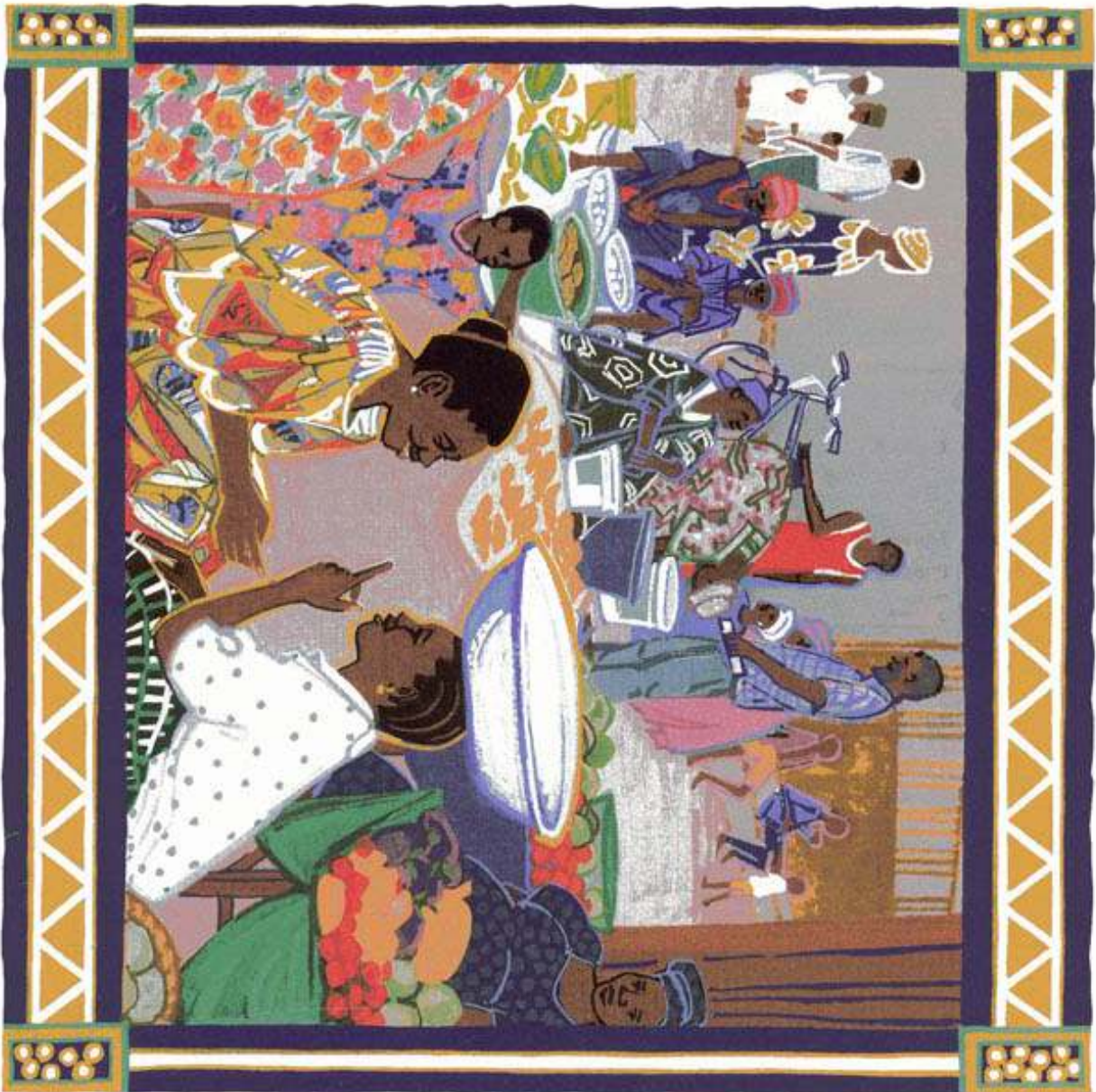


Teaching Guide -The Gusilay People

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 Gusilay people group in relation to the equator.
- Ask “Do the Gusilay people live close to the equator?” If the answer is “Yes”, this indicates a hot/tropical climate.
- Ask, “Do the Gusilay 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 Gusilay 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 Gusilay 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 Gusilay 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 Gusilay 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 Gusilay 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 Gusilay 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 Gusilay 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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Gusilay

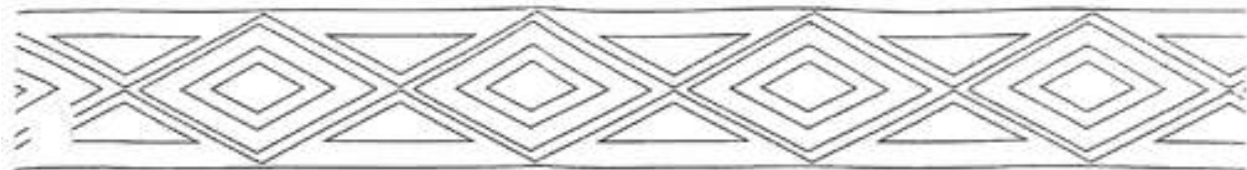
(GE-se-lie)

Do you want to know a secret?
A Gusilay woman tells her best
friend today's news. No one else
hears. The noisy market in Senegal
explodes with all kinds of sound.
People call out to each other.
Laughter erupts. Music thumps.
Children shout. Bicycles squeak.

