

PASSPORT TO ISRAEL TIBERIAS & SEA OF GALILEE

Much of Jesus' ministry took place around the Sea of Galilee and the nearby region known as the Decapolis, a group of ten cities. Many well-known New Testament stories unfolded here. This is where Jesus walked on water, calmed the raging storm, and called Peter and Andrew to follow Him and become "fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). In this region, our Lord healed Peter's mother-in-law, cast out demons, and taught in synagogues. Eighteen of Jesus' 33 recorded miracles took place in this region of Israel, and His most well-known teaching—the Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5–7—was delivered on a hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

Despite its name, the Sea of Galilee is actually a freshwater lake, also called Lake Tiberias. It lies about 680 feet below sea level and reaches depths of 60 to 180 feet. In Jesus' day, ten major cities surrounded this area, but today Tiberias is the only one still standing along its shores.

Tiberias itself is a modern city with ancient roots. Named after a Roman emperor, it contains an old cemetery that predates the time of Jesus and holds the tomb of Maimonides, one of the most influential Torah scholars in Jewish history. Because of this, Tiberias is significant to religious Jews, while its connection to Jesus' ministry makes it a meaningful destination for Christian visitors as well. Today, it's also known for hot springs, beaches, and water activities.

The Galilee is rich with spiritual and historical heritage, connecting the events of the past to our faith in the 21st century.

SEA OF GALILEE ESCAPE ROOM PUZZLE

FOR THE TEACHER

Description:

Students must unlock the correct order of three major events around the Sea of Galilee to "open" an envelope in the care of the club leader. When they solve the puzzle, they discover a message about Jesus' ministry in the Galilee.

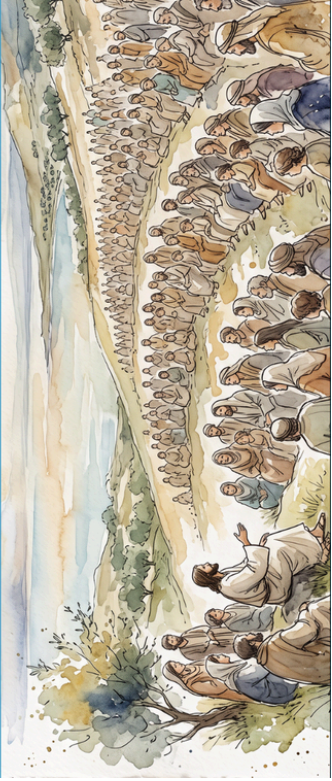
Resources Needed:

- One Event Card Envelope per group
- One set of three event cards per group
- One Final Message Envelope for the class
- Bibles

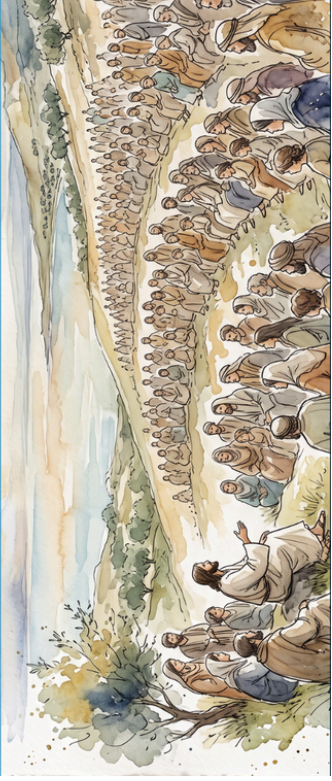
Instructions:

- Put all three event cards into one envelope.
- Create groups of 2-3 students and give an envelope containing each of the three event cards to each group. The events should be shuffled.
- Students will have ten minutes to put the three event cards in chronological order.
- They must use their Bibles to find the correct order.
- Once students have ordered their event cards, the teacher will review their answers.
- The first group to correctly order the three events wins!

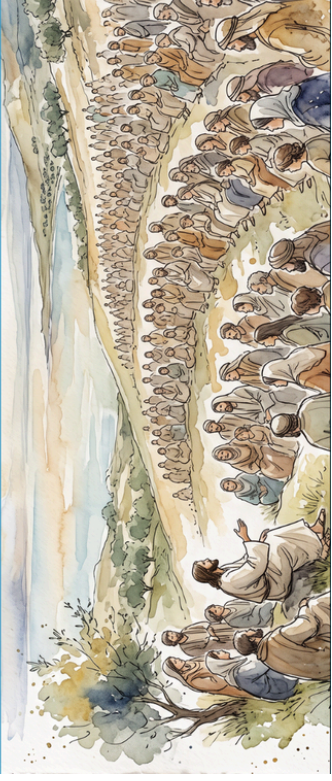
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GREAT JOB! YOU UNLOCKED THE MIRACLE MAP.

Most of Jesus' ministry happened around the Sea of Galilee. Here, He taught crowds, healed the hurting, and showed His power. Just like the disciples learned to trust Him on the waters, you can trust Him in every part of your life, too.

