

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

READ THESE CLUES TO YOUR KIDS AND LET THEM GUESS THE COUNTRY.



FUN FACT

This country's existed for nearly 4,000 years, having many different governments. Many scholars say that Byblos is the oldest continuously habited city on earth.



LOOK FOR THIS >>

Baalbeck is home to magnificently preserved ruins. The ancient Romans (and before that the Greeks) built temples atop massive stones.



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? >>

You'll love *shawarma*—shredded meat served in bread and topped with chopped vegetables and a garlic sauce. Look for stacks of meat roasting on a rotating spit.



KIDS & CULTURE >>

Schools here are growing, although not always for good reasons. A civil war in neighboring Syria has brought many families—and kids—into this country.



BRING THIS >>

Good boots. Hike through beautiful cedar forests. The cedar is this country's symbol, and during Bible times, cedars were highly desired by carpenters (Psalm 92:12).



CHECK IN > DAY ONE

CULTURE >

Traditionally in Lebanon, girls don't play sports. But in recent years, girls' involvement in sports, especially soccer, has become more popular. And soccer is allowing Lebanese girls to develop relationships with children from different religious and cultural backgrounds. Throughout the Middle East, team sports are helping children build bridges to new friendships.

PLAY >

With a soccer ball or any lightweight ball, try to juggle it as many times as you can with your feet, legs, chest, head . . . any part of your body but your arms and hands. See who in your family can keep it airborne the longest. (The world record is over 24 hours.)

LAYOVER > DAY TWO

LANGUAGE >

The main language used throughout Lebanon is Arabic, and the Arabic expression *Alhamdulillah* (pronunciation: al-ham-doo-lee-lah)—"praise to God"—is commonly spoken by both Christians and Muslims. The Lebanese use this phrase throughout their daily activities to offer thanks to God. Today, be intentional about praising God—saying *Alhamdulillah*—throughout your activities. This evening, talk with each other about some of the things each member of your family thanked God for today (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).



PRAY >

In the past, violence has hurt Lebanon and its mostly peace-loving people. Pray that God will help Lebanese Christians be peacemakers and give them love for their Muslim neighbors.