



Kid's Kaleidoscope

Country of the Month

The Netherlands

Eurasia



CONVERSATION CENTRAL

Our story talks about the many refugees entering the Netherlands. What is a refugee?

What kind of Café does the church in our story run? _____

People all over the world move and live in new countries. When they get there it is important to learn things about that new place, like the language, culture, and customs. If someone new came to where you live, what are some things you could teach them about your culture?

COLOR THE FLAG



The flag of the Netherlands is a horizontal tricolour of red, white, and blue. Originally it was orange, white and blue. It is the oldest tricolour flag still in use today.

DUTCH GAMES

Games are a fun way to learn about the culture in other countries. Below you will find two games that are typical at kids parties in the Netherlands and you might play something similar where you live. Isn't it fun to learn new things and also find things you might have in common with others, even if you don't live near each other.

KOEKHAPPEN (Cake Biting)

Supplies: a piece of cake, a donut, or a cookie, and string.

The slice of cake, a donut, or a cookie are tied to a string at eye level of the players. They must then bite off the sweet treat without using their hands. Whoever eats the sweet treat first is the winner! To make this more challenging, the participants can be blindfolded, this makes the game more exciting and everyone enjoys a good laugh.

EIERLOPEN (Egg Walking) or EI OP LEPEL (Egg on Spoon)

Supplies: eggs or small ball, spoons, chalk

Create a walkable obstacle course or two of the same so both teams can participate at the same time, use chalk to draw the course and other obstacles like chairs, buckets, etc.

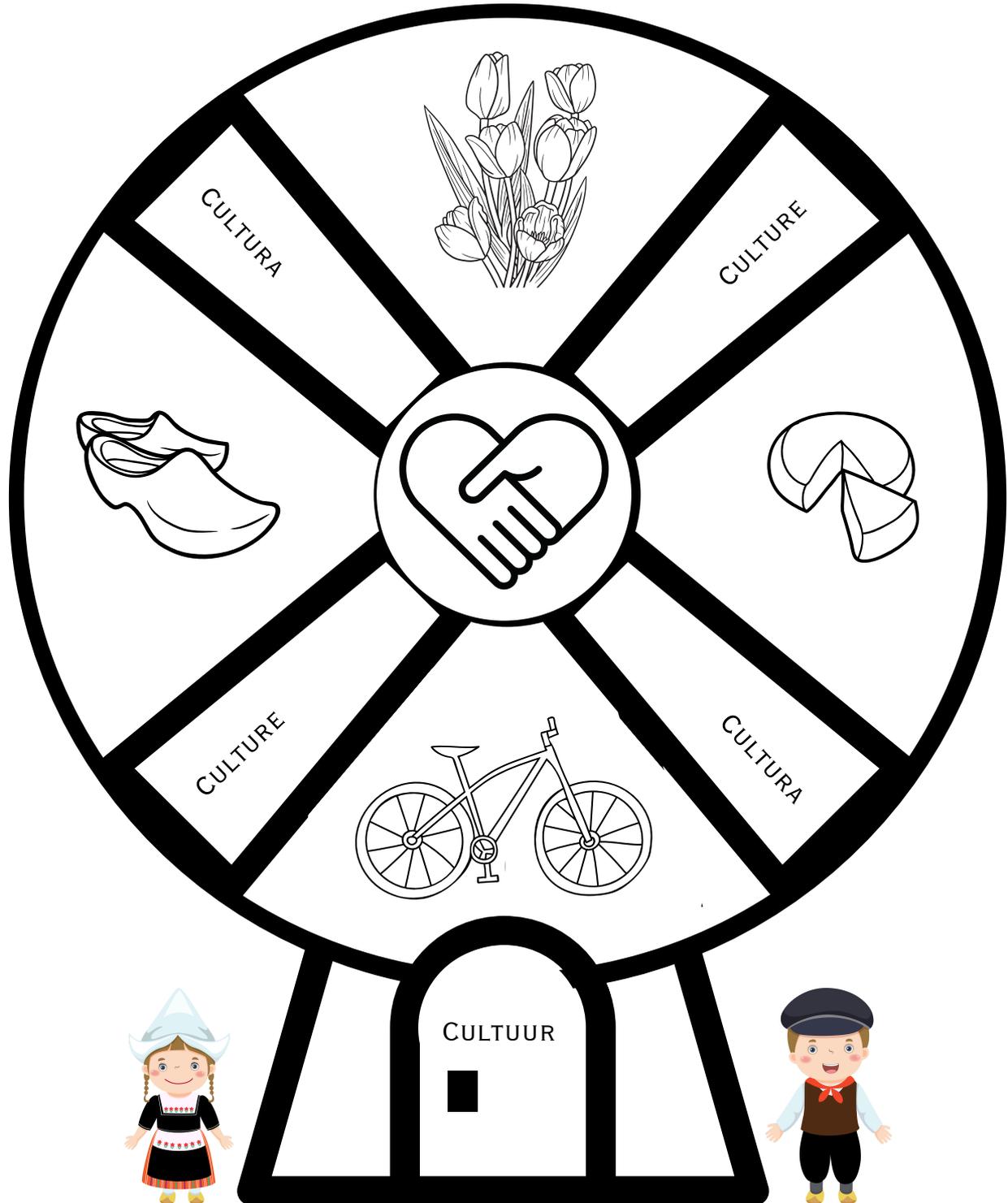
The two teams line up and take turns going through the obstacle course with a spoon in their mouth and an egg or small ball on the spoon. You may hold the spoon with one hand while in your mouth, but NO touching the egg or small ball. If you drop the egg or small ball you have to start over. The fastest team to complete the course wins!

