

*The crescent moon and star on Turkey's flag are symbols of Islam.

*While almost everyone in Turkey says they are Muslim, Turkey is a secular country. There is a deep divide between religious and secular Turks. Currently there are laws which protect the secular state such as forbidding government workers from covering their heads. College students also can't cover their heads. Men and women wear head coverings as a sign of devotion to Islam.

*On the language piece, the bold letters are the syllable that is stressed, meaning you say that part of the word a little stronger than the other parts. Can you hear the stress is at the beginning of the word "trumpet" but at the end of the word "begin"? Use the phonetic spellings added to help you say the words with the right sounds.

*Currency rates change all the time. The amount given in this lapbook was true on June 10, 2009.

*The evil eye charm is three concentric circles always including the color blue. It is found everywhere in Turkey, on buses, in the designs on buildings and on dishes and houseware.

Money Math: If one dollar were one million lira, how many dollars is two and a half million lira?

If two boxes of milk (it comes in boxes!) costs two lira, about how much does it cost in dollars and cents?

Bible Connection: The stories of the Garden of Eden and Noah's ark landing on Mt. Ararat are found in the beginning of Genesis, chapters 1-3 and 8. The seven churches found in Revelation 2 and 3 are all in modern Turkey. Paul traveled to Ephesus (Acts 18-19), Antioch (Acts 11, 13-15, 18) and Lystra and Derbe (Acts 14, 16), all found in Turkey. And of course, the book of Ephesians was written to the church in Ephesus.