

MADAGASCAR



Madagascar is a large island country off the south eastern coast of Africa. It has beautiful beaches, forests, deserts and mountains. Most of the animals, birds and plants in Madagascar are unique – they can't be found anywhere else in the world. The church is growing, and CMS missionaries have been invited to help teach the Bible to Christians in Madagascar so that more people would know Jesus.

ACTIVITY

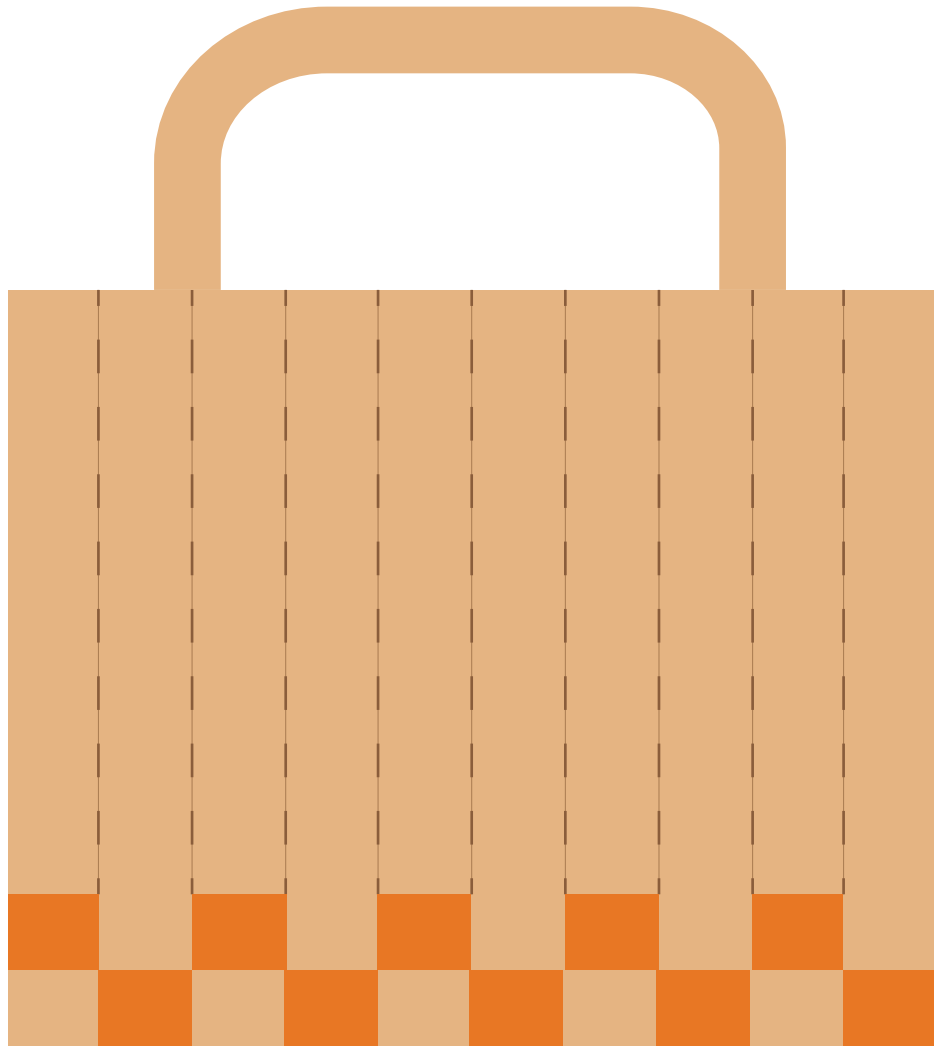
There are six types of baobab trees that grow in Madagascar. Fully grown trees are usually around 25 metres tall – that's almost eight storeys high! The tree has many uses and its bark can be used to make things such as baskets, mats and ropes. Make your own weaved 'tree' basket here:

Materials:

- 1 sheet of any coloured paper
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Cut along the dotted lines. Ask an adult if you need help.
2. Cut the coloured paper into 1cm strips.
3. Weave them between the slits, going over and under. Make sure to alternate going over and under so the coloured paper creates a check pattern.
4. Trim off any excess coloured paper and glue down the ends.



Did you know?

Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world.

