

Teaching Guide -The Ngizim 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 Ngizim people group in relation to the equator.
- Ask “Do the Ngizim people live close to the equator?” If the answer is “Yes”, this indicates a hot/tropical climate.
- Ask, “Do the Ngizim 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 Ngizim 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 Ngizim 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 Ngizim 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 Ngizim 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 Ngizim 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 Ngizim 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 Ngizim 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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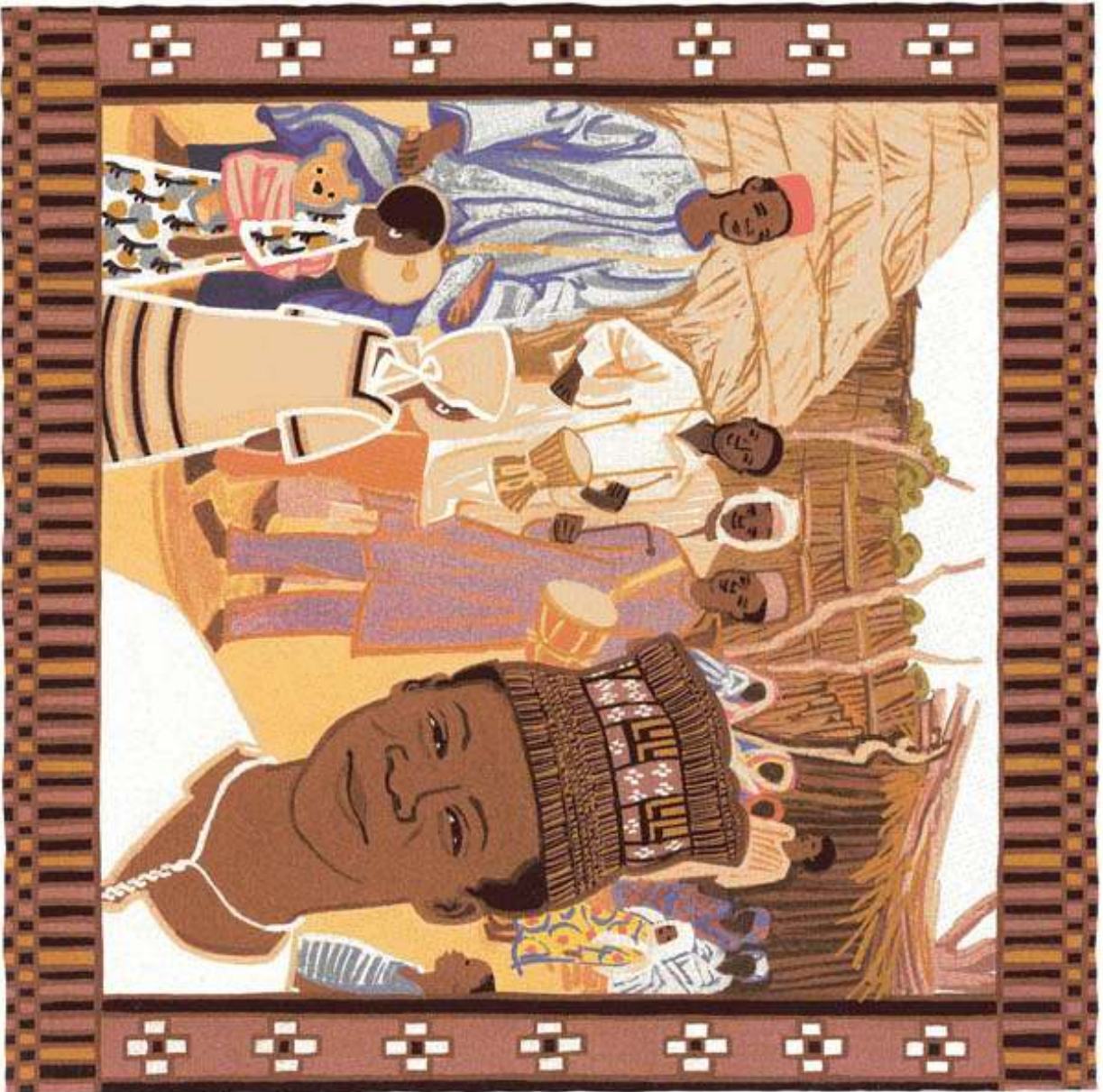
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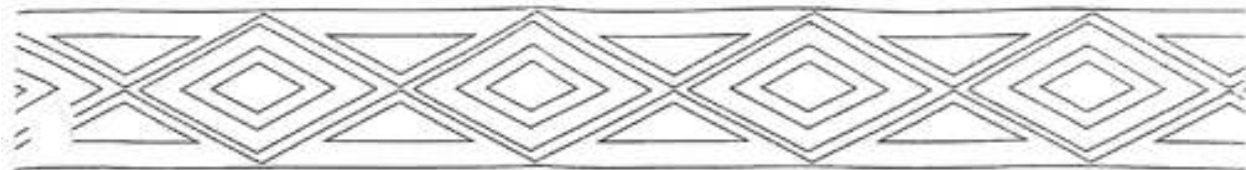
Ratatata! Traa! The exciting drummers' beat stirs the air and the feet. Rataata! Traa! Children jig and women chatter. Rataata! Traa! There is going to be a festival. Rataata! Traa! Everyone will be there.

