

Survey of the American Desert

1. Learn Isaiah 35:1 and discuss how knowing God makes our hearts happy.
2. What is a desert?
3. Learn about the flora of the desert.
4. Learn about two animals of the desert.
5. Learn about one reptile of the desert.
6. Learn about one bird of the desert.
7. Do two crafts about desert life or creatures.
8. Play two games or do two activities about desert life or creatures.

Helps

1. This verse is talking about how the joy of the Lord can make even a desert bloom.
2. Deserts are defined as areas that receive less than 10 inches of average annual rainfall. Another defining factor is aridity, in other words, a desert is arid. Because there is little rainfall living conditions are hostile for plant and animal life.
3. Plants of the desert have adapted to surviving without much water. Find information online. A library will have books on the subject as well.
- 4-6. Here again you can find information about a variety of desert creatures online or from library books. Let the Adventurers help you choose the ones you study.
- 7-8. It is nice to find crafts and games/activities that match the creatures you learned about. Online you will find ideas—choose things that appeal to boys and girls and all learning styles.

Resources: *Why Oh Why are the Deserts Dry? All About Deserts* by Tish Rabe, *Deserts* by Gail Gibbons.