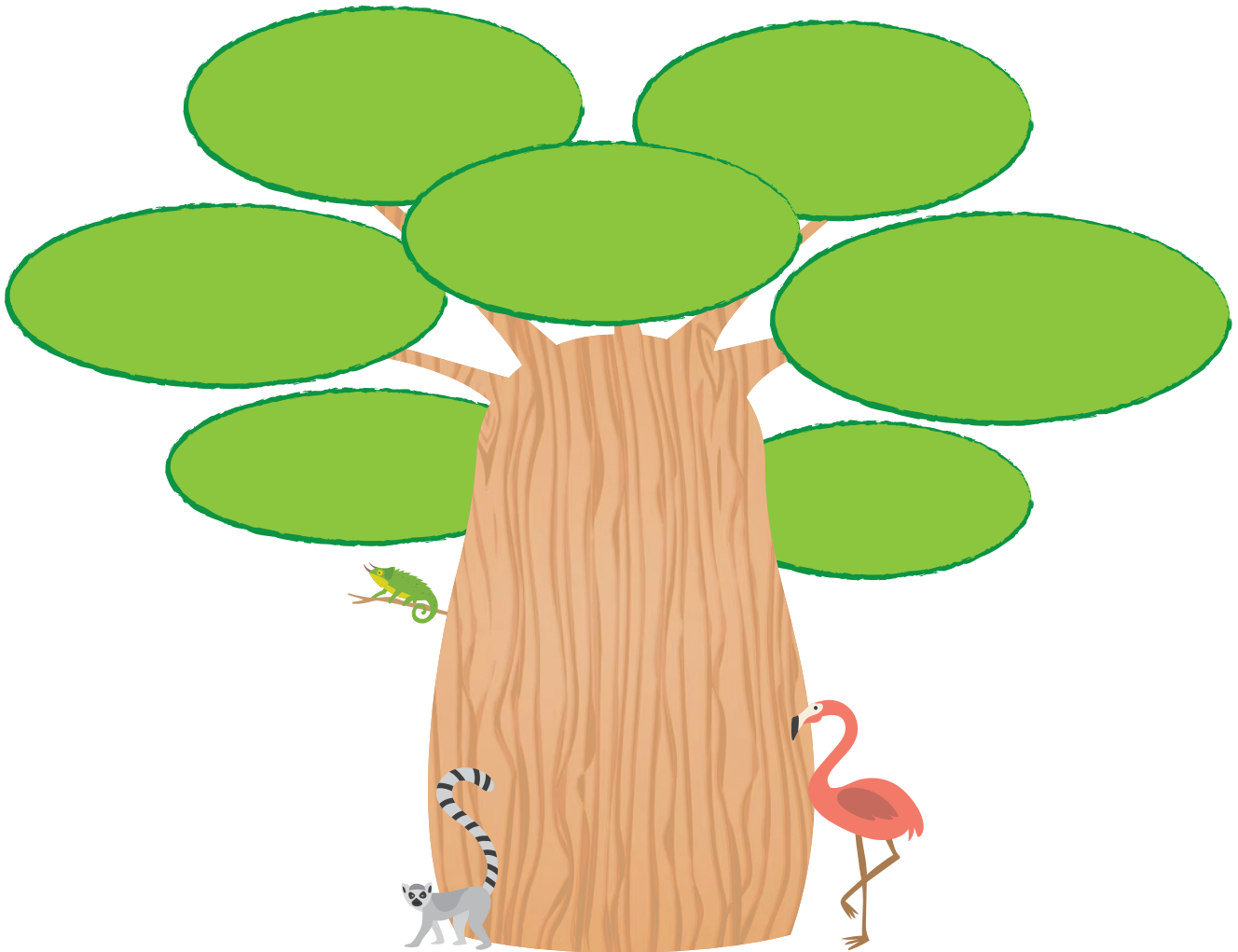


Fun fact:

Lemurs are native to Madagascar and can jump six times their body length. They can really *move it, move it!*

BIBLE CHALLENGE

In Madagascar, the Baobab tree grows in the desert. It's really hard for anything to grow in a desert! But the Baobab tree keeps growing by storing all the water it can get in its thick trunk. When things are tough, it can be hard to grow as followers of Jesus. Jesus says he is the 'bread of life' and gives us what we need. Think of some ways you could encourage your friends to keep growing in love for Jesus and other people and write them on the tree's leaves.



"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." **John 6:35**

TIP: READ THE WHOLE CHAPTER TO GET THE FULL STORY.

PRAY

Thank God

For his gift of salvation in Jesus.

Ask God

To help Christians in Madagascar to read the Bible and grow as disciples of Jesus.



Whenever you see an **enormous tree**, pray for Madagascar.