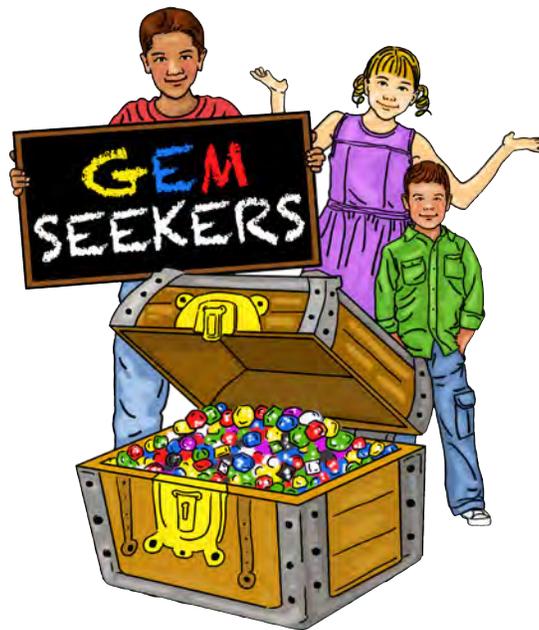


# Lech-Lecha

"Go or leave"

Genesis 12:1 - 17:27

Katan Aleph



In This Edition:

3.2 - Continual Covenants

**Genesis 15; 17:1-21**



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# Gem Seeking

## LITTLE GEMS STORY

### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

### Continual Covenants

Shalom children! Shortly after Abram rescued his nephew Lot from the 4 kings who had captured him and his family, Yahweh spoke to Abram in a vision. **(Place younger Abram on board.)** He told Abram that He would be his shield **(place shield on board)**, and also that his descendants would be as many as the stars up in the sky! **(Place stars on board.)** Abram trusted and believed Yahweh's promises, and Yahweh saw this as righteousness. **(Remove shield and stars from board and place Abram's blessing scene on board.)**

Yahweh told Abram that He was making a covenant with him and his descendants. Do you know what a covenant is? It's a contract between 2 or more parties. With Yahweh, it is an agreement in which Yahweh makes promises to His people and requires certain conduct from them. Do you remember another covenant that Yahweh made in an earlier parsha? Do you remember the covenant of the rainbow? **(Place rainbow on board.)**

To make an official covenant with Abram, Yahweh asked him to bring certain offerings. Let's take a look at what they were. Abram brought a 3-year-old heifer, a 3-year-old female goat, a 3-year-old ram, and 2 different birds: a turtledove and a young pigeon. **(Place all animals on board.)** In future parshas we will learn more about offerings, but for now we can see that Yahweh required Abram to bring these sacrifices in order to receive the promises. It seems that Yahweh is always testing us and proving us, so that He knows whether it is in our hearts to obey Him.

After Abram gathered these animals, he fell asleep and had a dream. In his dream he felt a scary darkness. Have you ever had a dream that made you afraid? In his dream, Yahweh let him know that his future descendants were going to be slaves to someone for 400 years. **(Place slave scene on board.)** However, they were also going to be delivered after this, and go out with lots of things to help them get a new start. **(Place bounty scene on board.)** He also told Abram that he was going to live to a good old age and explained where his descendants were going to live.

**(Remove all characters from board.)**

When Abram was 99 years old **(place older Abram on board)**, Yahweh appeared to him again and spoke to him. He reminded Abram to walk before Yahweh and to be perfect in his walk. Being perfect doesn't mean you will never make mistakes. It means that you always try your best to please Yahweh, because you love Him. Abram was really good at doing that, and He is a good example for us.



Yahweh reminded Abram that he was going to have lots of descendants, but this time He gave him some new information. He told him that he would be a father of many different nations. **(Place nations on board.)** That includes you and me. Boy, is that ever cool!

Then Yahweh told Abram that his name was going to be changed to Abraham because he was going to be a father of many nations. **(Place Abraham name change scene on board.)** Also, many kings were going to be in his line. **(Place king on board.)** Can you think of any kings in the Scriptures that would have been descendants of Abraham? **(Allow children to answer.)**

He also told Abraham that the land that his descendants would possess is called Kena'an. **(Place Kena'an scene on board.)** Even though there were other people living there **(place other nations on board)**, Yahweh wanted his children, Yisra'el, to inherit this land so that they could all be together to worship Him.

The next thing that Yahweh wanted was for all men to be circumcised as a sign of obedience to the covenant between Him and Abraham's descendants. **(Place circumcision scene on board.)** He told them to do this to a baby boy at 8 days old.

**(Remove all characters from board.)**

Yahweh also changed Sarai's name. **(Place Sarah name change scene on board.)** From now on, she would be called Sarah, because at last she was going to have a son, and many nationalities and kings would also come from her. **(Place Abraham and Sarah with nations around them scene on board.)** He told Abraham that Sarah would give birth to their son Yitshaq **(place Abraham and Sarah with baby Yitshaq scene on board)**, and that with this son, Yahweh would continue the covenant.

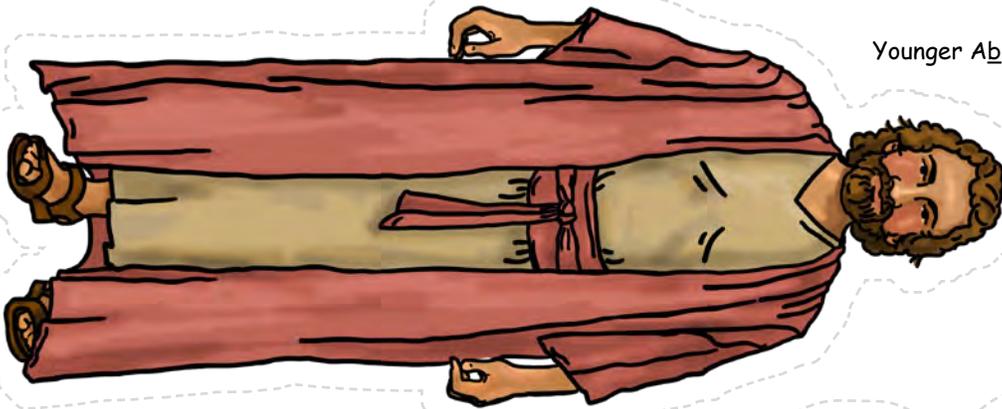
Because Yahweh cares about everyone, He reassured Abraham that his son Yishma'el would also be blessed, and would have 12 princes as his descendants. **(Place Yishma'el and 12 princes scene on board.)**

Abraham, Yishma'el, and all the men of his household who were either born to him or bought with silver were circumcised that day to show Yahweh their obedience to the covenant. **(Remove all characters from board and place silver scene on board.)** Abraham was 99 years old when he was circumcised, and Yishma'el was 13 years old. **(Place older Abraham and Yishma'el on board.)**

In this parsha, we have learned a lot about the covenants that Yahweh made with His people. Isn't it wonderful that Yahweh wants to have a relationship with us and that we can be called His children? I know this makes Him very happy. **(Place happy emoji on board.)**

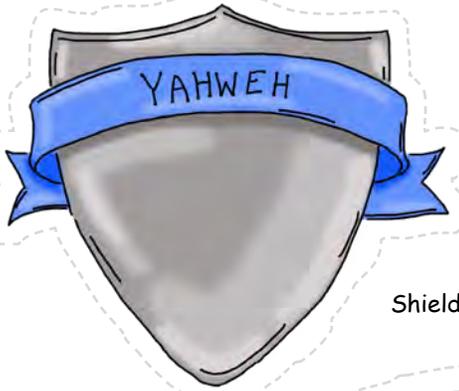
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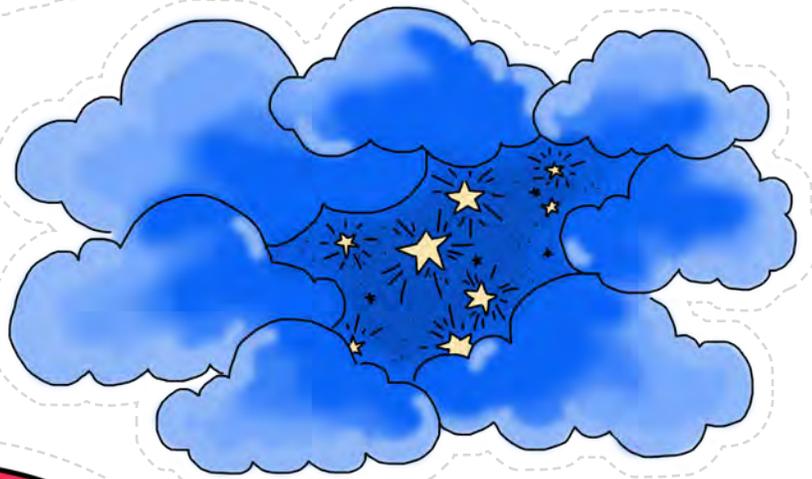


