

# Vayigash

"He Approached"

Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

Katan Aleph



In This Edition:

11.2 - Family Reunion

Genesis 45:16-28; 46; 47:1-12, 27



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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.

### Family Reunion

Shalom children! Today we will talk more about Yoseph. **(Place Yoseph on board.)** Yahweh sure was looking out for him! Do you think it was because Yoseph stayed faithful and obedient to Yahweh? I think so. Yoseph didn't get to where he was by himself, but it did help that he always trusted Yahweh. Last week, we talked about the dreams Pharaoh had and how Yoseph told Pharaoh what they meant, which led to Yoseph being promoted to second in charge. **(Place Pharaoh on board.)** Yoseph also ended up getting married **(place Yoseph's wife on board)** and having 2 sons, Menashsheh and Ephrayim. **(Place Yoseph's sons on board.)** Yoseph set his plan in place of saving up grain for 7 years so that when the bad years came, there would be plenty to eat. Now we are going to talk about something that happened during the 7 bad years.

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

Not only was food hard to grow in Mitsrayim, but all the cities around Mitsrayim were also having a hard time growing enough to eat. So, people came to Yoseph to buy food. Well, Yoseph's father heard that there was food to be purchased in Mitsrayim, so he sent 10 of his sons to go buy some. **(Place 10 older brothers on board.)** He did not send his youngest son, Binyamin, because he was afraid that something bad would happen to him just like Yoseph. **(Place Binyamin on board.)**

Yoseph's 10 brothers came to Mitsrayim and bought lots of grain for the family. **(Place pyramids on board by the brothers.)** They did not know at first that they were buying from Yoseph. **(Place Yoseph on board next to the brothers.)** After testing his brothers to see if they had become better men, Yoseph told them who he was. They were afraid at first, but then they had a happy reunion with lots of hugs. **(Place brothers embracing scene on board.)**

Pharaoh was happy that Yoseph's family had found him. He told Yoseph that he should bring his whole family to live in Mitsrayim close to him. He even told Yoseph to send donkeys **(place donkeys on board)** and wagons **(place wagons on board)** and food **(place food on board)** so that his father and the other members of the family could come to Mitsrayim.



He told them not to worry about bringing all their stuff, because Pharaoh would make sure they had plenty of new stuff. **(Place happy emoji on board.)** Man, that sure is a nice Pharaoh! Do you think Pharaoh was extra nice because Yoseph had saved all of Mitsrayim with his big idea? I think so. He was probably very thankful to Yoseph for making sure that his family was safe from going hungry, and now he wanted to make sure Yoseph's family was safe from being hungry too. **(Place thankful emoji on board.)**

Yoseph did what Pharaoh said and sent his brothers back home with food and wagons. He gave 1 piece of clothing to each brother for the trip **(place 10 robes on board)**, but to his little brother Binyamin, he gave 5 pieces of clothing. **(Place 5 robes on board.)** He also gave him 300 pieces of silver. **(Place silver money bag on board.)** Wow, that's a lot of money! He also told the brothers not to argue. **(Place angry emoji on board.)** He must have remembered that his brothers sometimes got angry and got into trouble. Maybe he didn't want them trying to take the silver from Binyamin. Well, off the brothers went to tell their father about Yoseph. **(Remove Yoseph from board.)**

When the brothers finally made it back to their father Ya'aqob **(place Ya'aqob and tent on board)**, they were excited to tell him that Yoseph was not dead, but that he was a ruler in Mitsrayim. Ya'aqob didn't believe them at first, but then he saw all the things that the brothers had brought back, and he knew it was true. He was so excited; he was ready to pack his stuff and go. **(Point to happy emoji.)**

Ya'aqob then gave thanks to Yahweh and made an offering. **(Place altar on board next to Ya'aqob.)** Yahweh reassured Ya'aqob that he was doing the right thing by going to Mitsrayim and that Yahweh would be with him there just like He was with him in Kena'an. Ya'aqob was happy to be able to go see his son Yoseph, so he rose up, and he and all the families made the journey to Mitsrayim. **(Place Yoseph on board and move Ya'aqob next to him.)** That must have been a beautiful family reunion to see!

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!







