Label the Land Game

Materials

12 Tribes Labels (page 2)
12 Tribes Poster (pages 3–6)
Container
Tape/poster putty
Marker for white board

Instructions

Print the 12 Tribes labels and poster. Cut out the labels and place them in a container. Trim the edges of the four poster pages then tape them together and place on the board/wall. Number 1–13 on the board, leaving room next to each number for a label. Divide class into two teams or let students alternate drawing labels and working together as a group to complete the map.

This poster will be our game board. It shows outlines around the different areas of land given to the 12 tribes of Israel. Each territory is numbered 1-13. Remember that Joseph's sons were included as sons of Israel, which is why we have more than 12 labels. Teams will take turns sending a student up to draw a label out of this container and read it. Each label has the name of a tribe that received land. I'll read a clue about the land that tribe received. As a team, you will use the compass, countries, and seas on the poster to help your teammate figure out which land fits the clue. If you place your label next to the matching number for the correct land, your team earns a point. If it's incorrect, the other team will get a chance to place the label for a point. Ready? Let's begin!

Choose a student from the first team to draw a label from the container and read it. Give the corresponding clue from the list, which is numbered to match the poster. Let the team discuss the answer and then have the student place the label next to a number on the board. If placed correctly, award that team a point. If placed incorrectly, allow the other team to place the label correctly for a point. If that team is also incorrect, give the answer and place the label next to the correct number. Continue alternating teams, giving clues, and awarding points until all the labels are correctly placed on the board. Add up scores and announce the winning team.

Clues

- 1. **Asher:** Asher received a narrow strip of land along the Mediterranean Sea in the far north.
- 2. **Benjamin:** this tribe received one of the smaller portions of land to the west of the Jordan River. It was northwest of the Dead Sea.
- 3. **Dan:** Dan was given a smaller portion of land in the middle of the country with its western border on the Mediterranean Sea.
- 4. East Manasseh: Manasseh, the oldest son of Joseph, received an inheritance along with Joseph's brothers. This half of the tribe settled east of the Sea of Galilee in what used to be the land ruled by the giant king Og.
- 5. **Ephraim:** this tribe was descended from Joseph's second son, Ephraim. They received territory in the middle of the land west of the Jordan River. Their territory did not touch the Mediterranean Sea or the Jordan River.
- 6. **Gad:** this tribe received its land from Moses on the east side of the Jordan River next to Ammon.
- 7. **Issachar:** this tribe received a smaller portion of land southwest of the Sea of Galilee with its eastern border touching the Jordan River.
- 8. **Judah:** the tribe of Judah received a large southern portion of land west of the Jordan River and shared a border with Edom.
- 9. **Naphtali:** this tribe received land northwest of the Sea of Galilee without bordering the Mediterranean Sea.
- 10. **Reuben:** this tribe received its land from Moses east of the Dead Sea and north of Moab.
- 11. **Simeon:** Simeon received land in the middle of another large territory southwest of the Dead Sea.
- 12. **West Manasseh:** this half of the tribe of Manasseh received the second largest portion of land among the tribes that settled west of the Jordan River. Their territory extended from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River!
- 13. **Zebulun:** Zebulun received the smallest portion of land in the north that did not touch the Mediterranean Sea, the Sea of Galilee, or the Jordan River.