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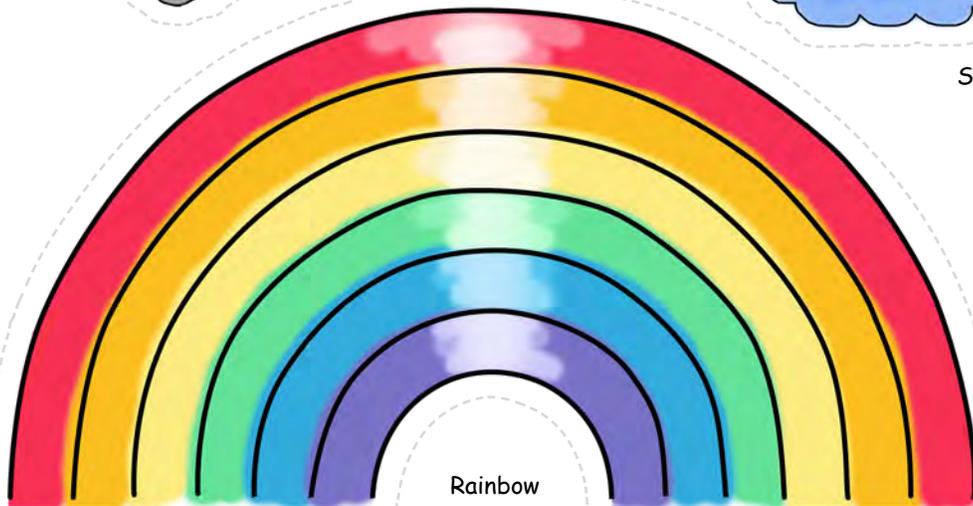
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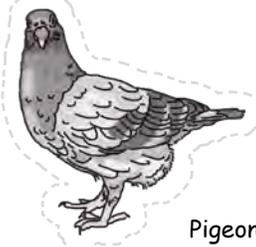
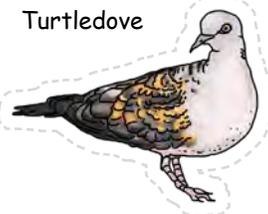


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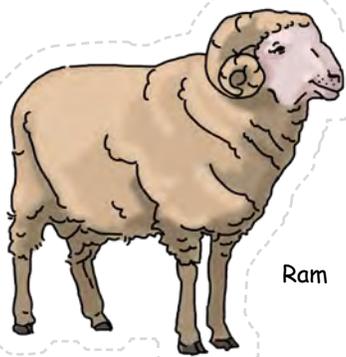


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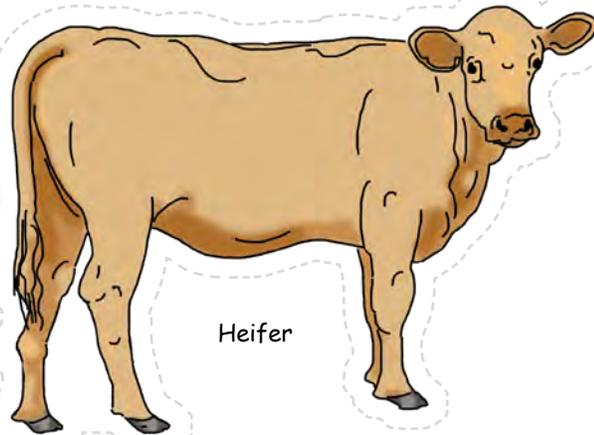
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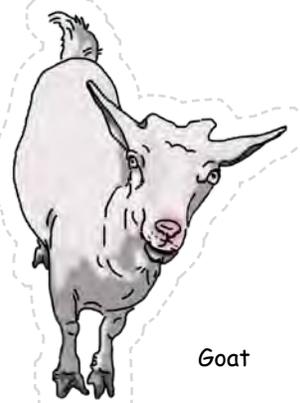
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Ram



Heifer



Goat

Slave scene



Abraham and Sarah with baby Yitshaq scene

Older Abram



Abram



Abraham name change scene

Sarai



Sarah name change scene

Abraham and Sarah with nations



King



Bounty scene



Yishma'el and 12 princes scene



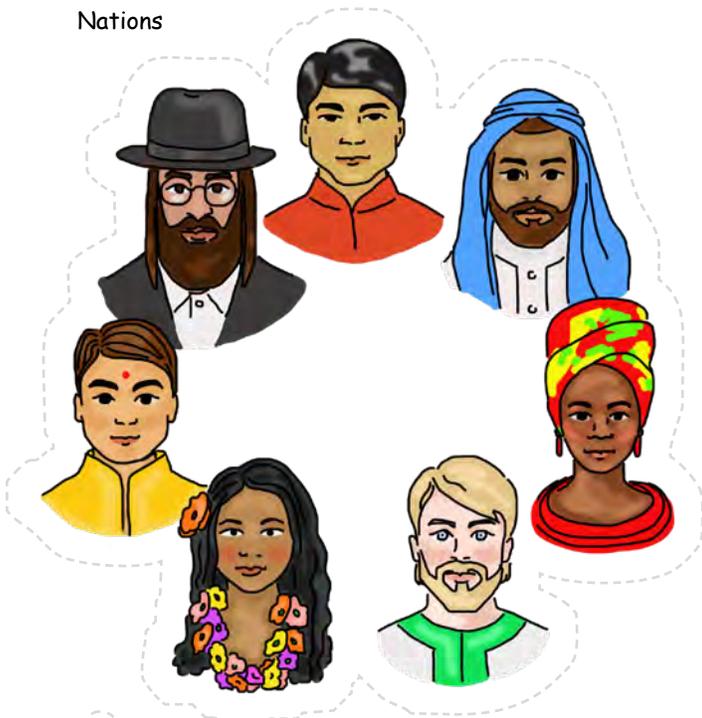
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Other nations



Nations



Older Abraham and Yishmael

Silver scene



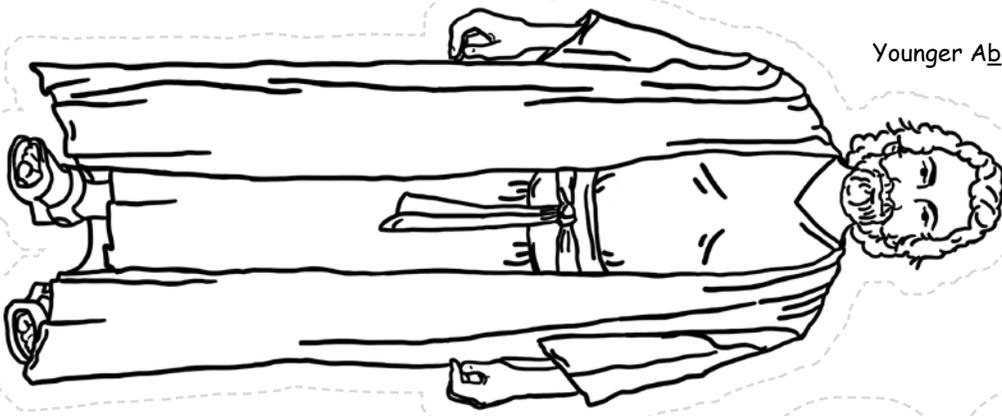
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Abram's blessing scene



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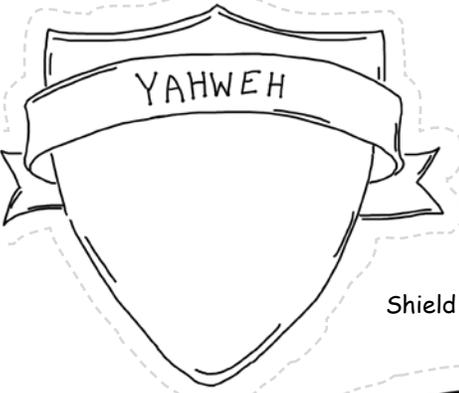


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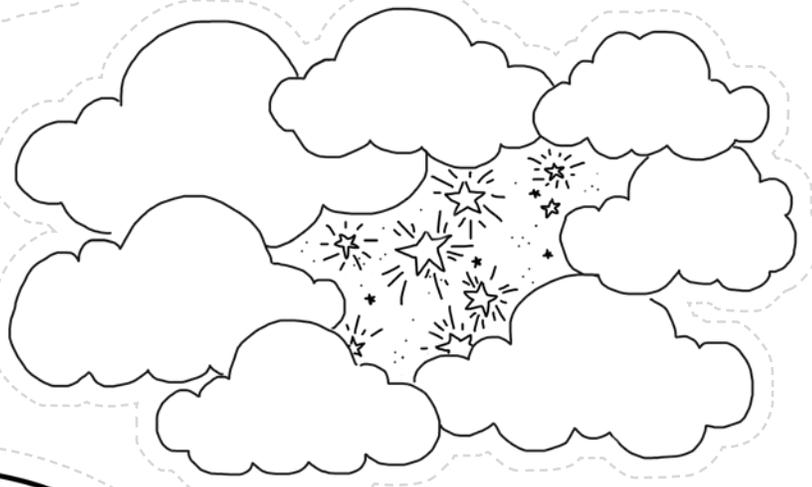