Pharaoh



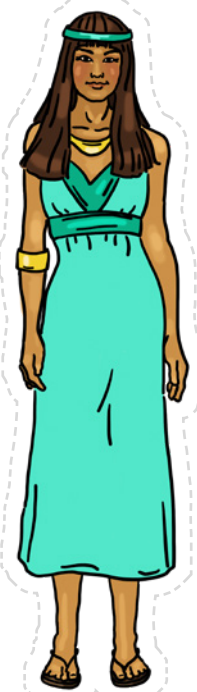
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Binyamin

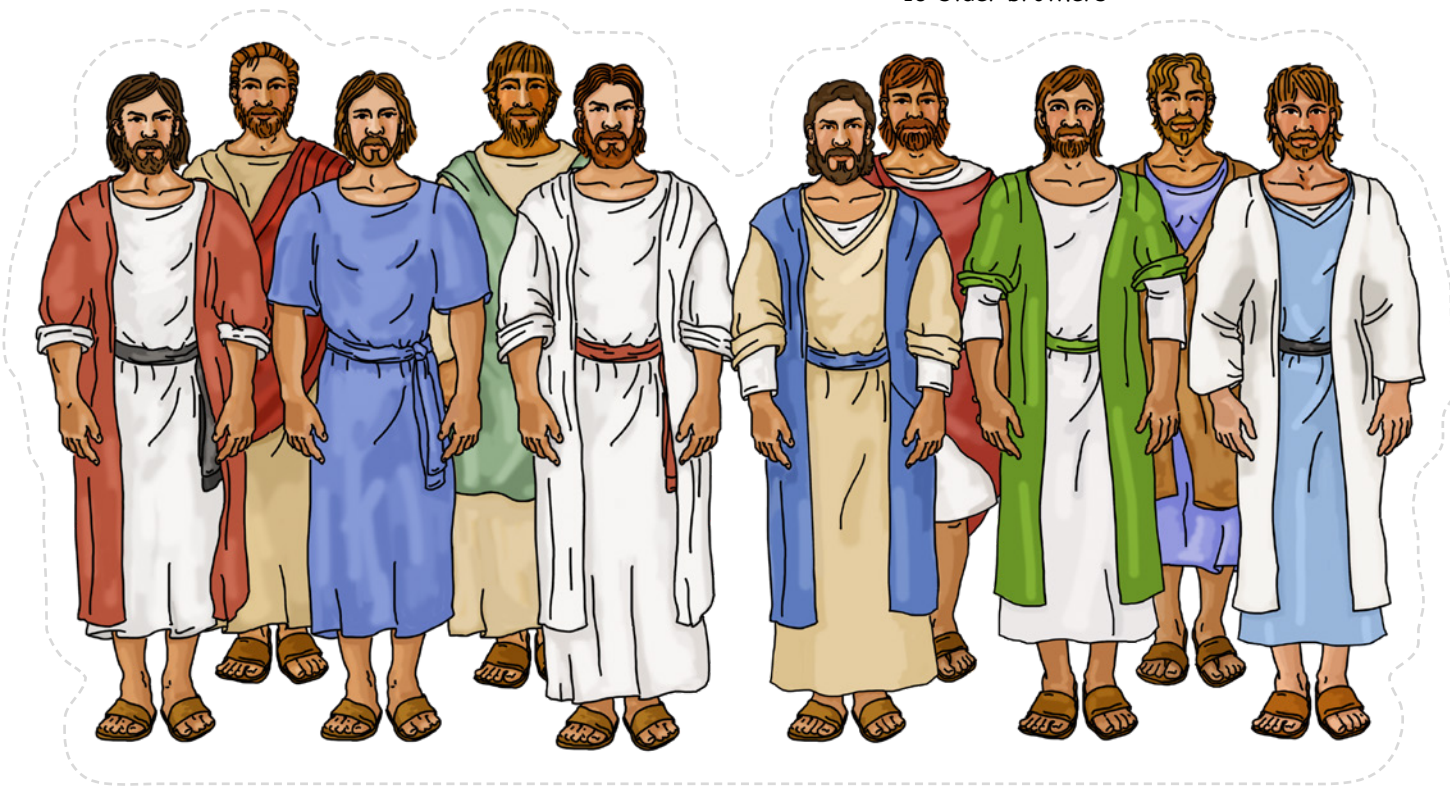


Yoseph



Yoseph's Wife

10 Older brothers





