

REFUGEE



54 activities

**5 questions/
chapter**

Special Needs for Special Kids





These novel units are something I created and started using in my classroom. I had students with significant challenges and most were **non-readers**. They were the best thing I ever did, and my students **LOVED** them.

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This novel unit has **54 different activities**. These activities will engage your students with what is happening in the story.

Bar Mitzvah

A Bar Mitzvah is a special Jewish celebration for boys when they turn 13. It marks the time when they are old enough to take part in Jewish religious life. The words Bar Mitzvah mean "son of the commandment." After this day, the boy is responsible for following Jewish laws and traditions on his own.

During the ceremony, the boy may read from the Torah, which is the Jewish holy book. This reading often takes place in a synagogue, in front of family and friends. The rabbi and parents may also share blessings or words of encouragement.

After the ceremony, there is usually a party or meal to celebrate. Family and friends gather to eat, dance, and give gifts. It is a joyful event that shows pride in the boy's growth and his connection to his faith and community.

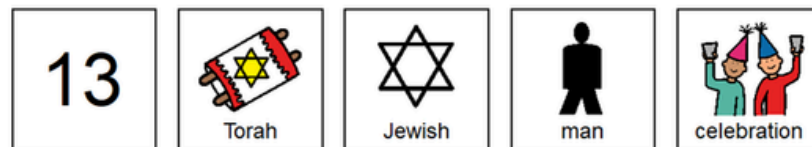
A Bar Mitzvah is a celebration.

A Bar Mitzvah occurs when a boy turns .

During the ceremony, the boy reads from the .

After the ceremony, there is a .

A Bar Mitzvah marks when a boy becomes a .



For example, Josef has his Bar Mitzvah while on the boat.

Students will answer some questions about what happens during a Bar Mitzvah.

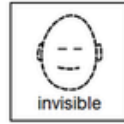
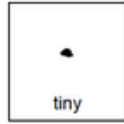
Each time you finish a chapter, there will be an activity your students can do.

The activity will relate to something that occurred in the chapter.

These are cut-and-paste activities that are supported with pictures.

Optional: Quiz students' comprehension by having them answer 5 multiple-choice questions about that chapter.

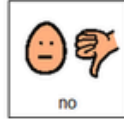
1. Mahmoud tried to make himself _____.



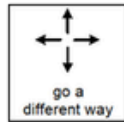
2. What is happening in Aleppo, where Mahmoud lives?



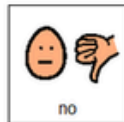
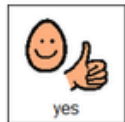
3. Is it safe to protest in Aleppo?



4. What would Mahmoud and Waleed do each day on the way home from school?



5. Did Mahmoud help the boy who was getting beaten up?



1. Where were Josef and his family going?



2. What did Jews need to wear in Germany?



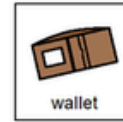
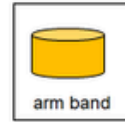
3. Did Josef wear his arm band as he explored the city?



4. What did Josef want to buy for Ruthie?



5. What fell out of Josef's pocket?



This unit has comprehension questions. There are 5 questions for every chapter. Each question has 3 picture choices. They are in color and black and white.

Answer key included!!

Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Refugee*, by Alan Gratz.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about 1 chapter per day.
- Be sure to give each student their own copy of the storyboard (pg. 7) to use while reading and discussing the story.
- Benefits of reading out loud, even to classes made up of severely affected students:
 - Teaches students to sit quietly even when there isn't something for them to do. This is a crucial life skill. We all have to spend time sitting and listening to someone we are not that interested in at some point.
 - Parents will LOVE you. Not only will they be excited that their child is being exposed to age-appropriate material, but you are teaching them how to sit quietly, which will hopefully transfer to home as well.
 - Even with your lowest-level learners, you will have 1 or 2 that will truly enjoy the story.
- It can be a calming experience to sit and listen to the teacher read methodically. For students who need more structure, place the number of Post-it notes in front of him/her that corresponds to the number of pages you intend to read. Remove a Post-it as you finish each page. The visual will help lessen their anxiety.
- You will find activity for most chapters. You will still have plenty to choose from and find those that fit best with your students.
- Differentiation:
 - For any activity, you can quickly differentiate for your lower-level learners by using a color-coding technique.
 - If sorting, outline each sorting category in a specific color and then outline the corresponding pictures in the same color.
 - Becomes a matching task.
- There are comprehension questions to accompany this unit. There are 5 questions for every chapter with 3 picture answer choices. You will find these (in color and BW) in a separate file.

Suggestions on how I found this activity worked best in my classroom are provided. I typically had 6-8 students with one adult assistant in the room with me.

Refugee

Novel Unit for Special Education

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This entire novel unit comes in 2 separate files. One is completely in color and one is completely in black and white.

Josef's Story

Storyboard: to use while reading and for class discussions.
Laminate and make 1 copy for each student.



Isabel's Story

Storyboard: to use while reading and for class discussions.
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Mahmoud's Story

Storyboard: to use while reading and for class discussions.
Laminate and make 1 copy for each student.



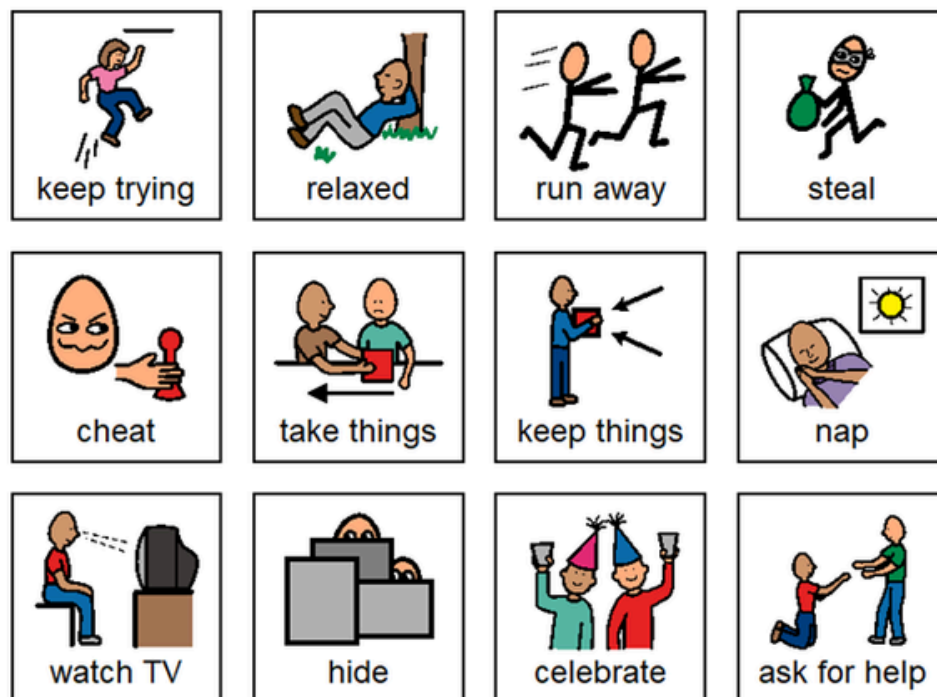
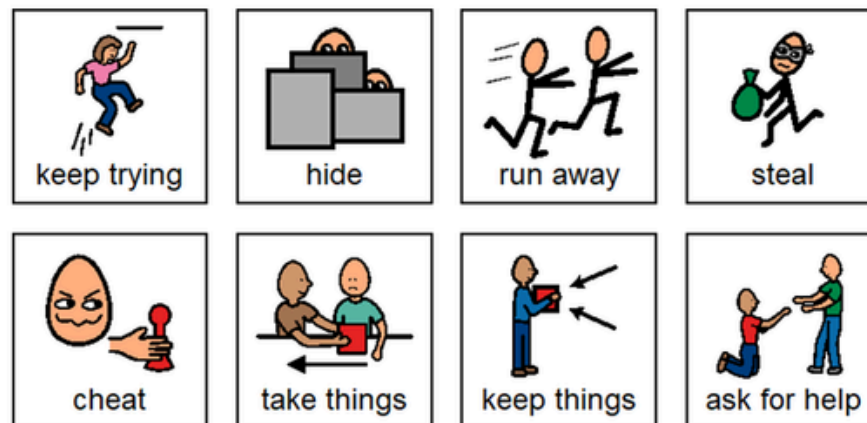
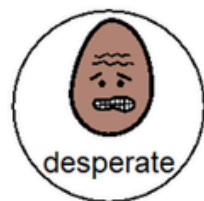
This unit comes with 3 vocabulary boards, one for each character's story.

Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

What do people do when they feel desperate?

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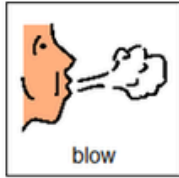


There are circle maps in this unit.

Circle maps are a great way for students to see the big idea.

**WRONG ANSWERS
MIXED IN**

What are some instruments you play by blowing into, as opposed to other ways to play them?



Place the pictures in the correct column. If you are not sure, place it on the middle line.

 flute	 cymbals	 harp	 harmonica	 didgeridoo
 trumpet	 pan flute	 trutruca	 saxophone	 bass
 violin	 tambourine	 bagpipe	 piano	 drum

Blow into:

- Flute
- Harmonica
- Didgeridoo
- Trumpet
- Pan flute
- Trutruca
- Saxophone
- bagpipe

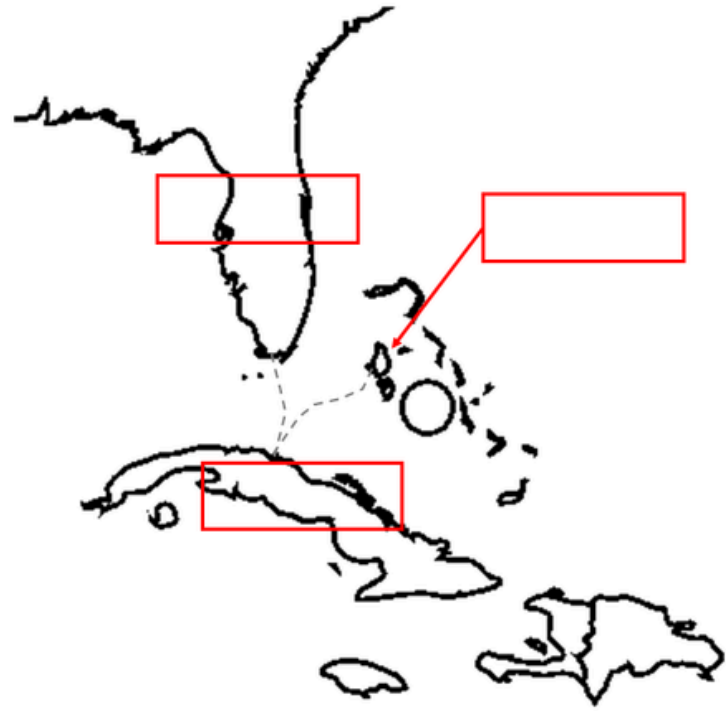
Other way:

- Cymbals
- Harp
- Bass
- Violin
- Tambourine
- Piano
- drum

There are sorting activities.

Directions on how to add color coding are included.

Label Florida, Cuba, and the Bahamas. Trace the route they were hoping to take in green. Trace the route they took due to the storm in red.



Bahamas Florida Cuba

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Sometimes the right thing is hard to figure out, but it normally makes you feel better.