Reuben Simeon

Issachar

Judah

East Manasseh : Manasseh

Asher

West

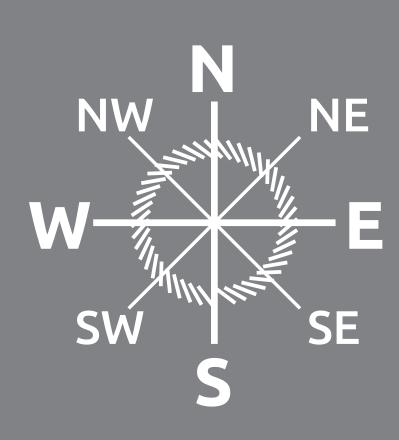
Benjamin

Gad

Naphtali

Ephraim

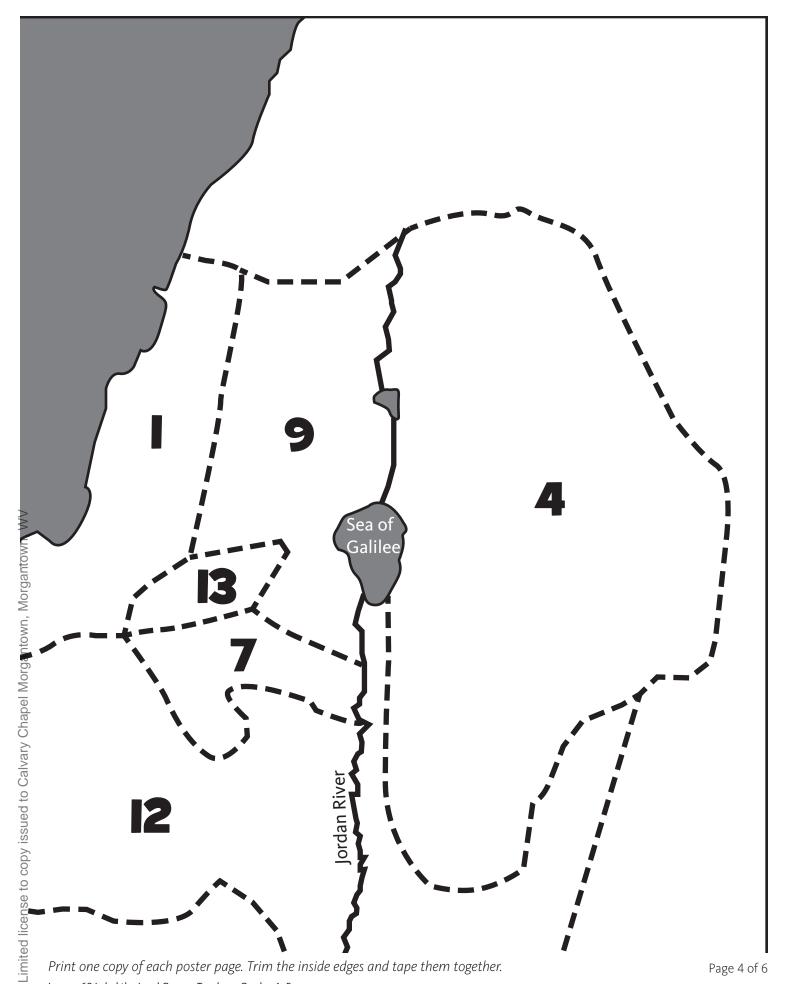
Zebulun



Mediterranean Sea