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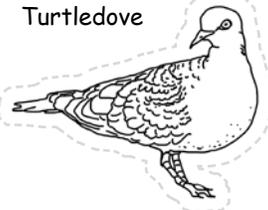
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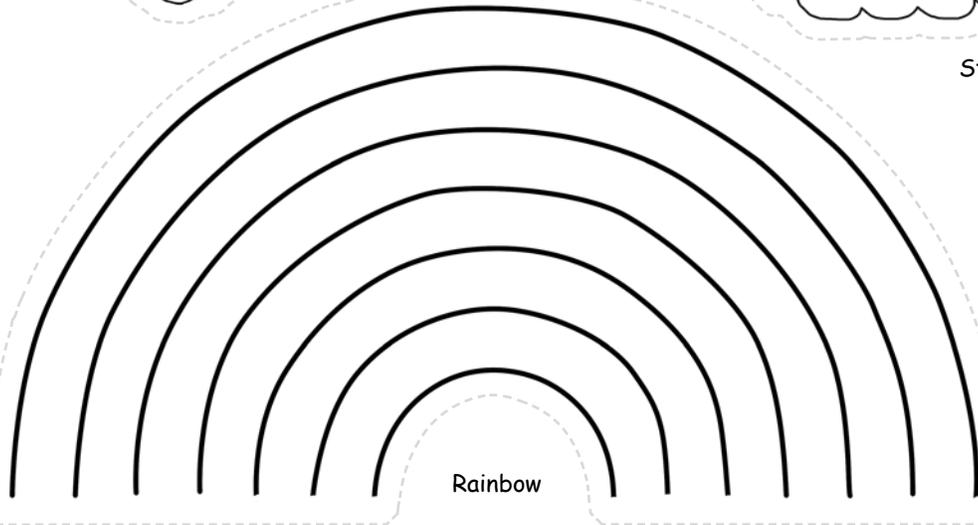
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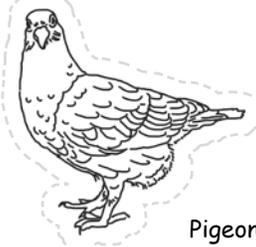
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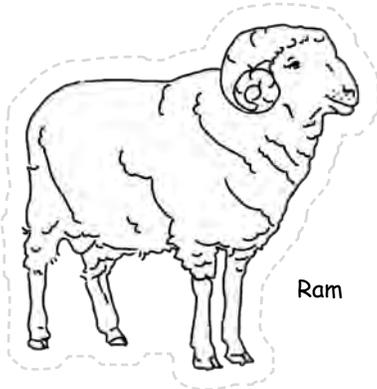
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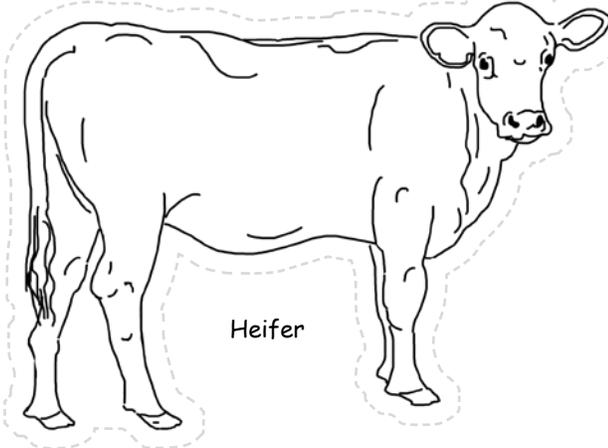
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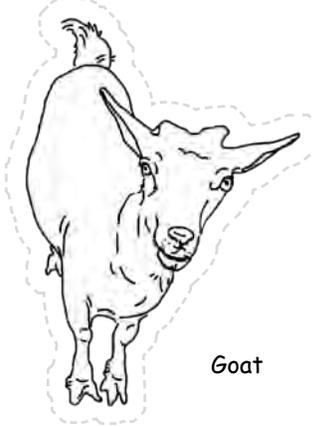
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Older Abram



Abram

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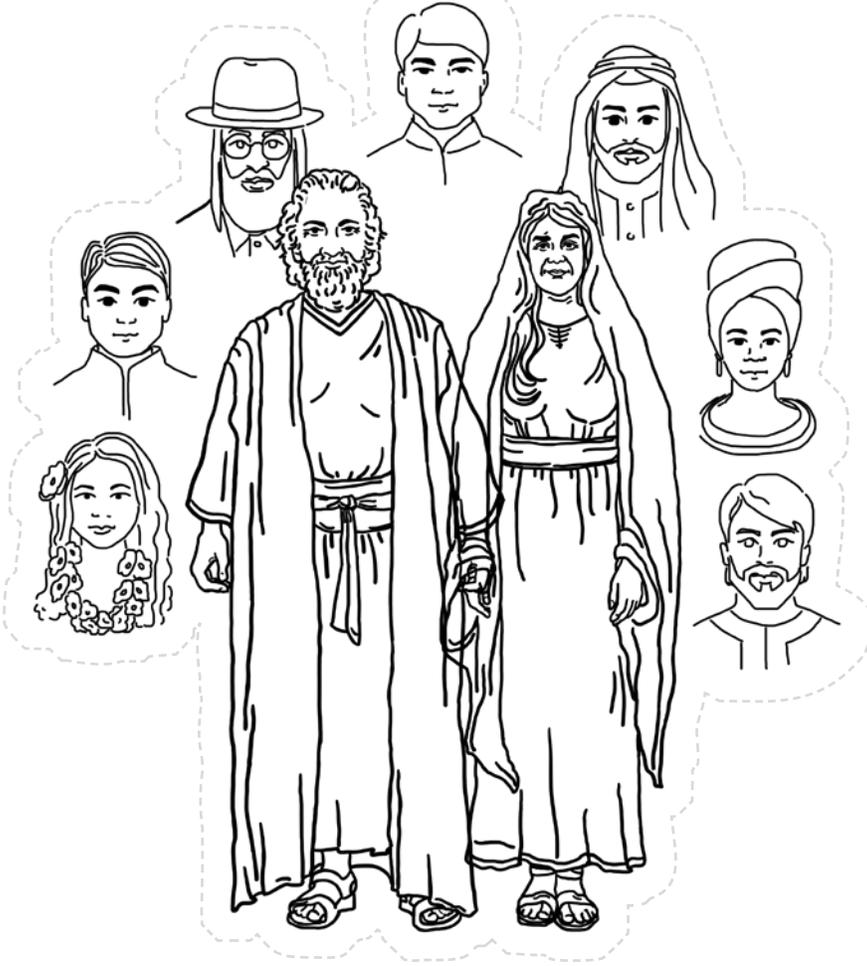
**Abraham**