Doing the right thing can be



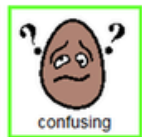
Doing the right thing can be



Do the right thing is



Doing the right thing will make you feel



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There are matching activities.

Directions on how to add color coding or a separate differentiated version are included.

The best thing about home

I home.

One thing I love about home lives there with me.

That is also where my is.

My favorite thing to do at home is .

The best part about home is the way it .

 like	 love	 wish I were	 I want to go	 am going	 am
 parents	 pets	 family	 grandparents	 brother	 sister
 bedroom	 teddy bear	 video game	 TV	 backyard	 trampoline
 sleep	 relax	 listen to music	 watch TV	 play video games	 play outside
 makes me feel	 looks	 smells	 reminds me of things	 is filled with family	 sounds

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There are writing prompts.

These are errorless activities that allow students to write a story independently.

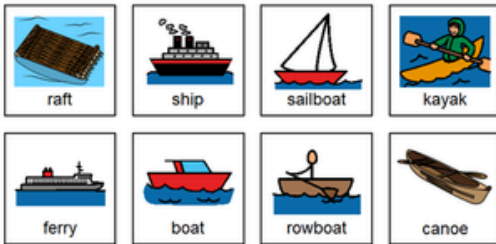
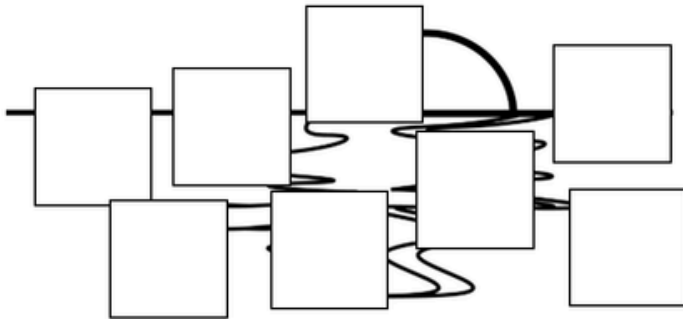
Color in the country of Germany.

Europe



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What are some ways a person could cross the ocean?



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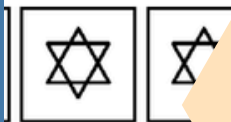
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Jewish Faith

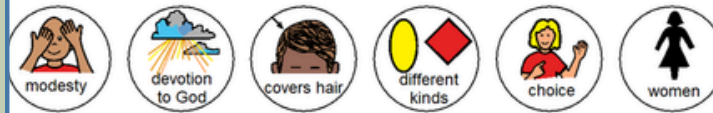
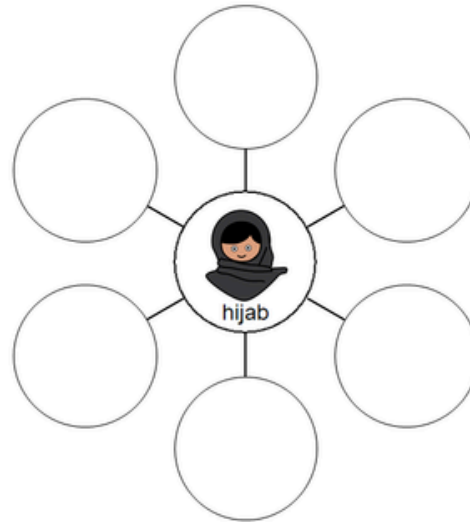
Learn more about the Jewish faith. Read the facts below and glue a star at the end of each fact.

1. The Torah is the most important holy book of Judaism.
2. Believe there is one God, who wants people to do what is just.
3. Sometimes called the "Chosen People."
4. Believe that God will send a Messiah to save them.
5. Millions were persecuted and killed during the Holocaust by the Nazis.



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What are some things to know about a hijab?



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Because there are so many activities, you can choose the ones that fit your students the best.