



The Life of Jesus



Discover life in the time of Jesus

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. But he was also truly man and lived like the people of his time. Would you like to know more about his life?

The board game board is a large yellow 'U' shape with a central circle labeled 'Goal!'. The board is divided into 90 numbered spaces, arranged as follows:

- Outer ring (top to bottom): 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37.
- Second ring (top to bottom): 11, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 3, 2, 1.
- Third ring (top to bottom): 48, 50, 52, 53, 47, 45, 44, 42, 41, 39, 38.
- Inner ring (top to bottom): 75, 77, 79, 81, 85, 83, 72, 70, 68, 66, 65, 64, 62.

Smiley face icons are placed in the following spaces:

- Happy faces: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90.
- Sad faces (x-x): 12, 16, 17, 23, 27, 32, 34, 35, 44, 49, 50, 51, 54, 55, 60, 64, 67, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 89.

A large circle labeled 'Start!' is located at the bottom left of the board, adjacent to space 1.



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Rules of the game:

- You need one dice and one figure for each player.
- Throw the dice individually one at a time, with each player's figure beginning on the starting field. The youngest starts.
- The dice indicate how many fields you may move each time. If you roll six, you may roll the dice again.
- If you land on an action field, read the instructions below aloud and follow them. More than one of these fields can also be activated per turn.
- The goal field must be reached with an exact roll, otherwise you must wait and try again in the next round.
- The first person to reach the goal wins. Have fun!

Instructions for action fields:

Start: It's nice that you want to know more about the life of Jesus!!

