

Pre-School/Kindergarten (talking about Israel/Palestine)

Olive Wood Nativity Set

- How many of you know the story about baby Jesus?
- What can you tell me about the story? (where was he born, who was there etc)

Point out the different characters to the children

This carving is made out of Olive wood. Olive trees grow in Bethlehem. I bought this carving when I was in Bethlehem from the people who live there.

Would you like to know more about the children who live in the land where Jesus was born...?

The importance of Olive Trees

Olive trees are very important to the people. Children help their families pick olives every year from September to November (show photos).

This is the Tabib family: Sally, Khalil, Ruba, Iya and Rawan (Moussa)

See how Rawan helps her little sister to pick the olives (show photos)

Khalil loves the donkey. When his parents aren't looking he likes to take the donkey for a walk. The donkey helps the family take the olives back home. People have pic nics under the Olive trees

Olive Oil

The olives are squeezed in a big press. This makes oil (show the oil). People eat it and it can also be used as fuel (show oil lamp). The olive oil can also be made into soap. We're going to wash our hands with this soap and then eat some bread together (children taste the olive oil with some bread and zatar).

Access to Education (for older children)

Questions: Do you go to school? What are some things you like to do there?

The Tabib children go to this school. They don't have their own country or their own rules and the school is going to be torn down. Other children have to go through a checkpoint to go to school where soldiers go on the school bus and check their bags. The children get scared. They want their own country so they don't have to be checked by soldiers when they go to school. (show photos)