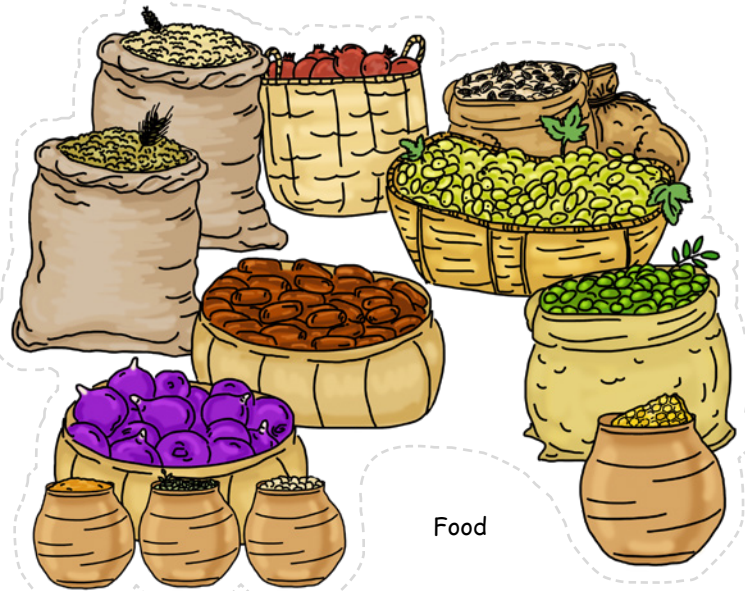
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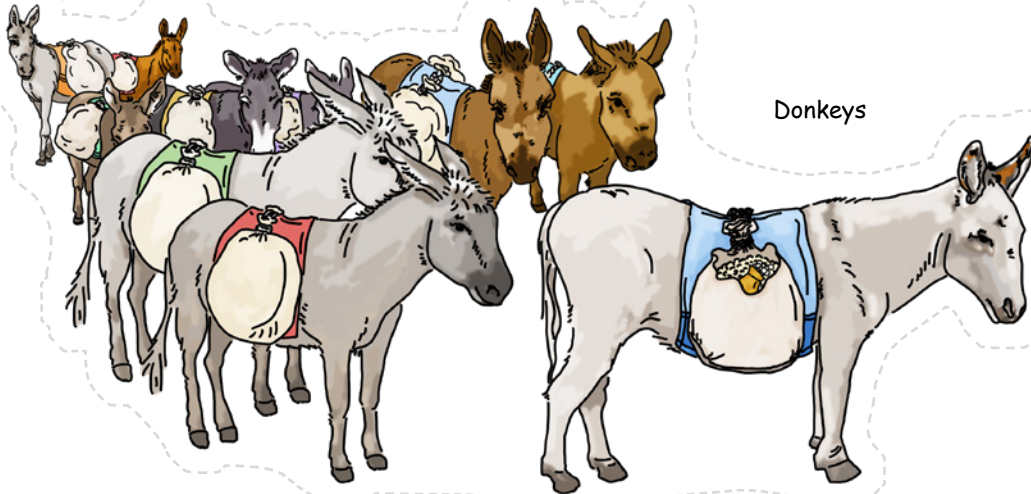
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Food