Abraham name change scene

**Sarah**

Sarah name change scene





King



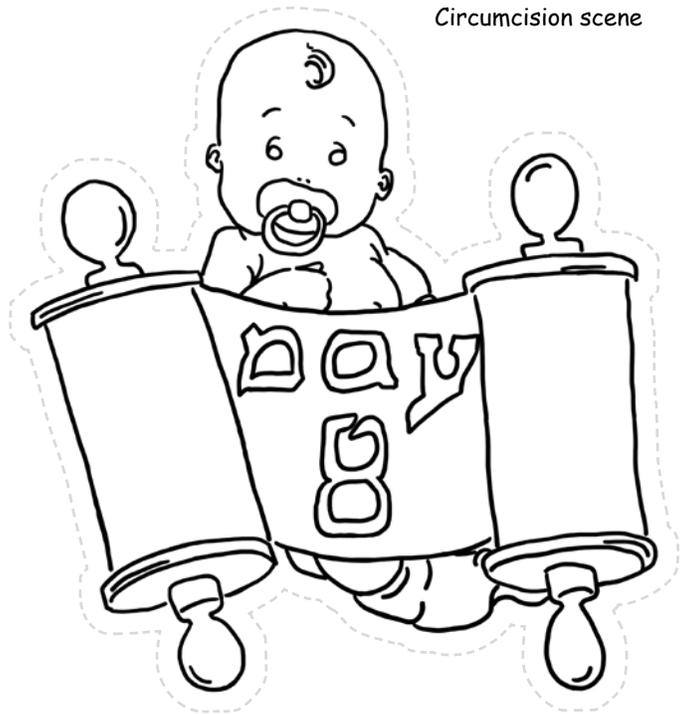
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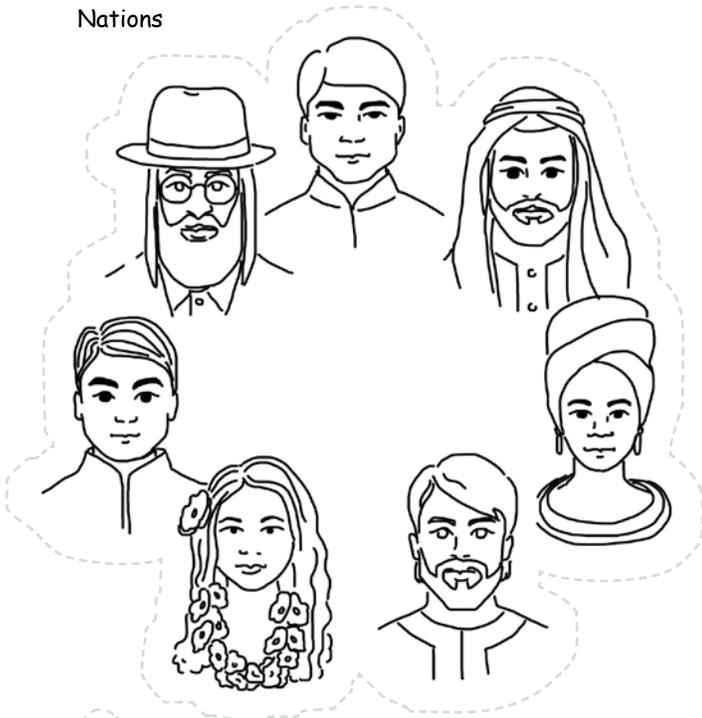
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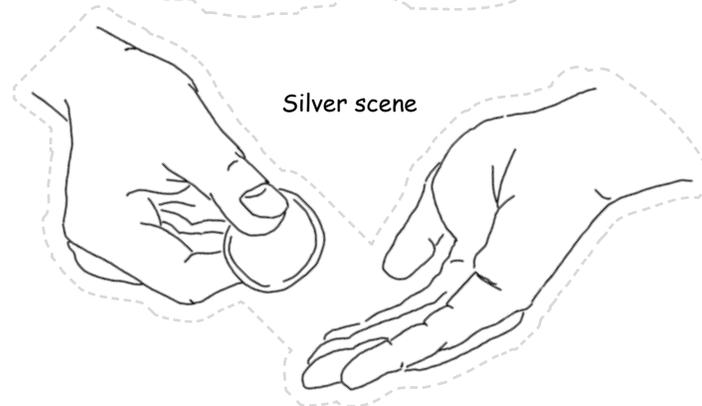
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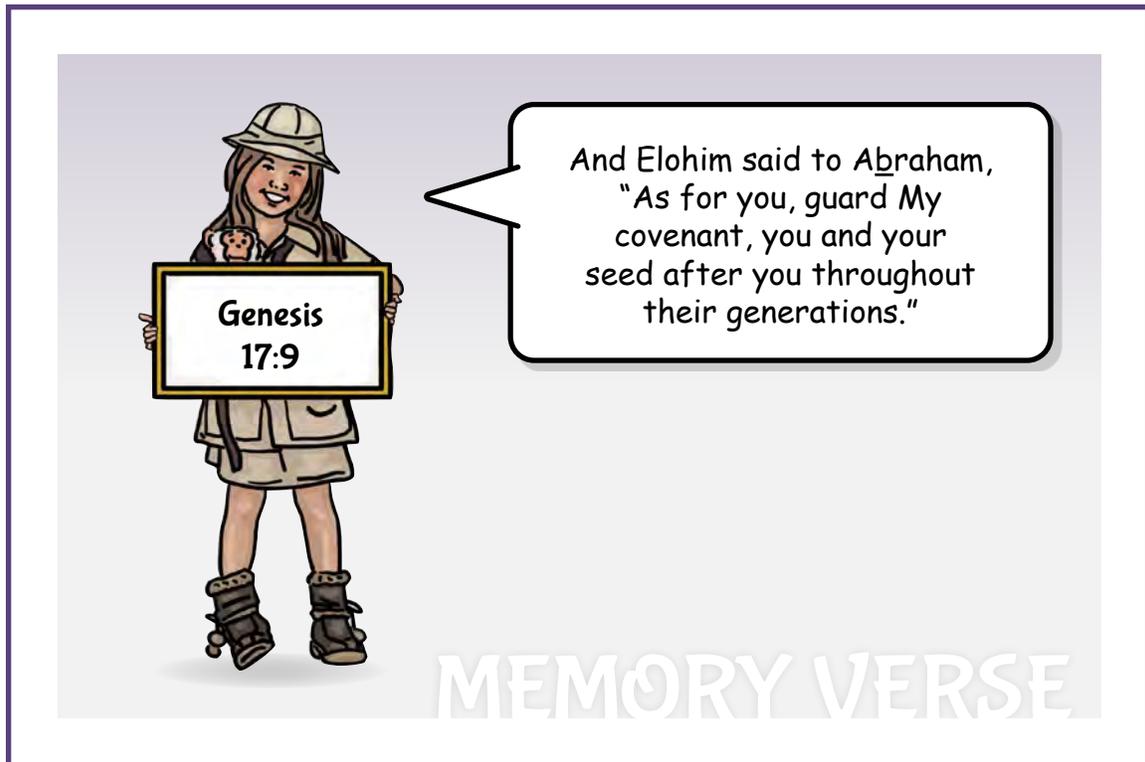


# Counting What You Gained

This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this parsha. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

## STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan Aleph memory verse for this Torah portion is Genesis 17:9. If they have not already done so, begin to help them to memorize the verse. Be creative and try acting it out, or putting it to music.



Genesis  
17:9

And Elohim said to Abraham,  
"As for you, guard My  
covenant, you and your  
seed after you throughout  
their generations."

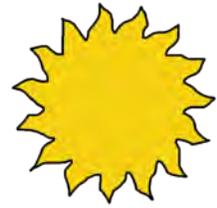
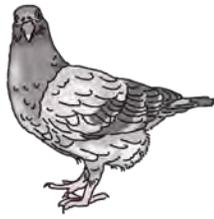
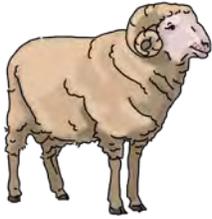
MEMORY VERSE



# SEEKING TREASURE

Circle the correct choices.

1. Yahweh compared Abram's seed to what? (15:5)



2. How many years did Yahweh say his seed would be in bondage? (15:13)



3. What did Yahweh change Abram's name to? (17:5)

Sarai



Ya'aqob



Abram



4. On what day is a male baby circumcised? (17:12)



5. What did Yahweh change Sarai's name to? (17:15)

Sarai



Ya'aqob

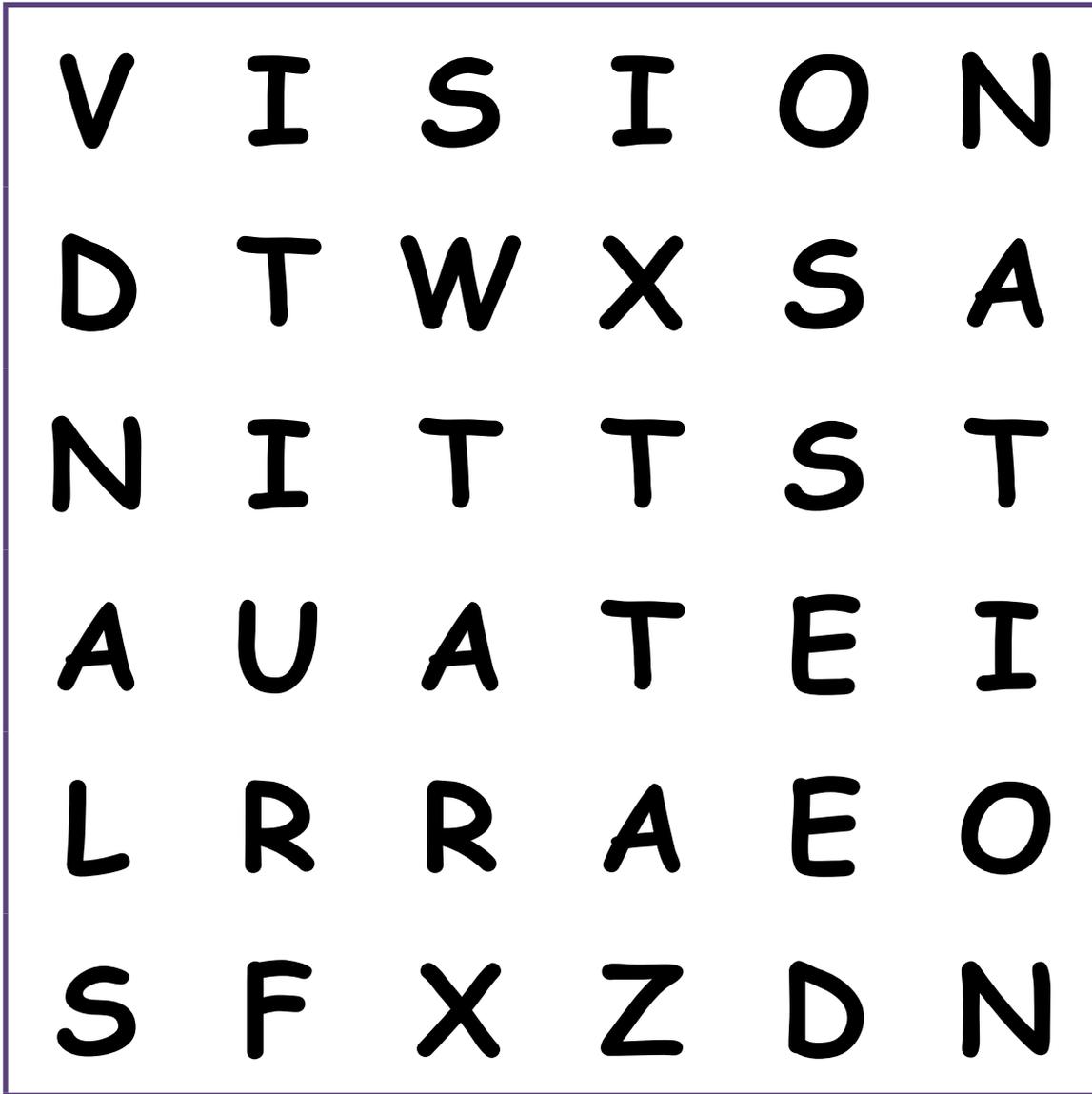


Abram



# WORD SEARCH

Search for the hidden words from this week's parsha.