It looks like someone took a
brush and painted everything
postcard bright. Flowing dresses
reflect the rich colors of fresh
vegetables and ripe fruit. Red
tomatoes glow in the sunshine.
Green crunchy cabbages huddle
together. Fat orange mangoes are
ready to burst with juice.

Mmmm. Take a whiff of dried fish.
Smell the oily, home-crushed peanut
butter. Doesn't it make you hungry?

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



The Gusilay People

Continent: Africa

Country: Senegal

Geographical Information:

The Gusilay people live in the country of Senegal.

- Senegal is in West Africa. It has a shoreline along the Atlantic Ocean. It shares borders with five other West African countries.
 - Mauritania
 - Mali
 - Guinea
 - Guinea-Bissau
 - Gambia (Senegal almost totally surrounds the Gambia).

Can you find these countries on the map of Africa?

- Find and name the five countries that surround it.
- One interesting wild animal found in Senegal is the pangolin.
- Many people hunt these bush animals for food.

Facts about the Gusilay people:

- The Gusilay people live in the southeastern part of the country along the border of Guinea-Bissau.
- They live in extended family groups, with a cluster of huts arranged in a circle around an open space.
- Usually the houses are round with mud walls, and cone-shaped, thatched roofs.
- The group of huts is surrounded by a fence, hedge or wall.
- Family groups of huts usually are next to other family groups and together they form villages.
- Chiefs are the leaders of each village.
- In Gusilay villages men hunt, fish clear the land and tend to the animals. They raise cattle, sheep and goats, but do not use their milk.

- Gusilay women gather wild fruits and roots; berries and palm nuts. They also help in growing crops.
- The Gusilay people grow a variety of crops using very simple tools.
- They grow Maize (corn) manioc and rice. They also grow squash, melons sweet potatoes, peppers and tomatoes.
- From trees they gather bananas, coconuts, mangoes, and papayas.
- Gusilay men often have more than one wife but each wife has her own hut and the husband visits the different huts.
- Most of the Gusilay are Muslim.
- Muslim people believe there are five things they must do to be a good Muslim:
 - Muslim people must believe in one god who they call Allah.
 - They must pray five times each day.
 - They believe they must go without food at times. This is called fasting.
 - They must give food to the poor.
 - Once during their lifetime they must make a trip to the place where the Muslim religion began.
- Other Gusilay people believe in various tribal religions.
- A very few of the Gusilay are Christians. They have no Scriptures in their own language and no Christian materials.

You can pray for the Gusilay people:

- Ask the Lord to send people to the Gusilay to share God's message of love.
- Ask the Lord to send people trained to translate God's Message of love into the Gusilay language.
- Pray that Gusilay believers will share Christ with their own people.

