



WORLD FOR KIDS

FOCUS: Middle East (Jordan)

→ JORDAN

Jordan, one of the more modern countries in the Middle East, is mostly peaceful. It is filled with ancient archaeological finds, some dating back to around 9000 BC.

Many of these landmarks are from Bible times. Mount Nebo, is the mountain from which Moses looked out at the Promised Land before he died. Jerash, is one of the 10 cities of the Decapolis. These were important Roman cities during the time of the apostle Paul.

When you walk in these places, you can almost feel the history. Students from across Jordan take regular field trips



to learn about these archaeological sites.

Even though it has all these ancient sites, Jordan is very modern. Most people have cell phones. They drive cars, own computers and surf the net. TV watching is one of the favorite pastimes for kids all across the Middle East. In some places they play video games -- a lot!



The Flag of Jordan

→ WOMEN & GIRLS

Girls are very protected in Middle Eastern cultures. They wear head coverings and long clothing to cover their skin. In many places, boys and girls attend separate schools. They even take turns visiting field trip sites on different days.



Some might think that the covered clothing is uncomfortable, but most Muslim girls do not see the coverings as restrictive. They see it as submission to Allah. Under their Muslim clothing, girls are often wearing the latest fashions. They wear these around home.

Pray for the women and girls of Muslim countries. Some are allowed freedom, and others are not. Pray that they get the chance to hear about Jesus.

LOVE: Unlocking the hearts of people so they can know Jesus!

➔ WHAT CAN KIDS DO?

The letters of the word L-O-V-E can help you remember some of the important steps in sharing the truth about Jesus with people:

L – is for Listen. Ask some questions first.

Find out if they go to church. Find out if they've heard about Jesus or the Bible.

Listen and try to understand. And if they have questions, get some answers for them. Learn all you can to help them.

O – is for Offer Help. If you see someone in need, help them with the real love of Jesus. Do it because you really care, like Jesus would.

V – is for Value them ... the way Jesus does. Treat them with respect and kindness. Show patience. And realize that Jesus loved them so much that he died for them ... before they knew him.

E – Express your Love for Jesus – When the time is right, share the truth about Jesus. Tell them why you love him. Tell them in a way they will understand.

Look up this Bible verse to fill in the blanks:

But in your _____ set apart Christ as Lord. _____ be prepared to give an _____ ... for the _____ that you have. But do this with _____ and respect.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

➔ LETTER TO KIDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Write a letter to kids in the Middle East, telling them why they would want to know Jesus for themselves:

Dear Children of the Middle East,