VISION

STARS

LAND

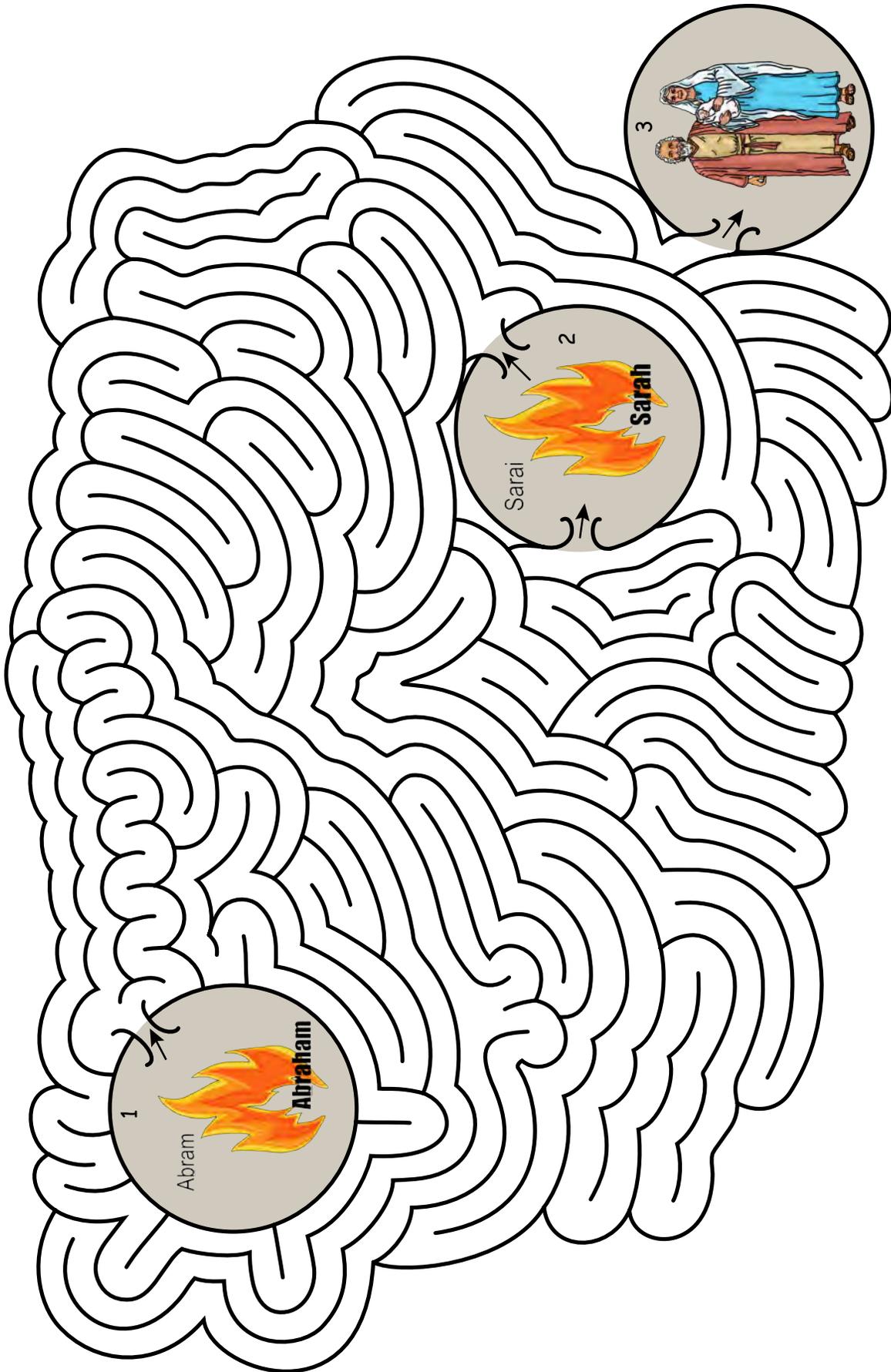
NATION

FRUIT

SEED



# MAZE



# Precious Possessions

## CRAFT

### Shield

Genesis 15:1

### Materials:

- Cardstock - white, silver
- Stapler
- Ruler
- Double-sided adhesive foam dimensionals - round
- Permanent marker - black (fine tip)
- Pencil
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Craft Templates: A-C (BW) or D-F (color)

#### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Templates of choice on white or silver cardstock.



### Instructions for the Craft:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Template pieces. (P1)
- Using a ruler, flip the shield over and draw a line down the middle. (P2a, P2b)
- Using a ruler, measure 2" from the top and bottom and make a mark with a pencil. (P3a, P3b)
- Take the shield handle and with a pencil, make a mark  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in on both ends. (P4)
- Fold the ends outward at the pencil markings. (P5a, P5b)
- With the shield on its back, staple only the top of the handle at the pencil marking. (P6a, P6b, P6c)



P1



P2a



P2b



P3a



P3b



P4



P5a



P5b



P6a



P6b



P6c

## Instructions for the Craft Cont'd:

- Adhere 2 round double-sided adhesive foam dimensionals to the back of the smaller shield. (P7)
- Line up the smaller shield over the larger shield and attach the 2 templates to each other. (P8)
- Using a black fine tip permanent marker, color in the name 'YAHWEH'. (P9a, P9b)
- Adhere 2 round double-sided adhesive foam dimensionals onto the back of the name 'YAHWEH'. (P10)
- Place the name 'YAHWEH' onto the ribbon. (P11a, P11b)
- Arrange 2 round double-sided adhesive foam dimensionals over the 'A' and 'E' in the name 'YAHWEH'. (P12)
- Flip the ribbon over and adhere the double-sided adhesive foam dimensionals to the back where the 'A' and 'E' letters are. (P13)
- Lay the name 'YAHWEH' banner onto the front of the shield so that the ribbon extends on both sides of the shield (approx. 1/3<sup>rd</sup> up from the bottom). (P14)
- Flip the shield onto the back and staple the bottom of the handle at the pencil marking. (P15a, P15b)
- Flip the shield onto the front, lift the smaller shield, and adhere a round double-sided adhesive foam dimensional over the staple. (P16a, P16b)
- Adhere the smaller shield to the dimensional. (P17)
- If desired, spread black glitter glue over the name 'YAHWEH'. (P18a, P18b)