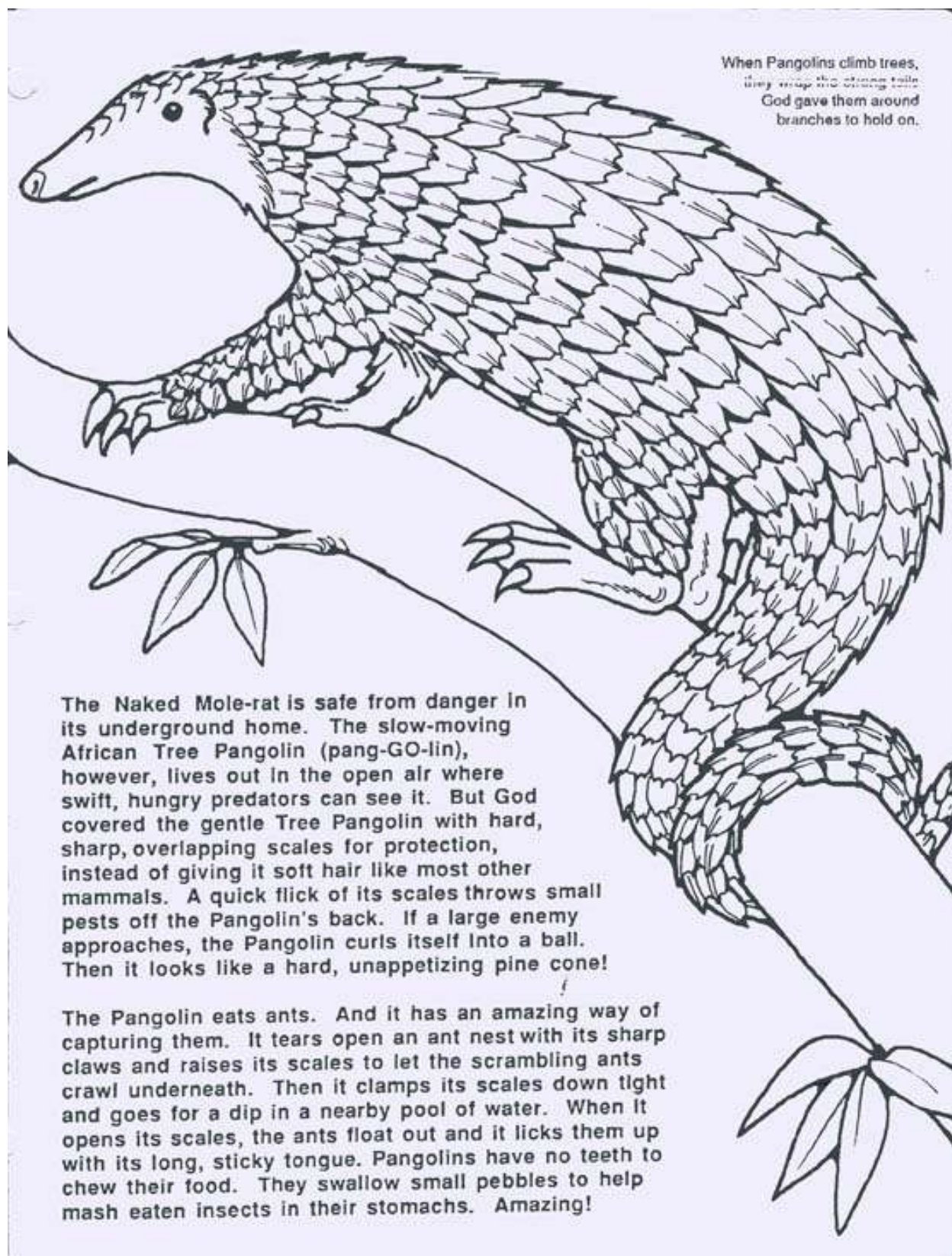
Senegal Animal Study

The Pangolin is an interesting mammal. It is covered with horny scales to protect it.

- There are seven species of pangolins that live in grasslands and forests in Africa and Southeast Asia.
- They are related to the armadillo that lives in the Americas.
- They are long-tailed animals and also have long sticky tongues used to gather termites and ants.
- Pangolins have no teeth but strong stomach muscles grind the food they eat.
- They use their tongues to lap up drinking water.
- Pangolins have short legs and huge claws that are used to dig into ant hills and termite mounds.
- Pangolins are nocturnal animals, this means they hunt at night.
- The word “pangolin” comes from a Malay word which means roll over.
- When threatened this animal curls up into a ball.
- Its horny scales and round shape make it difficult for other animals to eat.
- They can also lash out with the razor sharp scaly tail.
- They also have scent glands which they can use to spray enemies with a terrible smell.
- Most Pangolins are ground dwellers.
- Some pangolins live in trees.
- The African Tree Pangolins live in Senegal and are one of the foods eaten by the Gusilay people.
- Pangolin females usually give birth to only one baby at a time.
- The babies stay with their mother for five months.
- When born the scales are soft but begin to harden by the second day.
- The babies often travel at the base of the mother’s tail.
- When threatened, the mother will protect her young by rolling up around her baby. The baby also rolls up in a ball.



Pangolin



When Pangolins climb trees,
they wrap the strong tails
God gave them around
branches to hold on.

The Naked Mole-rat is safe from danger in its underground home. The slow-moving African Tree Pangolin (pang-GO-lin), however, lives out in the open air where swift, hungry predators can see it. But God covered the gentle Tree Pangolin with hard, sharp, overlapping scales for protection, instead of giving it soft hair like most other mammals. A quick flick of its scales throws small pests off the Pangolin's back. If a large enemy approaches, the Pangolin curls itself into a ball. Then it looks like a hard, unappetizing pine cone!

The Pangolin eats ants. And it has an amazing way of capturing them. It tears open an ant nest with its sharp claws and raises its scales to let the scrambling ants crawl underneath. Then it clamps its scales down tight and goes for a dip in a nearby pool of water. When it opens its scales, the ants float out and it licks them up with its long, sticky tongue. Pangolins have no teeth to chew their food. They swallow small pebbles to help mash eaten insects in their stomachs. Amazing!

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