



3 FALAFELS IN MY PITA

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How many ways do we love Israel? Let's count them...at least up until we reach the number 10!

JEWISH CONCEPTS

Despite its small size (about that of New Jersey!), Israel is a land of impressive variety and diversity. Daily life in Israel may seem exotic and different to people living on the other side of the world, but there are countless similarities as well. The objects and places illustrated in this book are all Israeli, and yet many of them will be recognizable to North American readers – and even the very youngest listeners. For example, while adults may recognize Masada, the ancient fortress atop a rock plateau in the Judean Desert, little children will see a mountain – a familiar sight. Adults might take note of the *shuk*, the outdoor market in Israel, but little children will see the same watermelon that's for sale at the local grocery store. In that sense, while parents can open up the world for their children, showing them how large and varied it is, children can remind their parents of just how small it is, too. As you read this book with your child, take a moment to reflect on how much we all share, no matter which corner of the globe we occupy.

