

## Being a Family In Bible Times

1. Read Exodus 15:27, Exodus 17:7 second half, Joshua 2:15, and 2 Kings 4:10. Discuss what you learned about houses in Bible times from those verses. How and why are they different from your house.
2. Prepare and eat two food items typical of Mid-Eastern/Mediterranean cuisine.
3. Make a headdress or other clothing item typical of ones worn in Bible times.
4. Review Bible stories that help you to understand what family roles were like in Bible times.

### Helps:

1. Cities were protected by a wall and houses were part of the wall. Houses could be a tent for families that moved with herds.
2. Recipes available in ethnic or international cookbooks.
3. Use inexpensive, available materials such as scarves, bandanas, trash bags, masking tape to decorate.
4. There are many stories in the Bible about families and all of them tell us something about family life in Bible times, for example: Isaac and Rachel-arranged marriages, Hannah and Samuel-mother made clothes, Widow of Nain-needed son to have income, etc. Jesus' stories indirectly tell about everyday life.

Resource: *Lamps, Scrolls & Goatskin Bottles, A Handbook of Bible Customs for Kids* by Julia B. Hans