News of Jesus.
- Pray for translation of God's Message and other Christian materials into the Libido language.
- Pray that the Libido people will have ears to listen and minds that will accept God's message of love.

Ethiopian Animal Study

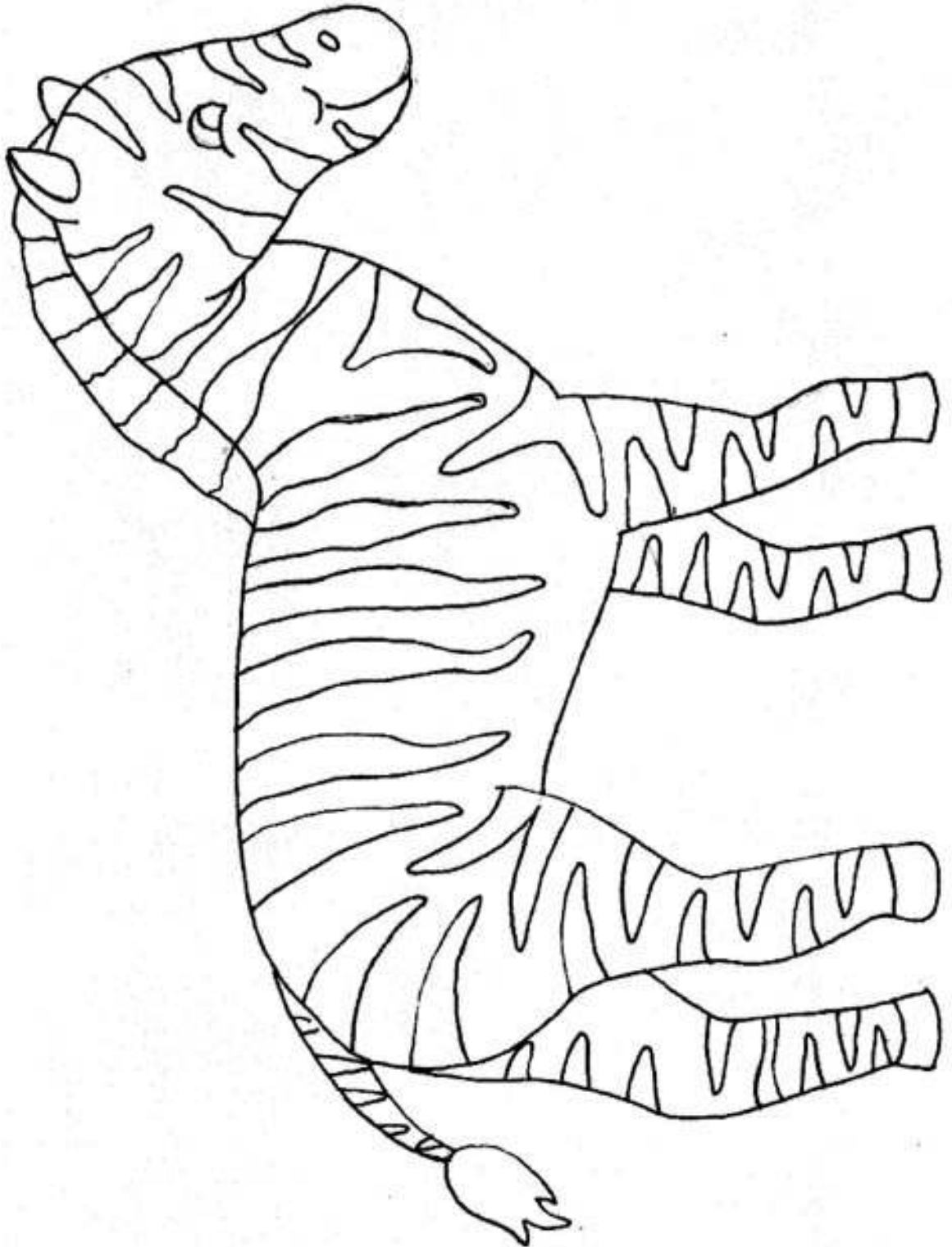
Zebras

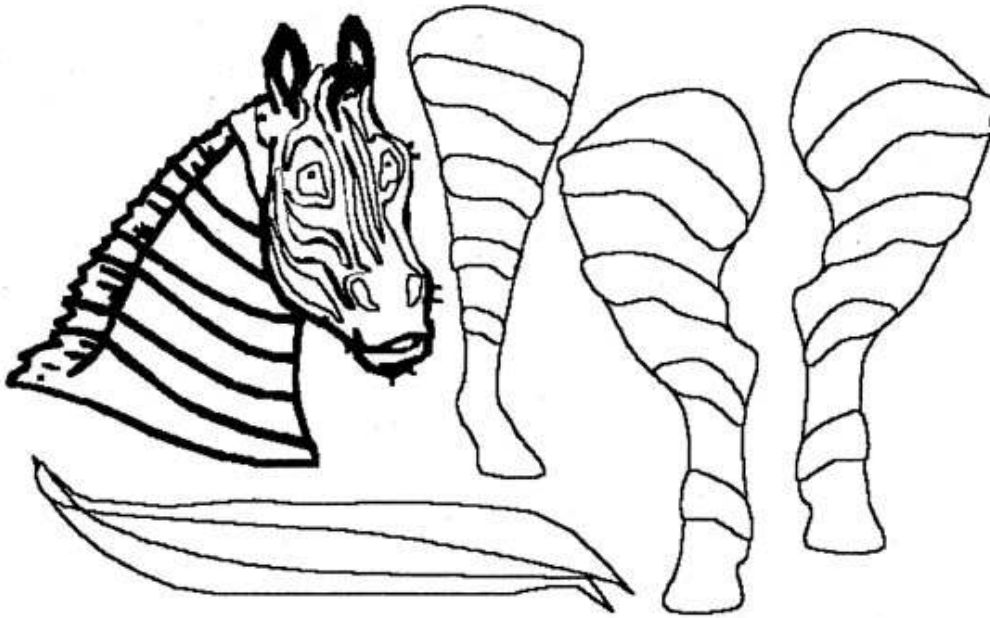
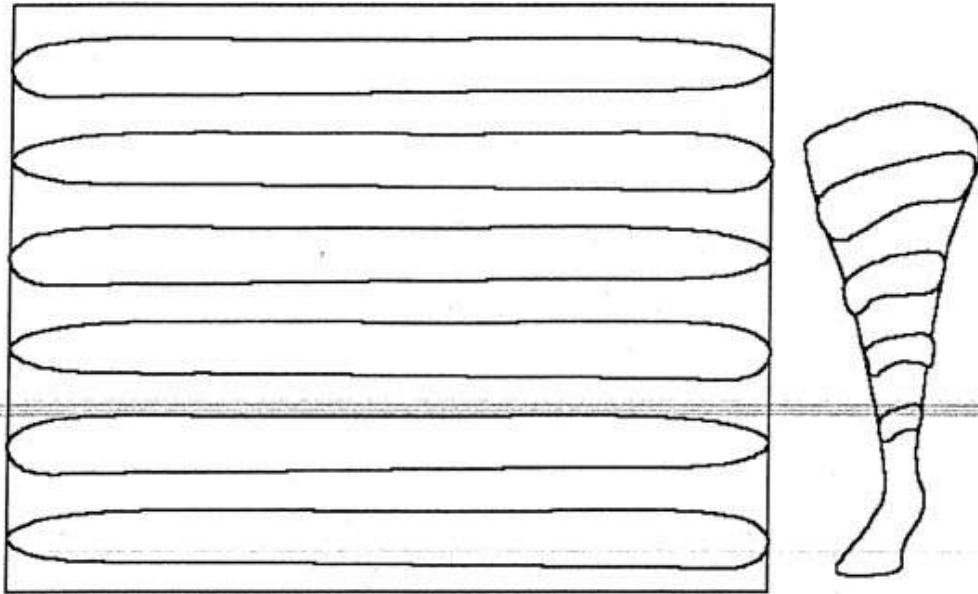
Zebras live on the continent of Africa. These animals are closely related to horses and donkeys. They are fast–running mammals that live on grassy plains (savannas) in Ethiopia and other African countries.

- Zebras can run very fast for short distances to escape from animals like lions and hyenas who try to kill and eat them.
- Even newborn babies are up and running about an hour after they are born.
- Zebras have hooved feet and a long coarse black and white mane.
- They are over 4 feet (1.2 m) tall at the shoulder and weigh more than 600 pounds (270 kg).
- All adult zebras have fur that has white stripes on a black background.
- Baby zebras have brown and white stripes.
- No two zebras have exactly the same pattern of stripes.
- The large eyes and ears of zebras help them notice attacking animals in time to run away.
- Zebras must move about from place to place to find enough grass to eat. Most of their time is spent grazing on this grass. They stay close to watering holes because they need to drink water often.
- Zebras get along well with other animals and often drink right beside them (unless it is an animal that likes to eat them).
- Zebras live in large family groups that are led by the females.
- Males zebras guard the rear of the herd to help protect and warn against danger.



Zebras





For the zebra, you will need a toilet paper roll, scissors, glue and stiff paper. Make copies of this page. Glue it on to the stiffer paper. Color black and white stripes. Glue large striped section to T.P. roll. After cutting, glue remaining parts to correct location.

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