1. Color as desired

2. Cut out the two pieces (the circle and the lines forming a right angle.

3. Cut from the edge to the center of the circle, overlapping the edges gives the hat it’s shape. Tape in place in the middle.

4. Roll the shorter end of the right angle into a loop and tape in place,

5. roll the longer edge around and tape in place.

6. Using a paper clip connect the two pieces together, so that the loops sit on top of the hat.

Lesotho (la-soo-too) is a small country in Southern Africa, what do you think the weather is like there? Do you think it is very hot? Actually, Lesotho is located high up in the mountains, and so the winters there can be quite cold, and they even get snow! Not what you think of when you picture Africa.

Because of this, the Lesotho people, who are called Basotho (Baa-soo-too) have come up with many ways of keeping themselves warm. One item is the heavy blankets they carry with them, and the other is a special kind of hat. This hat is so special to the people of Lesotho that it is on their country’s flag! The top of the hat has a very special shape, which makes it different from any other kind of hat. Have you ever seen a hat quite like this one? It is said that it looks like one of the mountains in Lesotho.

So with special weather, a unique hat, and their own culture, you might think that the people of Lesotho are so different from us that it might be difficult to learn from them. But we should remember that God created every single one of us, not so that we can all be the same, but so that we can all learn from our differences. From Basotho hats we get to see a completely new idea of what a hat can be. In the same way, learning about God from people who are different from us gives us new ways of understanding God.