

GEOGRAPHY TRAILS

Week 23 - Sea of Galilee

Day 1

- ✚✚ Is Capernaum located north or south of the Sea of Galilee? In what direction is Damascus from the Sea of Galilee: north, east, south, or west?
- 🐾 On what body of water did Jesus walk? (Mark 6:45) Peter confessed Jesus as Lord at Caesarea Philippi. Is this town north or south of the Sea of Galilee?
- 👤 Between what two cities were the disciples traveling when Jesus walked on water? (Mark 6:45-53) In what town did the Gadarene swine run off the cliff?

Day 2

- ✚✚ What river flows into and out of the Sea of Galilee? What is another name for the Sea of Galilee?
- 🐾 In Bible times, what kind of vegetation was found all along the western side of the Sea of Galilee? What was the annual rainfall around the Sea of Galilee?
- 👤 The Sermon on the Mount was delivered near what town on the north of the Sea of Galilee? Is the land along the Jordan River south of the Sea of Galilee: mountainous, desert, or valley?

Day 3

- ✚✚ What was the Decapolis? Which town is NOT near the Sea of Galilee: Capernaum, Bethsaida, or Damascus?
- 🐾 Capernaum, Magdala, and Tiberias were located on which side of what body of water? Where did Jesus preach his message known as the Beatitudes: on a mountain near Capernaum, on the Plain of Gennesaret, or on the Sea of Galilee? (Matt. 5:1)
- 👤 What is the mean temperature in August around the Sea of Galilee? What is the average relative humidity from April to October in Tiberias?

Day 4

- ✚✚ What plain lies west of Capernaum? Along what shore was Jesus walking when he asked Simon and Andrew to follow Him? (Matt.4:18)
- 🐾 Through what lake does the Jordan River flow before it reaches the Sea of Galilee? Into what body of water does the Jordan River end?
- 👤 Where did the miracle of the loaves and fish from Mark 6 take place? About how many miles long is the Sea of Galilee from north to south?



POINTS OF INTEREST

Ministry of Christ - Sea of Galilee

Mapping

Galilee (Use same map from last week.)

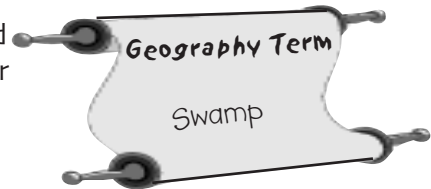
- Outline Lake Huleh and the Dead Sea in blue and label them.
- Draw a dotted line from the Sea of Galilee toward Damascus. Write "to Damascus" on the line. End it with an arrow.
- Place a dot and label the following cities: Bethsaida, Magdala, Tiberias, Gennesaret, and Gadara.
- Shade the Sea of Galilee in blue and label it.

Trail Blazing

The Sea of Galilee is actually a fresh water lake. It was the geographical center of much of Jesus' ministry. Today it is Israel's main water reservoir. Learn more about the Sea of Galilee. Write a summary of your findings. Include at least two alternative names, its depth, elevation, and its length in miles.

Powerful winds coming down from the mountains, clash with the heat from the surface of the water over the Sea of Galilee and create violent storms (see Matt. 8:24). Study the affect of wind on climate. Make a windsock and determine which direction the wind usually blows in your area.

Learn about methods of fishing and the tools used to catch and process various kinds of fish. Make a small fishing net out of cord or yarn and practice tying knots.



Make a braided Challah Bread (pronounced hallah), and serve it for one meal this week (see recipe in the Appendix).

John baptized believers in the Jordan River. The place where the Jordan enters the Dead Sea is the lowest point on Earth. Study the Jordan River. Learn where it begins and how long it flows. List other biblical events that occurred at or along the Jordan. Write a summary of your findings. Include it in your notebook. See if you can find a picture of this river.

There are over 750 references to sheep in the Bible. Study sheep and the relationship of sheep with their shepherd. In light of what you learn, explain why Jesus was called the Good Shepherd. (*A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm* is a wonderful resource for understanding the spiritual parallels to herding sheep.)

Notebook

Add fish and reptiles to the "Animals of the Holy Lands" section in your notebook. Use references from the list in the Appendix if needed.

See-through Maps

Create a "Steps of Jesus" map. Make a list of the chronology of where Jesus walked in Galilee. Using an overhead projector sheet make an overlay of the *Galilee* map to draw a possible scenario of the trail Jesus might have traveled from your chronology. Record what happened in these places if you wish. (Note: It's not important to be perfectly accurate. Enjoy the project to just see where all Jesus walked and what He did.)

Add more of Christ's miracles in Galilee to the "Miracles of Jesus" see-through map you began last week.

