

Magnetic Kibbutz

Objective: to teach the kibbutz concept in a simplified manner so that the student will understand that it is a kind of Israeli farm community, different from farms in the United States.

Grade Level: Early Childhood – Primary

Procedure:

Tape the two pages of the kibbutz scene together and color it.

Laminate the kibbutz scene or cover it with clear contact paper, if desired.

Tape it onto a metal surface (e.g. metal chalkboard or cookie sheet)

Copy the page with the figures onto card stock. Color the figures and cut them out.

Laminate the figures or cover them with clear contact paper, if desired.

Attach a piece of magnetic tape to the back of each figure.

USING THE MAGNETIC KIBBUTZ: While manipulating and placing the figures on the kibbutz picture, talk about the daily life of the kibbutzniks (they wake up before sunrise, work hard in the fields, eat as a community, etc.), what can be found on a walk through the kibbutz (fields of crops, animals, community buildings, children's quarters, etc.), and what life is like for children their own age (in some kibbutzim, children live separately from their parents).* *

SOME COMPARISONS OF LIFE ON A KIBBUTZ TO OUR LIVES IN THE UNITED STATES:

	<u>ISRAEL KIBBUTZ</u>	<u>UNITED STATES</u>
Homes	Small, similar, close	Individual in style
Eating	Often raise own food Eat in community hall Eat many vegetables and dairy meals, little meat	Shop in grocery Eat with family Eat meat often
Living/ Sleeping	Usually children in children's house Parents in own home	Children and parents together Mother/father care for child
Work	All members of the community work together within the community. No commuting Both mothers and fathers work	Adults in a community commute to own jobs in different places Many mothers don't work
School	Students learn in small classes with the children they live with	Students travel to large schools and learn with many others
Children's Jobs	They care for animals They care for gardens	Clean room, make bed
Leisure Time	Special events, movies must come to the kibbutz Sabbath—no work	Able to travel to a choice of movies and events No work on Saturday or Sunday
Farming	Water often a problem No pigs raised Flowers often a crop	Usually ample water

**In some kibbutzim, families sleep together in their own home.





