



The Good Eggs Travel the World

Chapter 8: Israel (April)

The Eggs landed in Tel Aviv where they met their new friend Yosef and his family. They began their adventure on a beach on the Mediterranean Sea where they learned Ms. Poach had a fear of going into the water. The next day, the Eggs celebrated a Shabbat meal with Yosef and his family, but unfortunately, Yosef's baby sister, Dalia had to be taken to the hospital with a high fever from an ear infection. Luckily, she was going to be okay. Yosef and his father took the Eggs on an adventure in the Old City in Jerusalem where they took a walk on top of the wall (the Ramparts) that surrounded the Old City and through the Tunnel of Shiloh. The Eggs ended their time in Israel in the mysterious Dead Sea.

Overview:

Lesson:

Chapter Eight introduces the Eggs to the country of Israel.

Country: Israel

Continent: Asia (Israel lies at the junction of three continents: Europe, Asia, and Africa)

Prominent Languages: Hebrew and Arabic

Capital: Jerusalem

Sites and Experiences:

- Mediterranean Sea
- Shabbat Meal – a special meal and time set aside for family, rest, recreation and thankfulness
- Old City in Jerusalem – an ancient city originally built in 1004 BCE and surrounded by walls
- Tunnel of Shiloh – an ancient tunnel running under the Old City
- Dead Sea – the lowest place on earth – 1,300 feet below sea level with water six times saltier than the ocean.

Words, Phrases and Sayings Learned:

- *Shalom* = Peace (often used to say hello and goodbye)

Customs Learned:

- Shabbat Meal – lighting candles, washing hands, singing a song and offering thanks.
- Not using electricity during Shabbat to remind families to stay focused on togetherness and thankfulness

Foods Eaten:

- *Kebobs* = Small pieces of meat mixed with spices on a stick
- *Challah* = Braided bread eaten at the Shabbat meal

Activity:

Class Research:

GROUP 1: Research and find out some of the foods eaten at a Shabbat meal.

GROUP 2: Research the names of the gates that allow entrance into Jerusalem.

GROUP 3: Research and find out interesting facts about the Tunnel of Shiloh.

GROUP 4: Research and find out more about the Dead Sea.

Materials:

- Poster board, markers, crayons

Get your poster board ready and divide it into four sections. Have each group depict their research onto the poster board. Hang it next to your Egypt poster. You're almost all the way around the world!

Additional activity:

Try to imitate the Eggs experience of floating in the Dead Sea by doing a floating egg experiment.

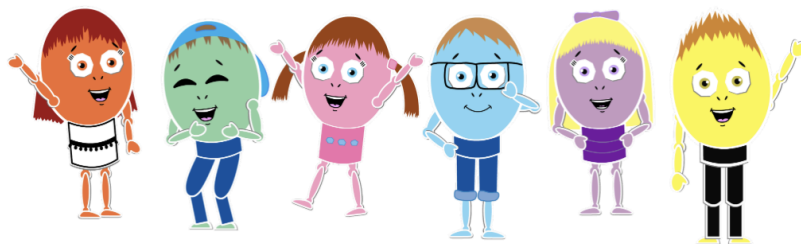
Supplies Needed:

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| - Clear glass or plastic container | - Salt (3 to 4 cups) | - Long spoon |
| - Water | - Measuring cup | - Teaspoon |
| - One egg | | |

A. First make some "ocean water"

- Mix 3 ½ teaspoons of salt into 4 ¼ cups of water
- Gently hold the egg in the water to see if it floats (note: it won't, so careful not to crack it)

B. Start mixing one cup of salt at a time into the water and continue to see if the egg will float. When it doesn't, mix in another cup of salt. Keep adding salt until the egg floats. Note: The ratio of salt to water in the Dead Sea is *at least* 25% salt to 75% water. This means you will need to add *at least* three cups (or more) of salt to the 3 ½ teaspoons you initially added to get the egg to float.



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