**Life at time of Jesus**

This was the life of a woman in Palestine during the time of Jesus.   
  
“The morning is always a busy time in our house. We are awake at dawn. We roll up the sleeping mats and put them away, and then the animals are attended to. Next we have breakfast of bread, cheese and fruit. After breakfast, the boys go off to school at the synagogue. The class sit around the rabbi who is a teacher in the synagogue. He teaches them Jewish scripture. The boys learn to read and write in Aramaic, our local language, and in Hebrew which is the ancient language of the Jewish people. After schools the boys work with their father for the rest of the day. Our eldest son will soon be thirteen, and will be leaving school to work full time at his father’s trade. The girls stay at home with me. I teach them about home making and child rearing and show them how to carry out religious duties in the home. Together we tidy the house, bake the bread, and go to the well for water.”

1. What was the morning routine in a typical family home in Palestine?
2. How were Jewish boys educated in first century Palestine?
3. What language   
   (a) Did children speak at home?  
   (b) Did pupils learn at school?
4. Why do you think boys and girls were taught separately at the time of Jesus?