

STEP INTO EASTER



A FLOOR MAP OF ISRAEL

As we approach the events of Easter, this simple activity will help provide context for your children. Create a simple map of Israel on the floor, allowing children to see for themselves the places where the events in the gospels happened.

1. Create the outline of the map using masking tape (See the template included). Depending on the age of your children, you may like to lay a blue ribbon down for the Jordan River.
2. Introduce the map to your children. Have them stand around the outside. Point out the land and the Mediterranean Sea (and Jordan River if included).
3. Give them each a small copy of a simple map of Israel.
4. Divide the children up into small groups and give them an aspect of the map to create. See the suggestions included. Use the map and maps in their own Bibles to locate the places and create the features. Add them to the map as they go.

YOU WILL NEED:

Name labels

You can create these ahead of time, or provide cardboard for the children to create their own.

Blue ribbon, fabric or cardboard

Use these to create rivers and the ocean.

Blocks

Use jenga blocks, lego or other blocks to create cities and towns.

Other

Provide thick paper to create mountains, greenery for trees and other bits and pieces for creative expression.

People

People shapes or lego people.



SMALL GROUPS:

Group One: Towns and cities

- Jerusalem
- Bethlehem
- Nazareth
- Capernaum

Group Two: Lakes and Seas

- Lake Galilee
- Dead Sea
- Mediterranean Sea

Group Three: Rivers and Regions

- River Jordan
- Syria
- Judea
- Samaria
- Galilee

Group Four: Mountains

- Mt Hermon
- Mt Gerizim
- Mt Ebal

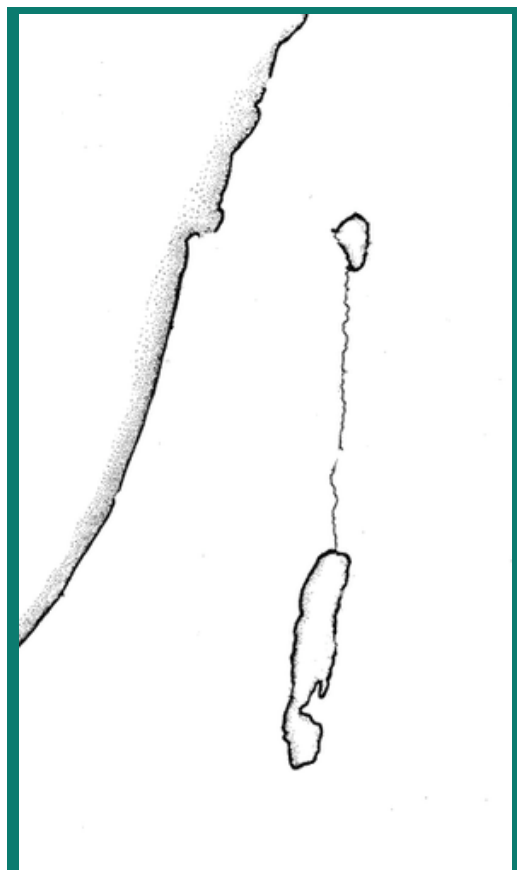


EXTRA:

Once the map is completed, give each small group a list of verses that include locations, to look up in their Bibles. Some examples could be:

- Group one: Where Jesus was born (Luke 2:1-6)
- Group two: Where Jesus grew up (Luke 4:16)
- Group three: Where Jesus spent lots of time (Luke 7:1)
- Group four: Jesus died and came back to life in this city (Luke 19:28)

You could add some specific locations for Easter or Christmas events.



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