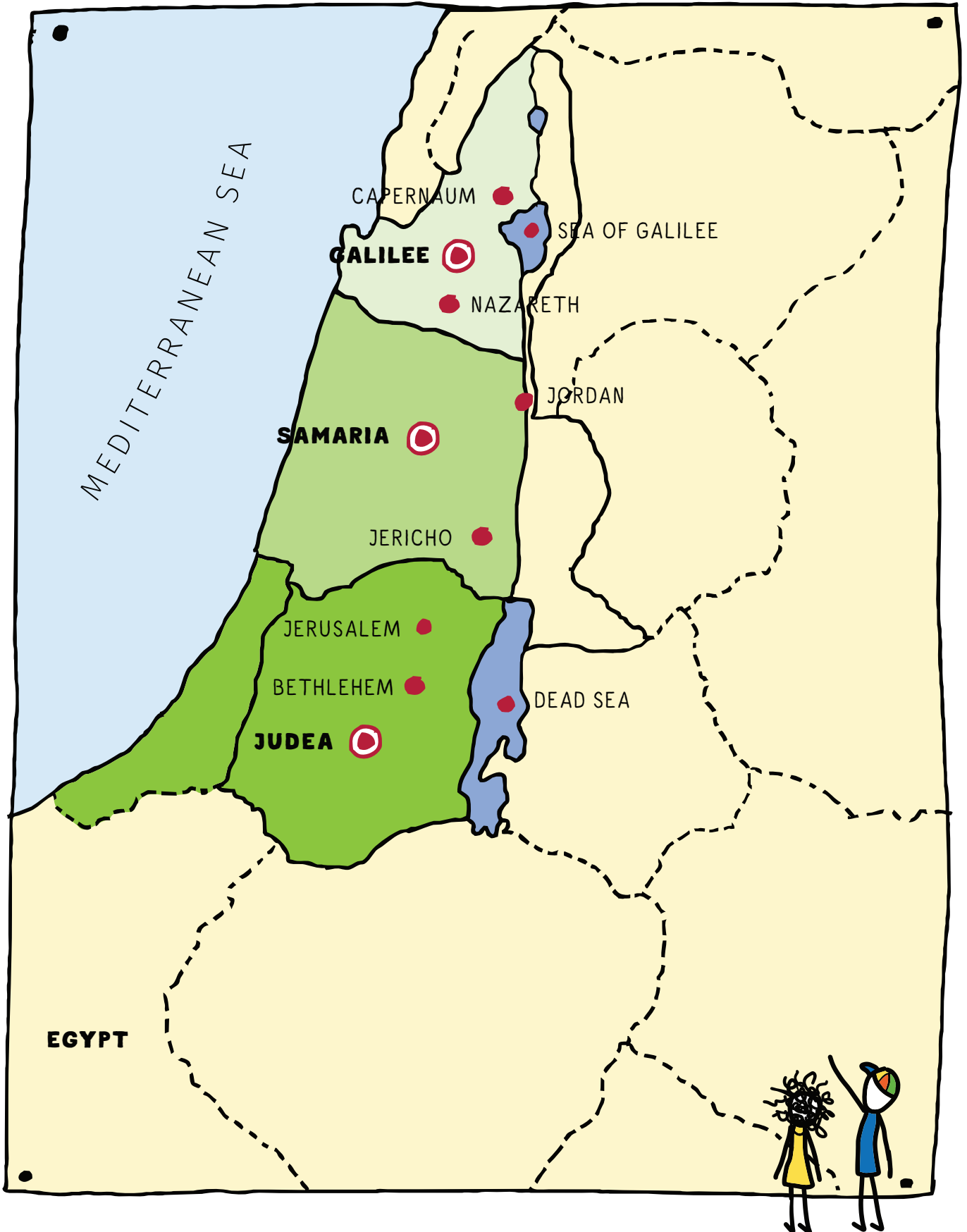
- Jesus lived in Palestine at that time. It is located on the southeastern Mediterranean coast. Look for exactly where it is on a map. Very good! Throw the dice again.
- The land of Palestine was divided into three territories at the time of Jesus: In the north was Galilee, in the south was Judea and between them was Samaria. Well remembered! Move ahead three fields.
- When Jesus was born, Emperor Augustus reigned in Rome and King Herod the Great reigned in Palestine. He was a cruel tyrant. Nobody wants to meet such a king. All players move back four spaces.
- If there was enough irrigation, the land was very fertile! There were many plants. Choose two players to advance two fields forward each.
- The merchants provided the people with everything they needed for their daily lives. Goods were exchanged for goods and, in larger cities, for money. There was also flourishing trade with foreign countries. Go backwards the same number of points that the next player goes forward.
- There were many more animals in Palestine than there are today. Many wild animals are also mentioned in the Bible. But you don't have to be afraid! Throw the dice again and advance this number.
- Jewish families were scattered throughout the Roman Empire during the time of Jesus. Most Jews lived in Palestine. Jesus himself was also a Jew. At your next family feast, remember that Jesus also celebrated many feasts. Roll the dice 3x and advance 1x. Take the highest number of points thrown.
- Jesus spent most of his life in the region of Galilee. Here, for example, he preached the Sermon on the Mount and sent out his apostles. You set out to put the words of Jesus into action! Swap your position with the player who is farthest back.
- The Sea of Galilee is vital for the country. It is the only freshwater lake in the country! Jesus often taught from a boat. He also calmed the storm and walked on the water there. If you are the first to do so, wait until the next player is at least four fields away in distance.
- When Jesus was 30 years old, he went to the fishing village of Capernaum to live and work there. This was also Peter's hometown. Jesus performed many miracles there. Go the same number of points that the next player goes forward.
- In Nazareth, the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus. This event was predicted 700 years earlier by the prophet Isaiah. Isn't that amazing? In celebration you advance three fields.
- Emperor Augustus ordered all inhabitants of the empire to register for taxes. Thus the parents of Jesus moved from the city of Nazareth in Galilee up to the city of Bethlehem in Judea. Move back to Field of Action 24 to be closer to the events of that time.
- The houses at the time of Jesus were small and simple. The walls were made of roughly hewn stones and there were only small window openings. You pray for all people who still live in poverty today. Go 1x the number of points again, with which you came to this field.
- The houses at the time of Jesus usually had only one room. In this room the whole extended family lived together with the animals. There was no furniture; at night, carpets were rolled out for sleeping. You are thankful that you can have your own room. You sleep especially well tonight. Skip 1x.
- At about the age of 5, Jesus attended school. The lessons took place in the synagogue, the Jewish house of God. The teacher was the rabbi, and together with the boys he read from the Torah (Holy Scripture of the Jews). You memorize these technical terms. Good job! Skip the player in front of you.
- Hardly anybody could afford expensive writing instruments such as parchment, feathers and ink at the time of Jesus. So the children simply painted the letters in the sand. You're not always careful with your things. Go back to the start!
- The mother tongue of Jesus was Aramaic. He also spoke Hebrew. Reading and writing is from back to front and from right to left! You should try that out too. Bravo! Move a player of your choice three squares back.
- At that time, people usually ate lying down. Freshly baked flat bread was often served, along with fruit and vegetables. Meat was only available on holidays or when visitors came. The preparation takes time. Go back three fields.
- The clothing of that time was mostly made of sheep's wool or goat's hair. People seldom wore shoes, but they did wear headgear that protected them from the heat. You did not protect yourself sufficiently from the sun. That is dangerous! Go back to the start.
- At the time of Jesus, the Samaritans were despised. They believed in God, but not as Israel believed in God. But Jesus talked to a Samaritan woman at Jacob's fountain. You also want to be there for people who are excluded from society. Roll the dice twice.
- At the southern Jordan River lies one of the oldest cities in the world: Jericho. In Jericho, Jesus healed a blind man. Go forward again the same score you came to this field with.
- When Jesus was 12 years old, he went to the temple in Jerusalem. There he spoke about God and about the Scriptures. His knowledge impressed the people very much. You too are deeply touched. Take time to think and skip 1x.
- Over 2000 years ago, Jesus was born in Bethlehem as a baby! God himself became man! This is the greatest miracle in the world. You are very happy! Move forward five fields!
- King Herod feared for his power and gave the order to kill all male children up to two years old in Bethlehem and the surrounding area. Mary and Joseph fled with Jesus into Egypt. You also hurry and skip the player in front of you.
- After the death of King Herod, Mary and Joseph returned with Jesus to their homeland, to the city of Nazareth. Here Jesus spent his childhood and youth. Go back to action field 12!
- You learn that men and women often wore long hair braided into plaits at that time. Strictly believing Jews still keep the old law today: One may not cut the hair over their ears. You are fascinated. Lost in thought, you go five fields farther ahead.
- Just as today, the most important drink was water. Using jugs, the women had to carry it from wells and springs to the houses. You're shirking the carrying of water: Go back five fields.
- The high priest was chairman of the High Council of the Jews and was — apart from the Roman occupiers — also the supreme political leader of the people. Phew, that was a lot of new information. So take some time off: Abandon 1x.
- The most famous lake near Bethlehem is the Dead Sea. It is known for its high salt content. It is so salty that no plants or animals can live in it. You would love to swim in it. What a great idea! Go two fields forward.
- In Israel there are only 2 seasons: In summer it is very dry at about 40 °C, and in winter it is more humid at about 15 °C. Well noted! Roll the dice 2x, add up the points and divide them by 2. Round up if the result is odd. Move this score to the front.

Goal: The next challenges will certainly come soon..

But if you are HERE first, you have won! Congratulations!

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