Fun Dutch Vocabulary to use while playing: Laten we beginnen! – Let's get started!
Wie zit er in mijn team? – Who's on my team? and Ik heb gewonnen – I've won!

KALEIDOSCOPE PAGE

You may have noticed the word “culture” mentioned a few times in this Kaleidoscope, but do you know what culture is? One definition says culture is the traditions and beliefs that people practice in their daily lives. Some examples are language, food, clothing, religion, art, and music. Sometimes when we look deeper at culture, we might focus on the differences we can see or hear. People may think, “They speak a different language, I won’t understand.” Or “Why do they eat raw fish with onions?” What do you think this world would be like if we all spoke the same language, ate the same food, and wore the same type of clothing? It might get pretty boring. But we have a creative God and some of his creativity comes out in us through culture. The challenge is to look at those differences and learn something from them.

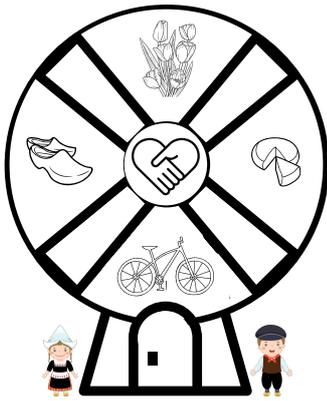
You can see some cultural items in our kaleidoscope below that are found in the Netherlands. As you color this page think about all you have learned and look for opportunities to use that knowledge and share the love of Jesus with someone who is different than you, just like the church in the Netherlands.



Don't forget to welcome outsiders. By doing that, some people have welcomed angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2 NIRV

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Klompfen

Wooden Shoes



If you travel to the Netherlands you will most likely see wooden shoes or Klompfen. They are a symbol of Dutch tradition. The weather can be quite harsh with cold and wet winters. Because farmers had to find a way to protect their feet from the wet Dutch climate, wooden shoes became part of their culture. The shoes allowed those who wore them to move across wet, soggy ground with ease. Below are instructions for making your own pair of Dutch shoes, but these are with paper instead of wood!

What you need:

- yellow cardstock (for size of an 8 year old at least 24"x 13" or 65x35cm)
- tape
- stapler
- two pieces of thin elastic

Instructions:

