

# TRAVELING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

These ideas can be used as a kick-off party or throughout the year, traveling to different locations physically or spiritually

## FAMILY GATHERING

- For large gatherings, send out a special invitation or postcard to invite family members and friends. If you chose to do this with your little family, leave special tickets under their pillows inviting them to your FHE.
- Incorporate missions! Bring treats or recipes, memorabilia, share fun stories and conversion to Christ experiences (either your own or investigators).
- Invite people who have visited Jerusalem or other New Testament locations to share pictures, stories, and how they felt during their visit.
- Snack ideas: airplane peanuts/trail mix

## FOR YOUNGER KIDS

- Make a map of your house, neighborhood, or community. Then share maps of Jerusalem and talk about similarities and differences.
- Learn about the animals that live in the New Testament locations.
- Play the game: *What would you bring to Jerusalem?* Discuss different ideas. If you are feeling extra adventurous physically pack a suitcase—having each family member pick 1 or 2 items to bring. When finished add in a picture of a heart and talk about how we need to have our hearts ready to learn all about the Savior and His teachings.

## OTHER FUN IDEAS

- Use Google Maps to zoom in on different locations of the New Testament. You can do this at a family gathering or throughout the year as you learn about each location.
- Learn about the flags.
- Write a story, comic strip, song, powerpoint or create a short video of you visiting the New Testament during the time of the Savior.
- Create a brochure of each location in the New Testament. Include important events that happen in the location.
- Talk about how our travel plans might change and look different than we anticipated, but our ultimate destination is still the Savior.
- Set-up a tent (indoor or outdoor) and go in and read scriptures about the Savior. Tie in flashlights and discuss how they symbolize the light of Christ. Invite others in your neighborhood or community to your scripture gathering.
- Incorporate shoes into your lessons. Wear other family member's shoes and talk about how it's hard to walk in other people's shoes. Talk about how we shouldn't judge others.
- Play fun travel games like *Ticket to Ride*.
- If your theme for the year is traveling, call your scripture journal a travel journal and their supply bag could be their travel bag.
- For fans of *Survivor*, play survival games, have those who have survived a natural disaster share stories, make first aid kits (great service project), talk about emergency prep with your family.

