

It was very hot in Israel. People had to wear a covering on their heads. This covering protected them from the sun and the sand.



In the villages the men and boys wore a head-dress like this. They took a square of cloth. Each side measured about 36 inches. They folded this square into a triangle. They held this on their head with a circle of rope made of goat's hair. The corners of the triangle hung down the back and the two sides.

A part of the cloth was left in front to make a kind of brim to shade the eyes. You can see how this covering protected a man from the sun and wind. It protected his eyes, the back of his neck and much of his head.

Shepherds wear a head covering like this. Often the scarf is white or yellow. Sometimes the scarf is fringed.