AUSSIE BIBLE MATES · BIBLE MATES EXPLORERS · AUSTRALIAN EDITION

A CHRISTIAN GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY UNIT STUDY

Bible Lands EXPLORERS

"The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof." Psalm 24:1

Parent Guide



Whole family · ages 5–13 | 8 lessons | 3 levels | Read along with Drew



STOP 1 · A MAP OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

The Bible Lands

📖 Story time

Pip helped unroll a long sheet of brown paper across the lounge-room rug. “Today we start our Bible Lands Map,” said Big Mate. He pointed on the globe to the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea. “Jesus lived right about here.”

Little Mate dipped his biggest brush and swept blue across one side of the paper. “That’s the sea!”

“Blue means water,” said Ruby, tracing a wiggly line with her finger. “This river is the Nile. Then come the Jordan, the Tigris and the Euphrates.”

Tilly drew a compass rose in the corner. “Never Eat Soggy Weetbix,” she sang, going round: north, east, south, west.

Ruby ran her finger along a green curve, like a slice of moon. “The Fertile Crescent. Good land for growing food, close to the rivers.”

Pip dabbed on a little brown hill, very pleased.

Little Mate sat back on his heels. “It’s a real place, with real people,” he said. “And it all belongs to God, just like our home.”

🤔 BIG QUESTION

Where did the Bible happen, and can we find it on a map today?

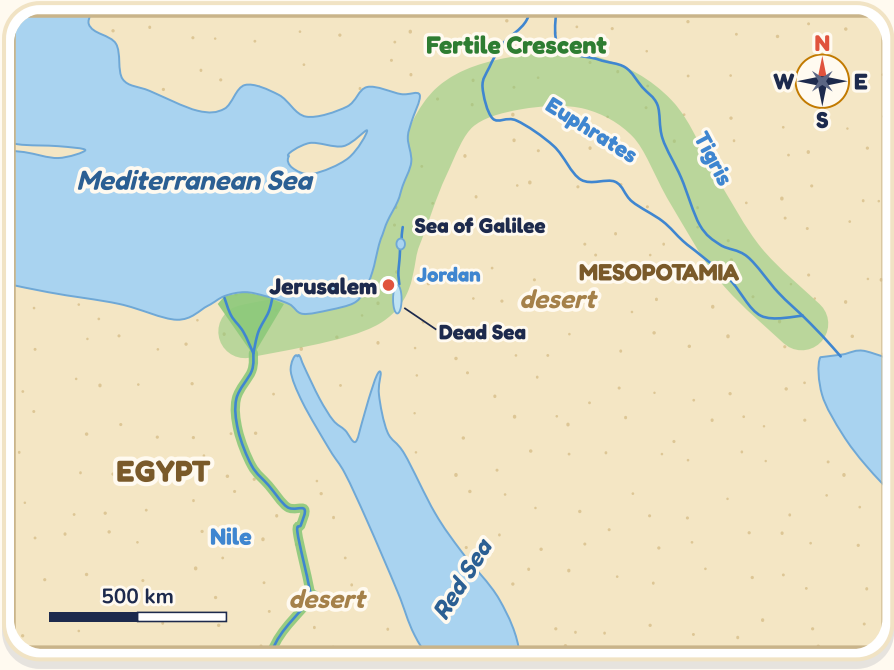
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🎧 **Listen with Drew**
Scan to hear this story read aloud.

“The earth is the LORD’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”
Psalm 24:1 (KJV)

Real Bible lands!

Where the Bible happened: real places you can find on today's map.



MOST OF THE BIBLE HAPPENS
in a curved strip of the Middle East

THE FERTILE CRESCENT
good farming land along the rivers

ON A MAP
blue is water, green is good land, yellow is desert

NORTH
is up on most maps; a compass shows where it really is

THINGS YOU MIGHT SEE



A globe: find where you live



Our Bible Lands Map grows every lesson



A compass shows where north is

14,000 km Sydney to Jerusalem in a straight line: roughly a 17-hour flight.

4 rivers matter most in the Bible: the Nile, the Jordan, the Tigris and the Euphrates.

Mesopotamia means “the land between the rivers”. It is now mostly Iraq.

“The great sea” is what the Bible often calls the Mediterranean Sea.

Try it! Where in the World?

1. Spin the globe and put your finger on where you live.
2. Slide across to the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea: that's where Jesus lived.
3. Stretch a string between the two places and measure it against the scale.
4. How long do you think it would take to walk there?

Simplified drawn map: lakes are drawn bigger so you can see them.



My First Bible Map

Little Mates · ages 5–7

Name: _____ Date: _____

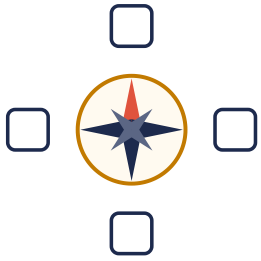
WORDS TO KNOW map · river · desert

1 Trace the word.

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2 On a map, water is coloured... ☐ blue ☐ red

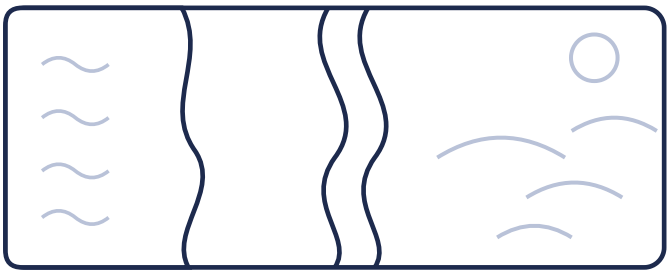
3 Write N, S, E and W on the compass.



4 The Mediterranean Sea is... ☐ water ☐ desert

5 Pip found 3 rivers on the map. Then he found 1 more. How many rivers? _____

6 Colour the sea blue and the desert yellow.



7 Draw me in the Bible lands. What would I like to see?



How did I go?   