Tonight in Nigeria the Ngizim people will dance and sing and feast. Tall stately men will dress in their best flowing robes and wear finely woven, beaded hats. Women will dance and sway and celebrate. Their dresses and turbans of red and yellow and blue and green will glow in the lamplight like bright flowers in the sunshine. Rataata! Traa!

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



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The Ngizim People

Continent: Africa

Country: Nigeria

Geographical Information:

Nigeria is in West Africa. Nigeria shares a border with Cameroon, Benin and the Atlantic Ocean.

Look at the map of Africa.

- Find the countries of Nigeria, Cameroon and Benin.
- Also find the Atlantic Ocean.
- Nigeria lies between the equator and the Tropic of Cancer. This is the hottest part of our world. Because of this Nigeria gets very hot.
- Nigeria has two main seasons, the rainy season and the dry season.
- Nigeria has 36 states and the Ngizim people live in Borno State. It is in the northeast corner.
- Nigeria once had many wild animals roaming freely. Now, they are only found in a few national parks and wildlife preserves.
- One interesting type of wild animal that still lives in Nigeria is the baboon. Baboons are the largest type of monkey.

Facts about the Ngizim people:

- The Ngizim people are part of a larger group of tribes called the Kanuri. The Kanuri are the dominant group in the region.
- Like all the Kanuri people, the Ngizim people are tall and very dark skinned. They look stately and dignified.
- The Ngizim people are proud of their past and their present leadership in governing Borno State.
- Most of the Ngizim people are farmers. They grow millet as their main crop. They also grow corn, sorghum and peanuts.
- The Ngizim people raise sheep, goats and some horses. Horses are a symbol of importance to these people.

- Ngizim villages are different sizes. Most villages contain walled-in compounds surrounding several mud or grass houses with thatched, cone-shaped roofs. This type of house is very cool during the hot months.
- Farmlands surround each settlement.
- The household, not the family itself, is the important unit in Ngizim life. The head man of a household gains importance by the number of Ngizim who live in his household.
- Sometimes young men are “loaned” to households to help with field labor and to help defend the family. In return, the head of the household gives that young man clothing, feeds him, pays his bride price and perhaps provides a bride for him.
- Ngizim men marry while they are in their early twenties and a man may have as many as four wives.
- For festivals and ceremonies the Ngizim men wear large robe-type garments worn with turbans or brightly woven caps. The loose fitting robes keep the men cool in the heat.
- Ngizim men are wonderful drummers. Their festivals and ceremonies usually feature drumming and dancing.
- Most Ngizim people follow the beliefs of the Muslim faith.
- The Muslim holy book, the Koran teaches that men are important and have supreme authority.
- Women are much less important than men in Ngizim life and are not treated with much respect.
- Among the five million Kanuri people, there are several thousand Ngizim Christians.
- The Ngizim people do not have God’s message of love in their own language.

You can pray for the Ngizim people.

- Pray that Ngizim believers will share the Good News of Jesus with their families and friends.
- Pray for people who will be committed to learning the language of the Ngizim people.
- Pray that they will soon have God’s message of love and other Christian materials in their own language.
- Ask God to raise up people who will promise to pray for the Ngizim people.

Nigeria Animal Study



Baboons

- Baboons are the biggest type of monkey. They live in dry grassy savanna areas or open woodlands in Africa and on the Arabian Peninsula.
- Baboons have large sturdy bodies covered with gray to brown fur.
- The faces and backsides of Baboons are hairless and sometimes brightly colored.
- Their faces look something like dogs and they have large pointed dog-like teeth.
- The faces also have cheek pouches.
- Baboons weight between 30 to 100 pounds (14 to 45 kg). The males are the biggest and most brightly colored.
- Baboons eat both plants and meat. They eat grasses, roots, insects and other small animals like lizards, snakes and rats.
- Baboons live on the ground rather in trees. They live in noisy groups that vary from a few to up to several hundred members.
- Animals such as Leopards, cheetahs and wild dogs hunt the baboon. People also hunt them.
- When a baboon is threatened it will bark loudly, show its large teeth, look mean and then try to run away.

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