

Market Day!

Week 14 • Wednesday • Hands-On: Run Your Own Medieval Market

Reading Time

The most exciting day in a medieval town was **market day**! Farmers brought eggs, cheese, and vegetables. Crafters brought their goods to sell or **trade**.

Every worker had a special job. The **baker** made bread. The **blacksmith** hammered hot iron into tools and horseshoes. The **weaver** turned thread into cloth. The **cobbler** made shoes, and the **potter** shaped clay into bowls and jugs.

Sometimes people paid with coins, but often they traded — a basket of eggs for a loaf of bread! Today you will set up your own market and try trading just like they did.

Reading Questions

1. What happened on market day?

2. What did a blacksmith make?

3. What does it mean to trade?

Match the Job

Match each worker to what they make. Write the letter: A (bread), B (tools), C (cloth), D (shoes), E (bowls).

Worker	Makes (A-E)
Baker	
Blacksmith	
Weaver	
Cobbler	
Potter	

Hands-On: Play Market Day

You need: a family member and small items from around the house (toys, snacks, drawings).

Step 1: Pick a medieval job — baker, blacksmith, weaver, cobbler, or potter.

Step 2: Set up your 'stall' with items to sell (pretend your items are bread, tools, or cloth).

Step 3: Trade with your family — no money allowed! Try to make a fair trade.

After trading, talk about it: Was it hard to agree on a fair trade? Why might coins be easier?

After the Market

1. What job did you pick and what did you 'sell'?

2. What trade did you make? Was it fair?

3. Why might coins be easier than trading?

Draw Market Day

Draw a busy medieval market with at least two stalls. Show what each stall is selling.



Fill in the Blanks

baker blacksmith weaver trade market cobbler

1. On _____ day, everyone came to buy and sell.
2. The _____ made bread.
3. The _____ hammered iron into tools.
4. The _____ turned thread into cloth.
5. The _____ made shoes.
6. To _____ means to swap one thing for another.

Review

I did it!	Circle one
I can name three medieval jobs	YES / NOT YET
I played market day and made a trade	YES / NOT YET
I can explain what trading means	YES / NOT YET