P7

P8



P9a



P9b



P10



P11a



P11b



P12



P13



P14



P15a



P15b



P16a



P16b



P17



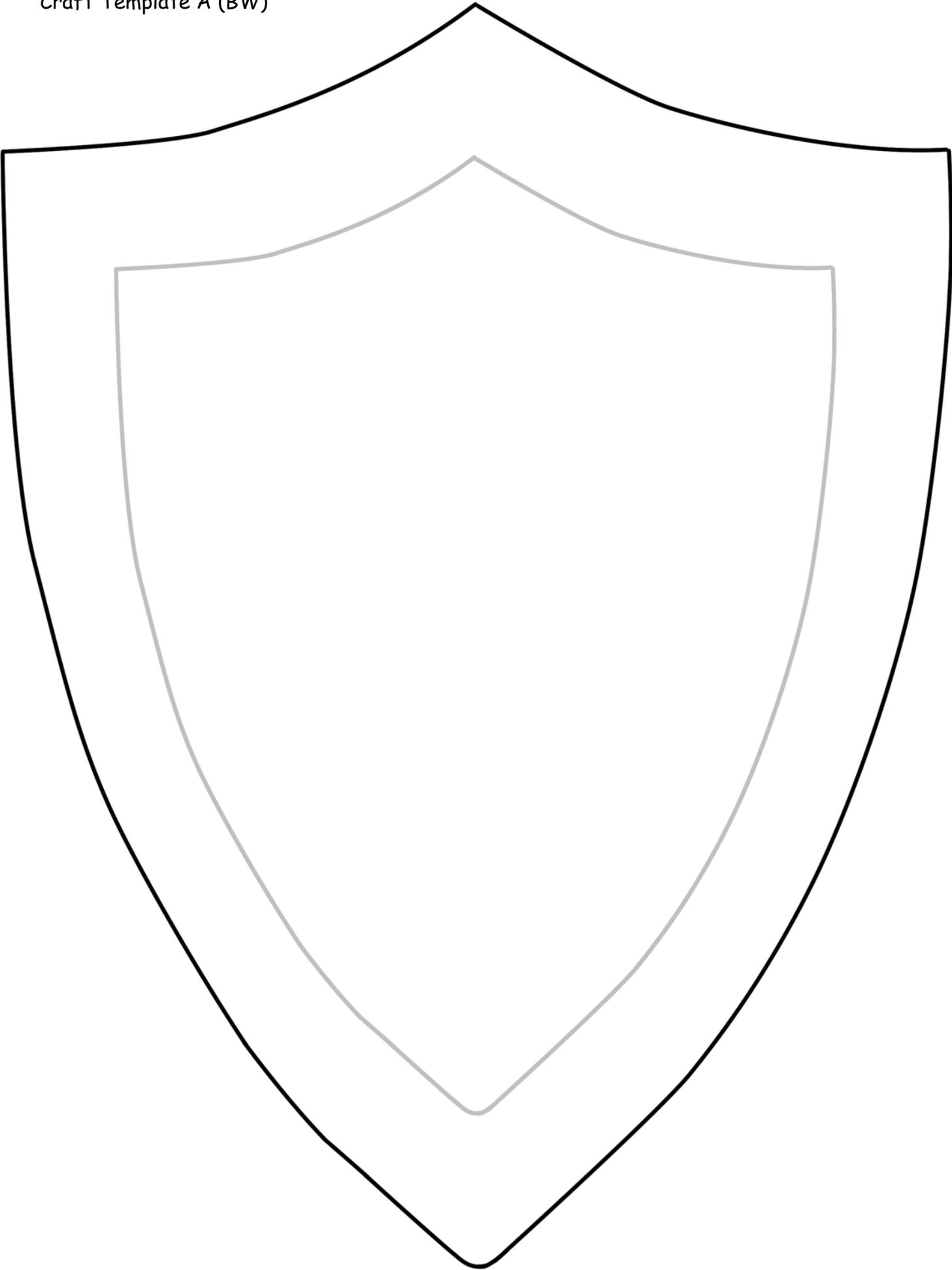
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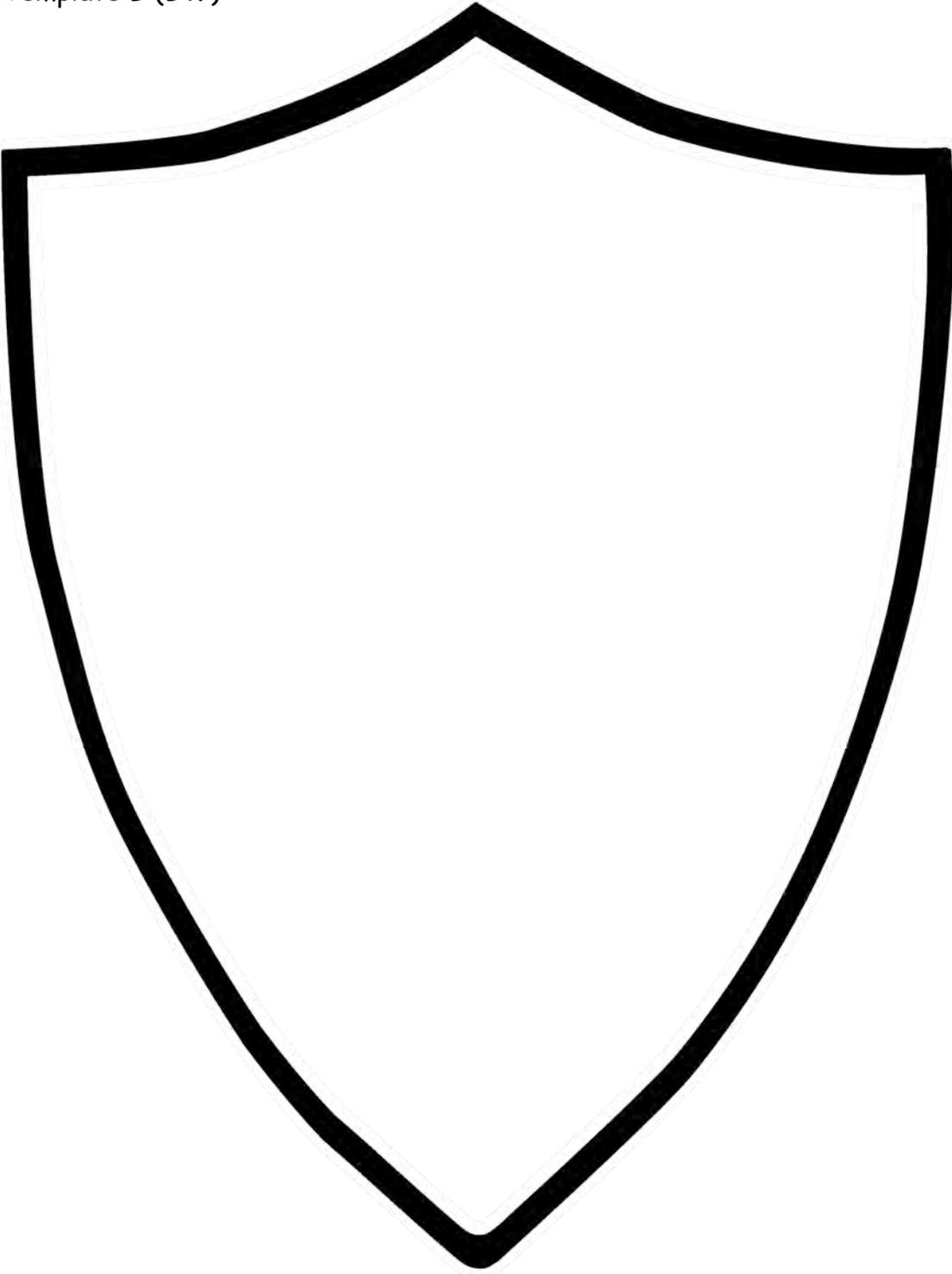
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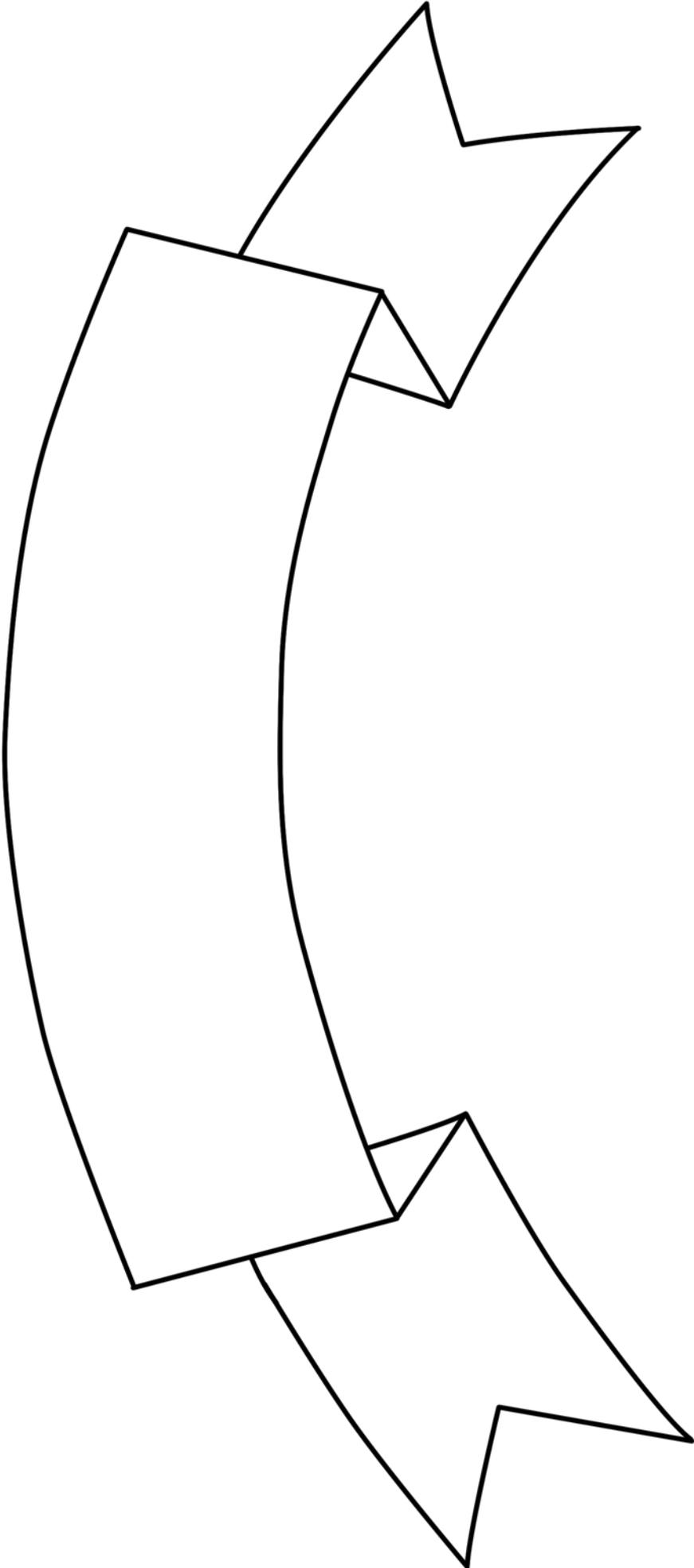
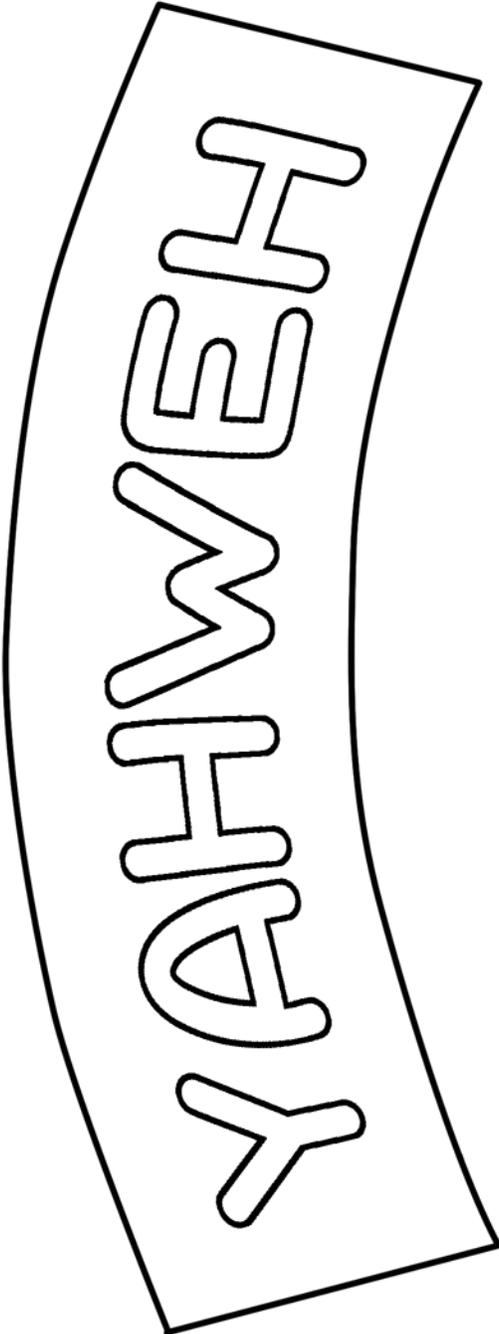
*You now have a visual representation of the symbolism Yahweh used to reassure Abraham that He would be his shield.*

