My world, Jesus’ world 2: The man through the roof

In this unit, we are exploring what life was like when Jesus, God’s Son was alive on earth. Think about the human nature and experience of Jesus as he lived in the world at that time.

We can use the stories in the Bible to help us understand what life was like in Jesus’ time.

What were the homes like? How were they different to our homes?

* Read the story of the paralysed man who was lowered down from the roof. *You might have this is a Bible story book, you can find It in the Bible in* ***Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12 or Luke 5:17-26, or you can watch a video on*** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtPnD2FOFfk>.
* Could someone do this in your house? Why not?
* Task: Do some research about the houses in Bible times especially looking at the roofs, doors, windows and where the stairs were. (*Hint: put Bible houses into a search and click on images)* Using a small box (a shoebox or cereal box) create a flat-roofed house like Jesus would have seen. (See ‘Flat roof house’ sheet for some ideas)

My world, Jesus’ world 1: Where in the world?

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Where Jesus lived is now called Israel.

1. Print off the Israel colouring map and colour it in. Choose your colours carefully – make sure the water is all blue and think about what a good colour for the land would be. *(Hint: it is very hot and sandy in Israel).*
2. Look at the map of the Middle East to see where Israel is. Now try to find Israel on the world map *(Hint: it is not labelled as it is so small so you will need to look at the shape and its neighbouring countries.)*
3. Jesus lived in Nazareth 2000 years ago. Take a look at this video to get an idea of what it would have been like. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyDyIyn-yRE> What things are different to how we live?

My world, Jesus’ world 4: Food

In this unit, we are exploring what life was like when Jesus, God’s Son was alive on earth. Think about the human nature and experience of Jesus as he lived in the world at that time.

What food would Jesus have to eat?

1. Make a list of the food you have eaten recently. Put a tick by the foods that you think Jesus might have eaten.
2. Watch the video to see what a meal in Jesus’ time might have been like. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjEfuSbCwvg>

Things you could try (if you have the right ingredients)

1. Lentils and other pulses were part of the staple diet of Jesus time. If you have any lentils, red, green and yellow, ask a grown up to help you make a recipe with them. *(See the recipe card)*
2. Taste food – pitta bread, matzos, couscous, figs, grapes, apricots, dates, olives and walnuts.
3. You could try to making your own pitta bread. *(See the recipe card for a no yeast version)*

My world, Jesus’ world 3: The Good Samaritan

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Jesus used everyday life in his parables – the stories he used to help people understand how God wants us to live.

How did people travel?

1. Read the story of the Good Samaritan. *You might have this is a Bible story book, you can find It in the Bible in* ***Luke 10: 25-37, or you can watch a video on*** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLzdQtetedc> .
2. How did the people in the story travel? The man was walking from Jericho to Jerusalem. Can you find out how far that is? What is the furthest that you have ever walked?
3. What else can you add to your flat-roofed house?
4. Although we must keep away from our neighbours at the moment, can you think of a way to show them some love? *(Remember what Jesus was saying in this story – that everyone is our neighbour and by showing them kindness, we are sharing God’s love.)*

My world, Jesus’ world 5: Switch the light on!

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Of course, in the time of Jesus, they didn’t have anything that used electricity.

1. Look round your home and make a list of all the things that use electricity *(Don’t forget, batteries are a form of electricity too).* Which of the things on your list would you miss the most?
2. So, jobs had to be done in different ways – making life a lot harder work! Watch the !st Century Nazareth village video again and see how they used their hands and simple tools to get the work done.
3. Can you add anything to your flat roofed house? Maybe you could weave a rug for your house or have a go at these simple weaving projects:

 Weaving a mat <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/47194/paper-weaving-craft-for-kids/>

 Weaving a rainbow <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/woven-rainbow-craft>

 Weaving on anything <https://handsonaswegrow.com/weaving-with-kids-activity/>