

Expedition Israel

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Introduction

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The land of Israel—just where is it and why is it important? When I was a child, my knowledge of this special place was limited to the map in the back of my Bible, titled “The Holy Land.” It wasn’t until years later that I began to actually connect the Promised Land with the country that was in the news and the topic of many heated conversations.

With this Expedition study, it is my goal to help your children make that connection in the way that all Download N Go™ studies do—with hands-on learning and multi-media fun, so that the connections are made and the learning lasts for a lifetime. We will visit Jerusalem, the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, and other places mentioned in the Bible. We will also take a look at some of the heroes of Israel and the food of Israel, and your child will learn a Hebrew word each day. Israel is a compact and beautiful country, full of history, geographic features, wonderful people, and much more. As we head off on our expedition to learn about Israel, we will be studying these things and discovering a land to remember!

With Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week long, with five daily lessons and lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation, waiting time or expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook: a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, a piece of cardstock, a ribbon or yarn, a stapler, a hole punch, and crayons or markers. That’s it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Now that you are beginning *Expedition Israel*, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about this country and all that it holds. Your child will learn about the Hebrew people and some of the biblical places of Israel, the unique animals of Israel, and some of the biblical history of this nation. Each day will be spent exploring and investigating, creating and adding more learning components to the *Expedition Israel* lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come. With this new title in the geography theme of the Download N Go™ Series, your child will develop a natural appreciation of all of God’s creation, one place at a time.

We will be investigating:

- Where Israel is on the globe
- Some of the special places of Israel
- Animals of Israel
- Cool things to know about Israel
- Fun and games in Israel

So get ready for an exciting adventure, and thanks for spending a week with us as we take off to learn about Israel. While you are enjoying *Expedition Israel*, look ahead to *Handsome Horses* and other upcoming titles in the growing Download N Go™ Series!



Daily Objectives

Day 1: Where on Earth Is Israel?

1. Where is Israel?
2. Where did the name “Israel” come from?
3. Investigate the Jordan River.
4. Learn about the Canaan Dog.

Day 2: Some of the Special Places in Israel

1. Become familiar with the Holy Land.
2. Learn about the Dead Sea.
3. Investigate the Dugong.
4. Who was Moses?

Day 3: A Bit of History

1. What’s the story behind the Hebrew nation moving into the Promised Land, now called Israel?
2. Who was Joshua and how did he conquer Jericho?
3. Become familiar with the flag of Israel.
4. Learn about the Mediterranean Monk Seal.

Day 4: Cool Things to Know About Israel

1. Investigate the climate of Israel.
2. Become familiar with the camel.
3. Who was David?
4. Learn about the food and flavors of Israel.

Day 5: Fun and Games in Israel

1. What are dreidels?
2. Learn about the cobra.
3. Who was Solomon?
4. Become familiar with Israel’s national anthem.

Day 1

Where on Earth Is Israel?

Today you begin *Expedition Israel*, and what an adventure this will be! First, let's travel to Israel by watching these videos to see what the country is like:

Video: [This Is Israel](#)

Video: [Beautiful Israel](#)

To begin an expedition, first we need to figure out where we are going. *Find Israel on a world map or globe, then color it red on your [world map](#).*

[World Atlas—Israel](#)

[Israel](#)





Where in Israel is the Jordan River? *Mark this spot on the [map of Israel](#) that you are creating.*

[Jordan River](#)

How many miles long is the Jordan River? *Fill in your answer below.*

[Jordan River](#)

The Jordan River is _____ miles long.