

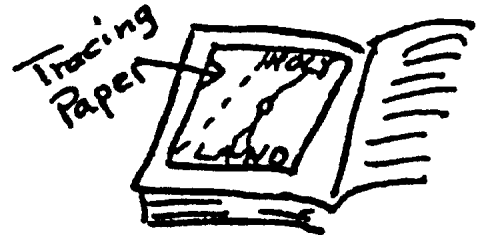
# Drawing Project: Tracing Maps

*Level: Grade 1 and up (some preschoolers would enjoy the project but not really understand it)*

*Time: 30-60 minutes*

## Materials Needed

pencil and eraser  
pens (ball point and felt tip)  
fine point coloring utensils (such as felt markers or colored pencils)  
tracing paper  
construction paper (background paper for matting the map)  
glue or tape  
copy of map  
scissors may be needed

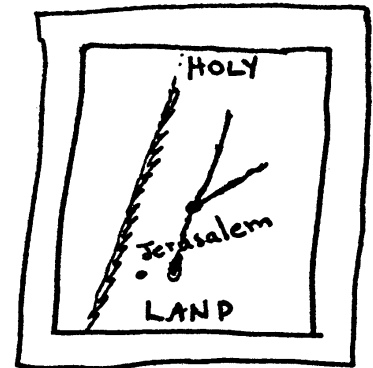


## Preparation

Make sure there are enough copies of the map to go around.  
A Bible atlas or regular atlas usually has appropriate maps.

## Steps

1. Trace map lightly in pencil. Be sure to get the outlines and geographical markings. Then take tracing paper off of map.
2. After checking the map to make sure it is correct, color in markings with appropriate colors, such as brown, blue, *etc.*
3. Label cities, lakes, *etc.* lightly in pencil.
4. After checking that these are correctly done, go over the labels in pen.
5. Gently erase stray pencil marks.
6. Center the map onto construction paper. Tape or glue the map into place around the edges.  
(Note: The map may need to be trimmed with scissors so that the background color can be seen around the edges.)

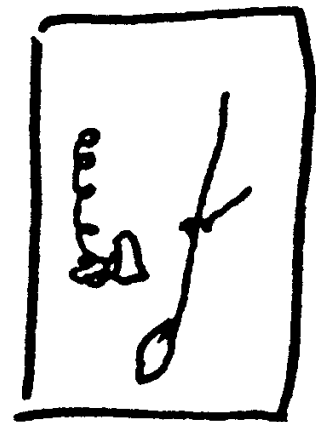


## Variation

With a large map or older students, consider letting them draw in little pictures depicting what event took place where or what a city might look like. (Or draw these on separate pieces of paper and try placing on the map before taping or gluing in place.)

## Application Ideas

Abraham's Travels  
Joseph's Travels  
The Journey of the Children of Israel  
The Life of the Lord



*Abraham Building an Altar*

Or make a Time Map showing where major events in the Old Testament took place, with picture and/or a date with explanation on another piece of paper for each picture and date. This could be done throughout the year or as a review activity at the end of the year.