Donkeys



Silver money bag







10 Robes



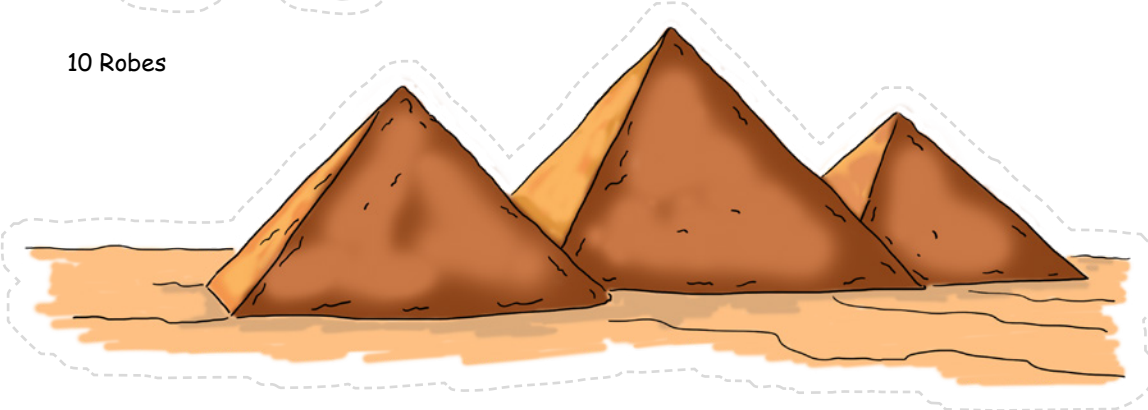
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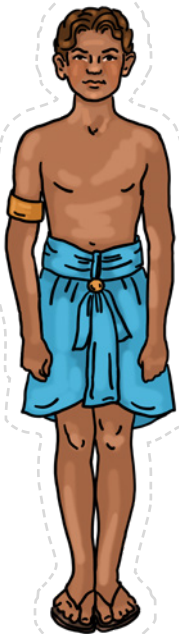
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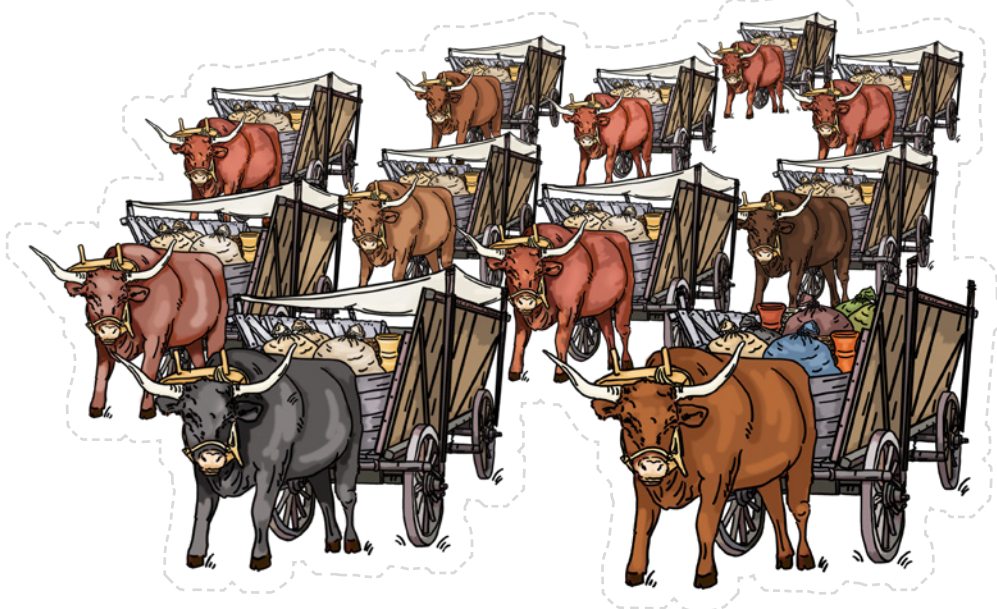