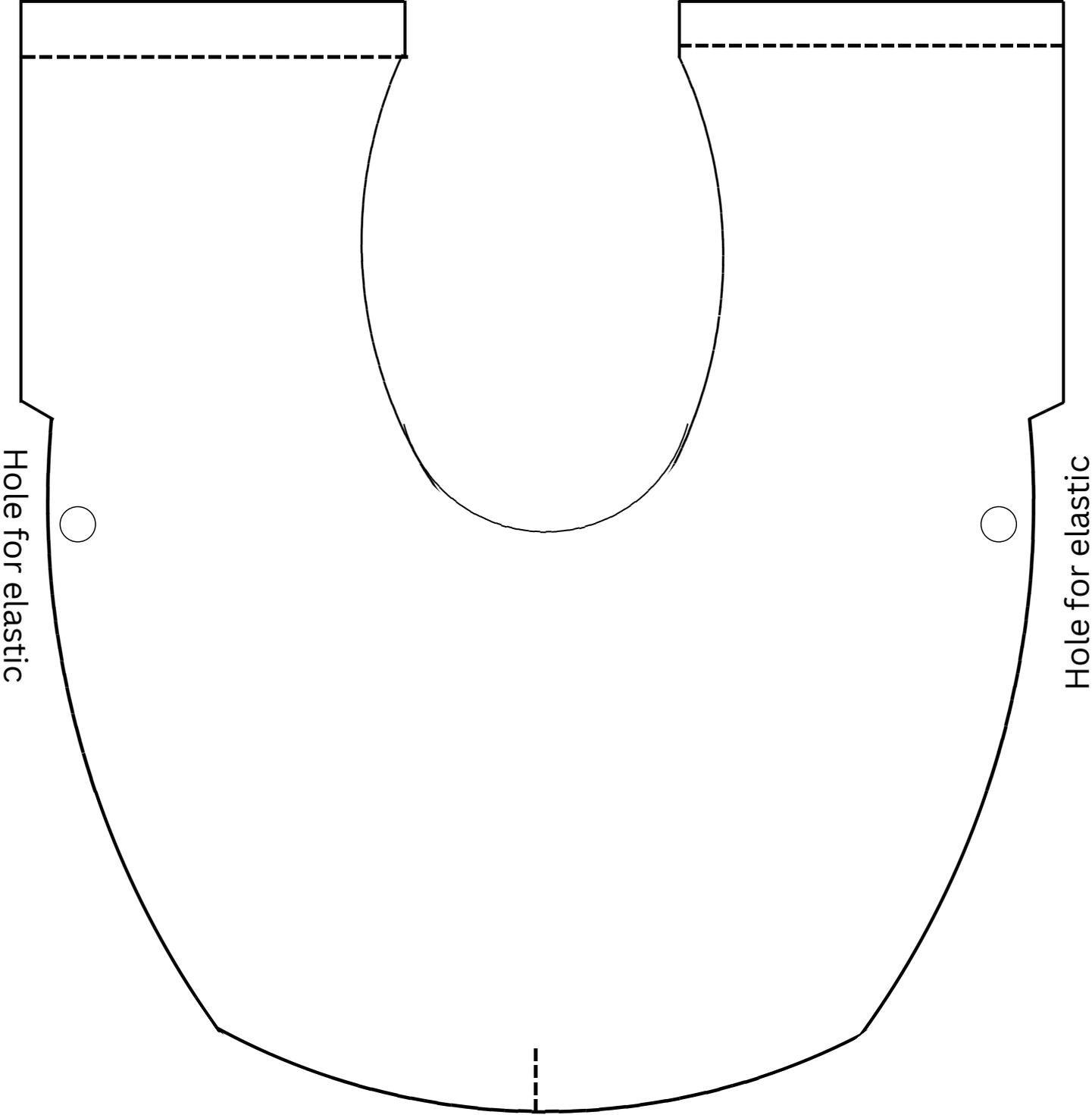
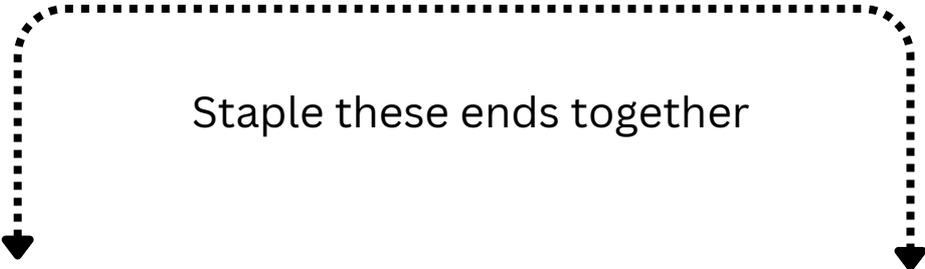
1. Use a copier to enlarge the pattern on the next page to 200% on A3 paper or draw the pattern larger on scrap paper, cut it out, and try it on.
2. Once you have the correct size, trace the pattern onto the yellow poster board. Cut out twice for both feet.
3. Staple both short ends together for the part behind the heels.
4. For the pointed end at the toes, do not fold the whole shoe, just the tip. Attach with tape as shown.
5. Make little holes on either side of the shoes, and pull a piece of elastic band through each (make a little knot at each end or use tape).

How to put them on

Put the cardboard shoes on first, pulling them up a bit before putting on your shoes or sneakers. Now push them down and cover your shoes. The elastic band should be pulled under your heels.



Staple these ends together



Hole for elastic

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Fold on dotted line, tip only and tape together for pointed toe