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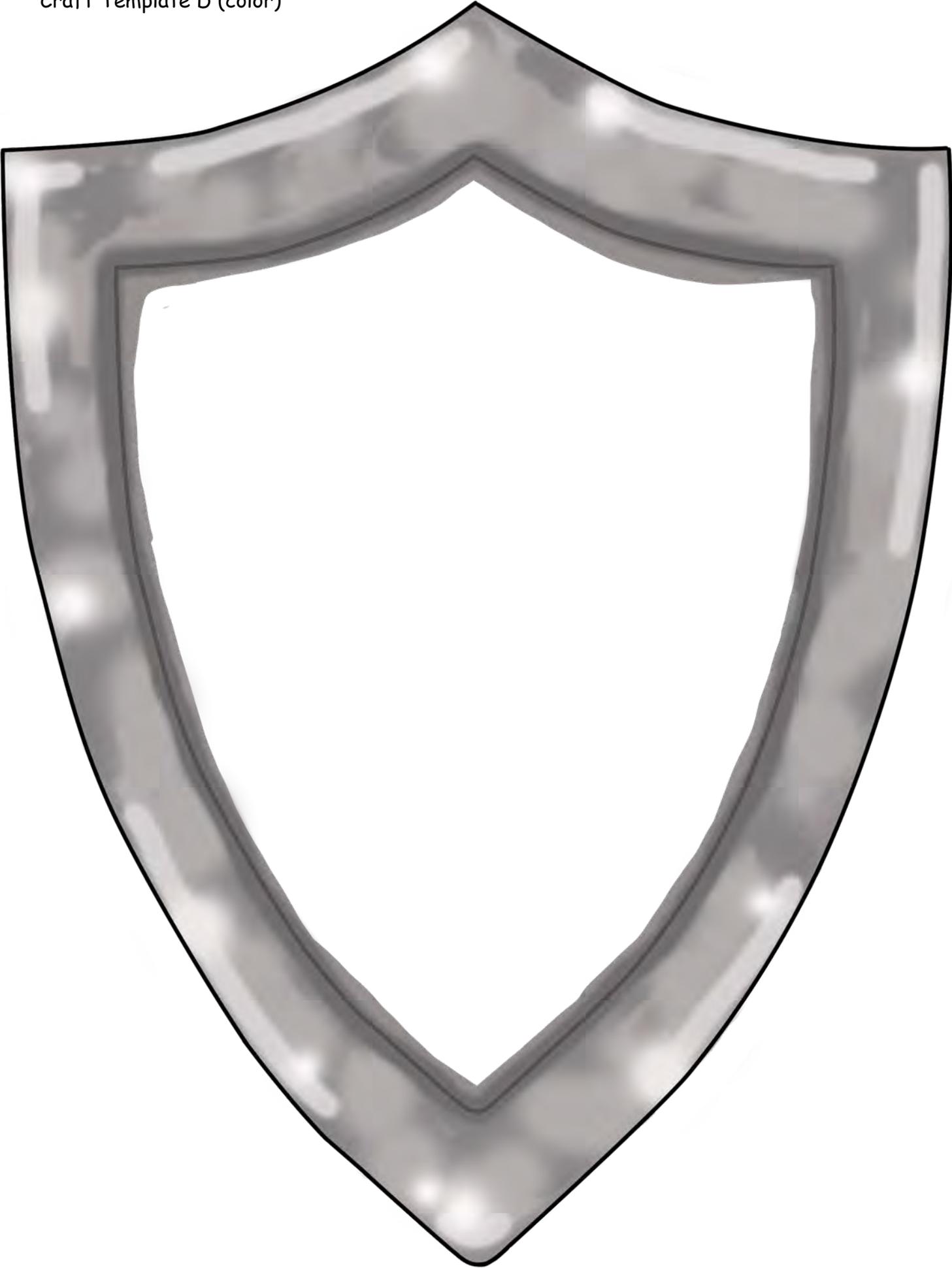


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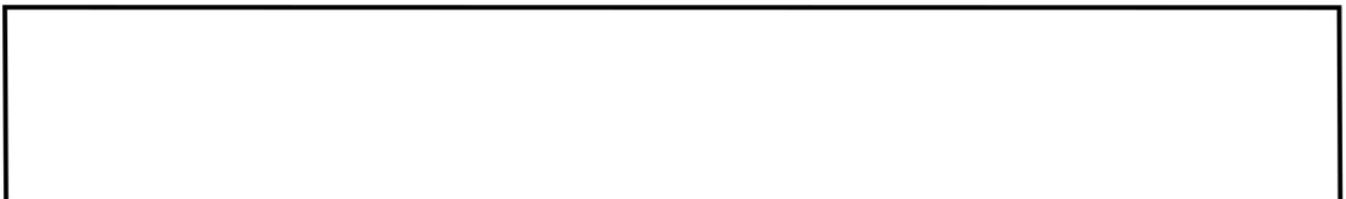
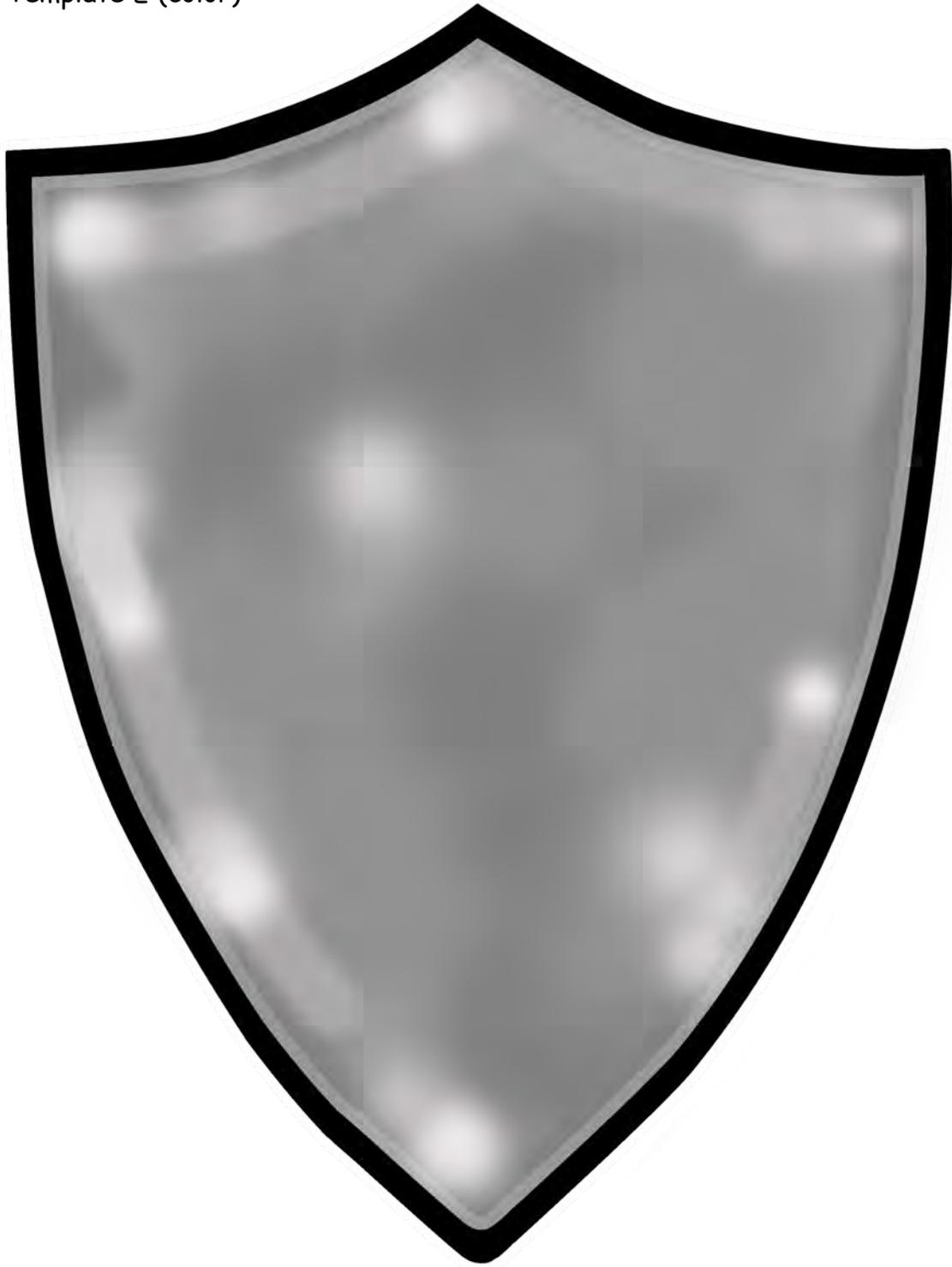