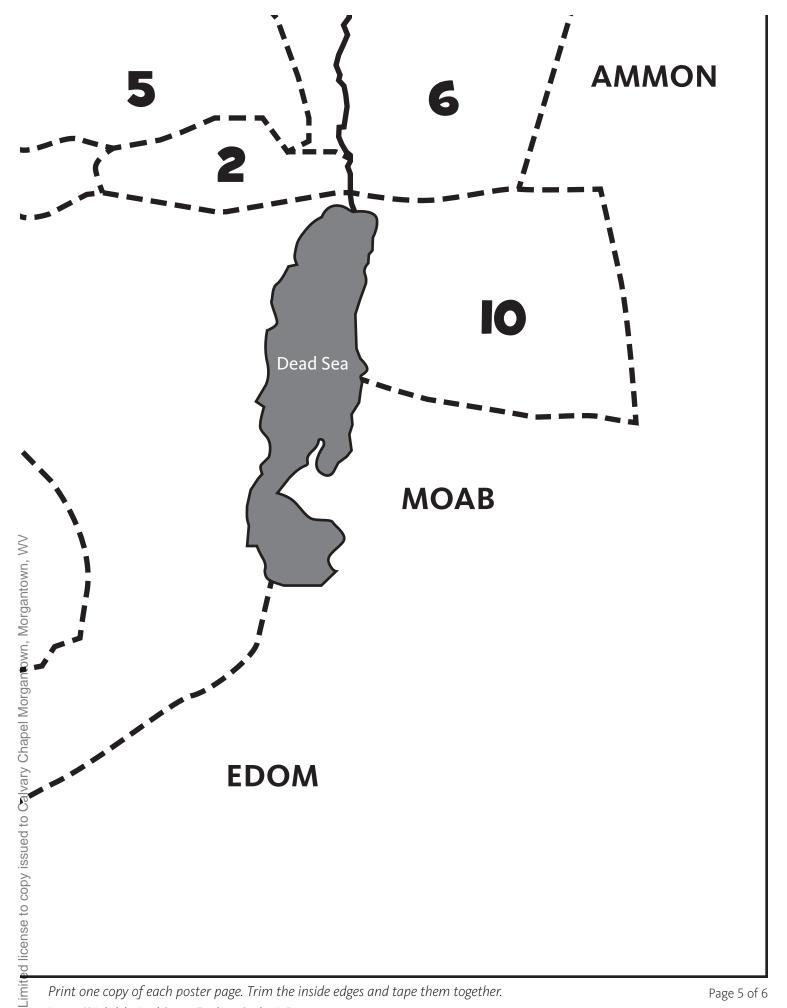
Print one copy of each poster page. Trim the inside edges and tape them together.

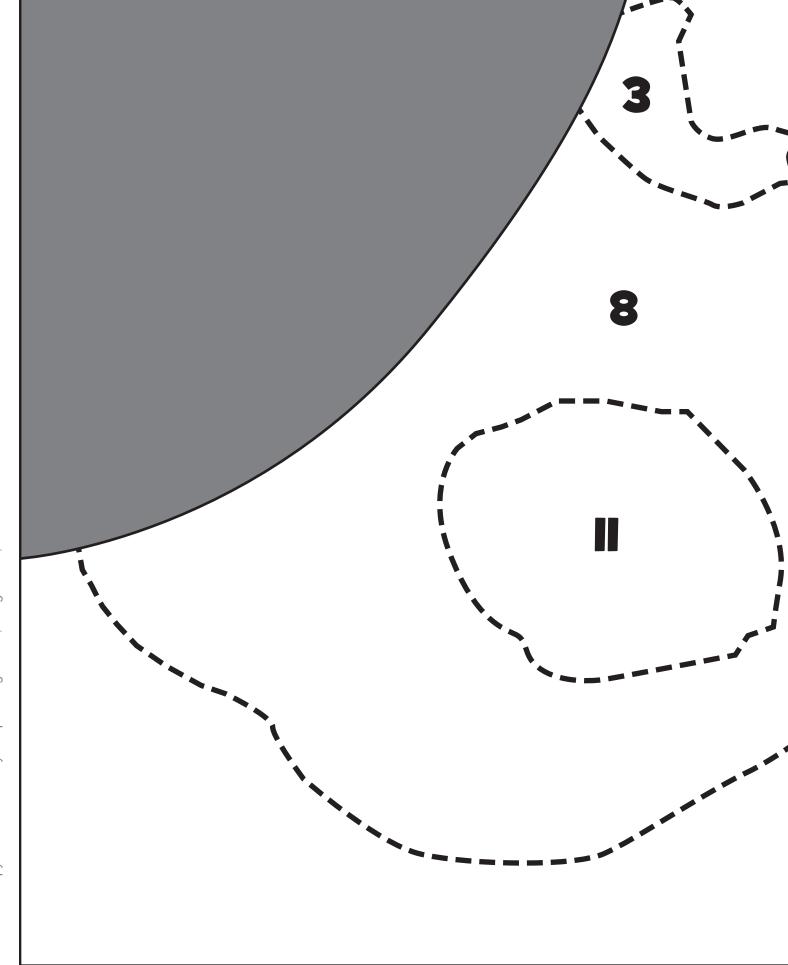
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