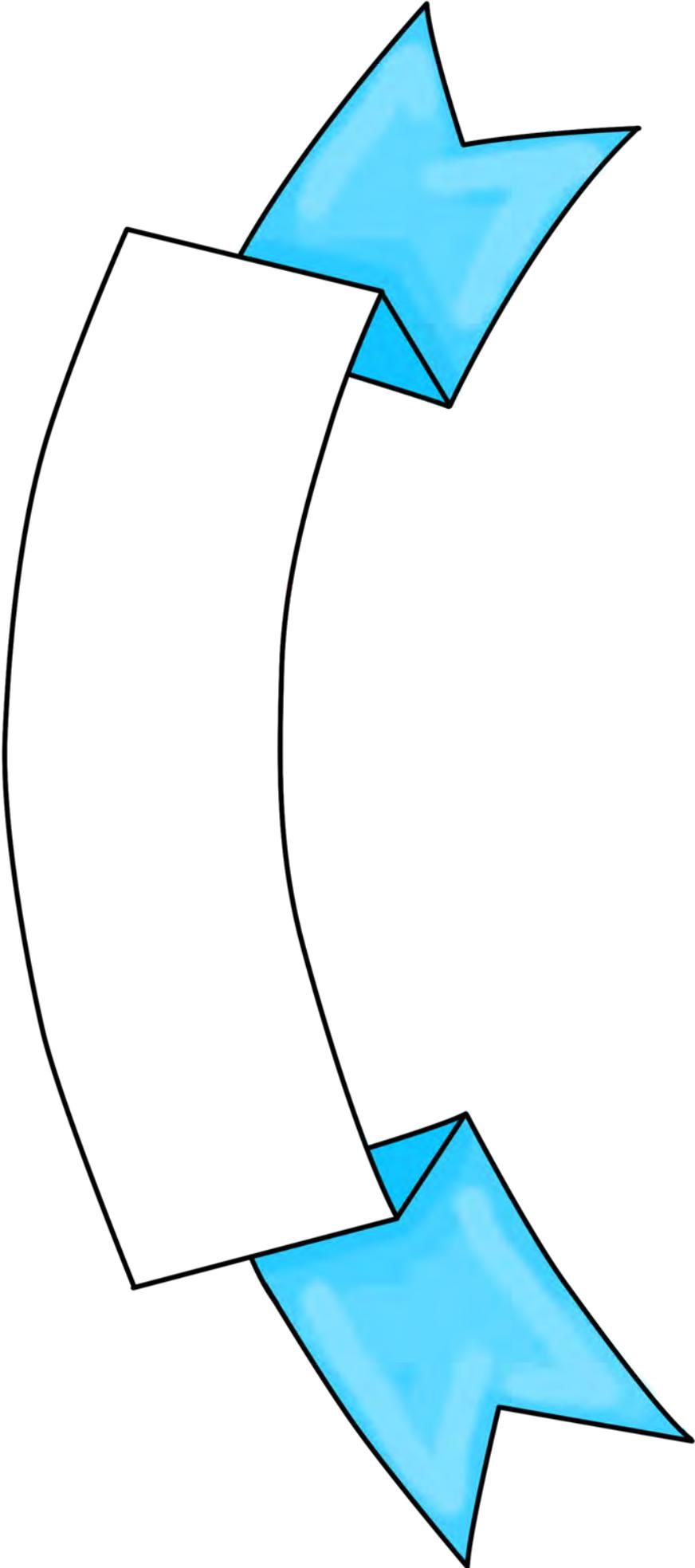
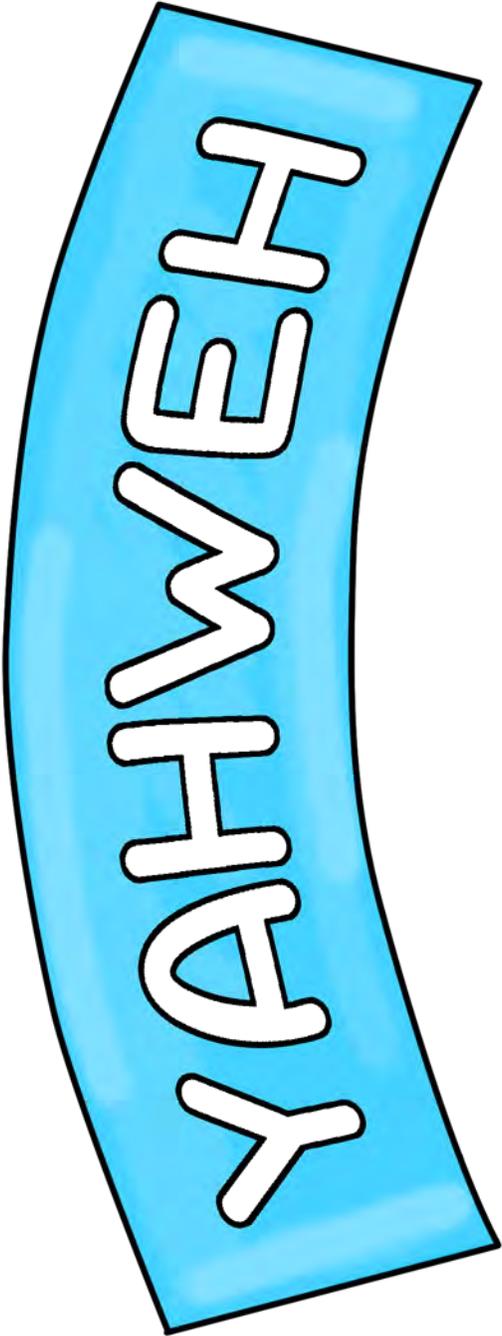


Craft Template D (color)



Craft Template E (color)







# Sweetness of Torah

## SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for "Abraham and Sarah":

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Here is the link for "Lech-Lecha (Go or Leave)":

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### Abraham and Sarah

Abraham was the son of Terah  
Who lived in a distant land  
He had a wife by the name of Sarah  
They were really old

Yah made a promise to Abraham  
That he would have a son  
And from that son would come a nation  
As many as the stars  
Oh-h-h-h

#### Chorus:

Trust in Yahweh with all your heart  
Lean not on your understanding  
In all of yours ways, acknowledge Him  
And He will direct your path

Many years went by for them  
But still they trusted Yah  
And they knew He would fulfil His promise  
If they just believed  
Oh-h-h-h

#### Chorus:

Trust in Yahweh with all your heart  
Lean not on your understanding  
In all of yours ways, acknowledge Him  
And He will direct your path (repeat)

Yes, He will direct your path

Abraham and Sarah had a baby boy  
Yah fulfilled His promise  
Just like He said He would

### Lech-Lecha (Go or Leave)

Lech-Lecha, from this land you'll go  
Eretz Kena'an is the land I will show  
I will make you great  
Many children in the future is your fate

Lech-Lecha, a nation you will be  
Yisra'el will be yours, you will see  
Your children will prosper in this land  
They will be as many as the stars and sand

Yahweh changed Abram's name  
The father of B'nei Yisra'el, he became

Lech-Lecha = go or leave

Eretz Kena'an = land of Yisra'el

B'nei Yisra'el = children of Yisra'el



# SWEET TASTE OF TORAH

This snack relates to this week's parsha. Please take these as suggestions and make necessary changes based on your individual dietary needs.

## Star Cookies

Genesis 15:5



### Ingredients:

- $1\frac{1}{4}$  c. all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$  c. sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  c. (1 stick) butter, softened
- 4 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
- $\frac{1}{4}$  c. powdered sugar
- 24 strawberries, thinly sliced
- 1 c. blueberries

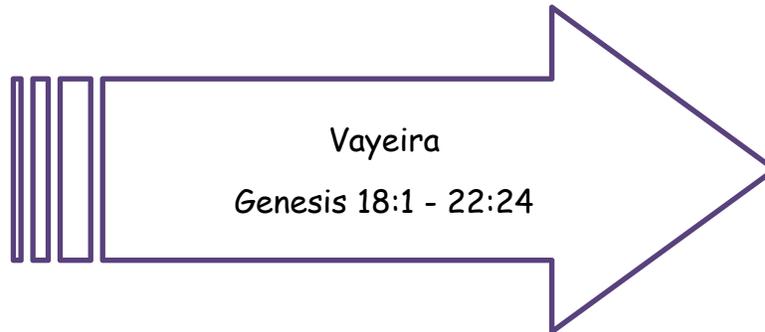
### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 325°F. In a medium bowl, combine the flour and sugar. Using a pastry cutter or 2 knives, cut in the butter until mixture resembles fine crumbs and starts to cling. Form the mixture into 3 small balls and knead each one until smooth. On a lightly floured surface, roll a ball of dough to  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick. Use a star cookie cutter to cut into stars. Place them 1-inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake for 8-10 minutes until cookies are set. Let cool on cookie sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

In a small bowl, blend the cream cheese and powdered sugar with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Carefully spread icing evenly over each cooled cookie. Slice each strawberry slice in half and arrange on the cookies pointing outward. Place 3 blueberries in the center of each cookie.

# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

## Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Gen. 18	Yahweh visits <u>A</u> braham; Sarah is going to have Yitshaq; <u>A</u> braham bargains with Yahweh
Tuesday:	Gen. 19	The Story of <u>S</u> edom and <u>A</u> morah; The origin of <u>M</u> o'ab and <u>A</u> mmon
Wednesday:	Gen. 20	Sarah and <u>A</u> bimelek
Thursday:	Gen. 21	The birth of Yitshaq; <u>A</u> braham sends Hagar and Yishma'el away; <u>A</u> braham and <u>A</u> bimelek make a covenant
Friday:	Gen. 22	Elohim tests <u>A</u> braham; <u>A</u> braham offers up Yitshaq; The covenant is re-established