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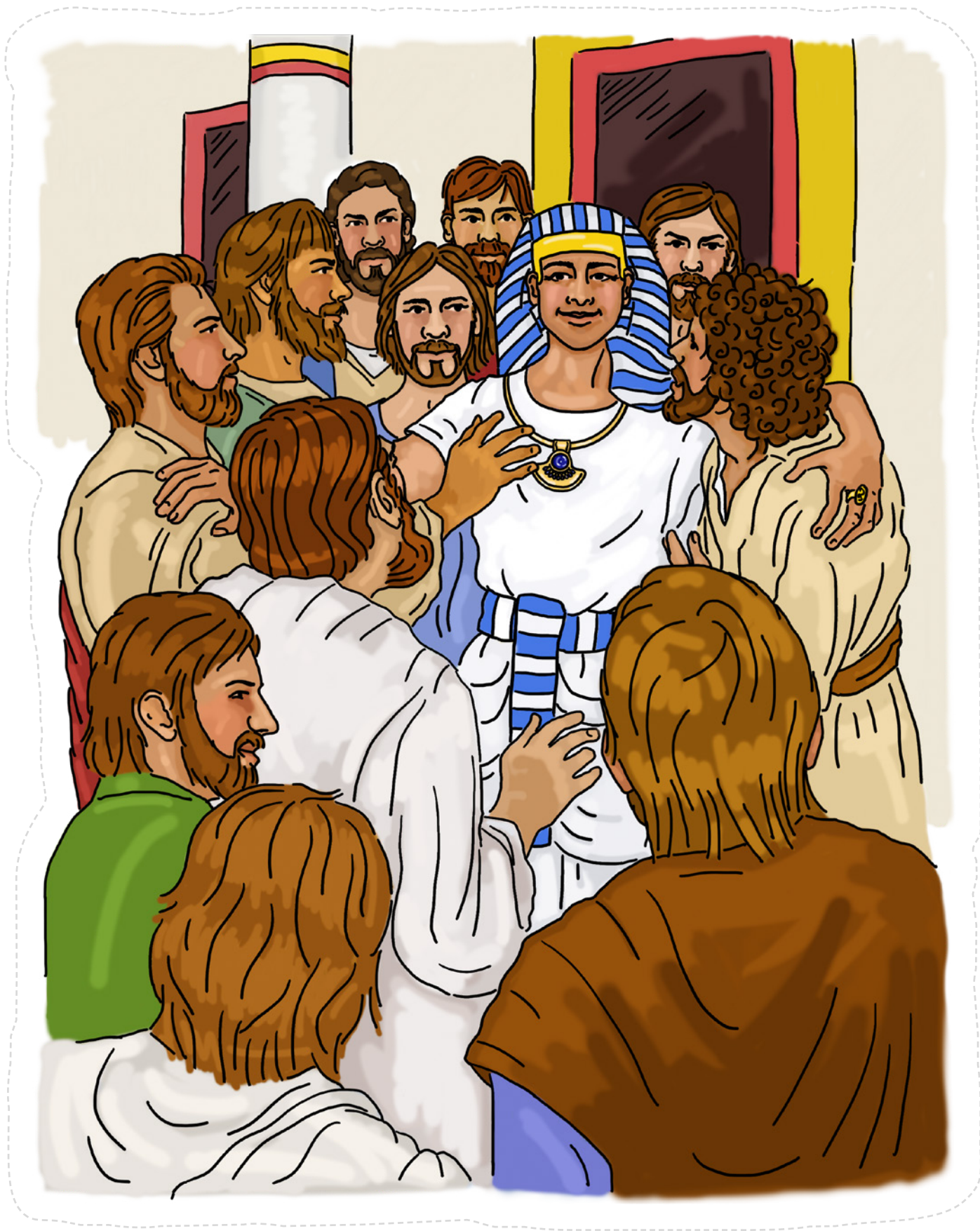
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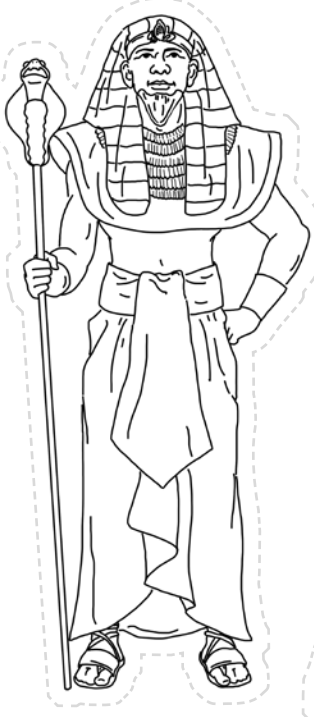
Wagons



Brothers embracing scene







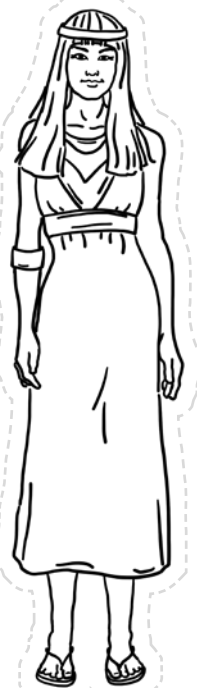
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Binyamin



Yoseph

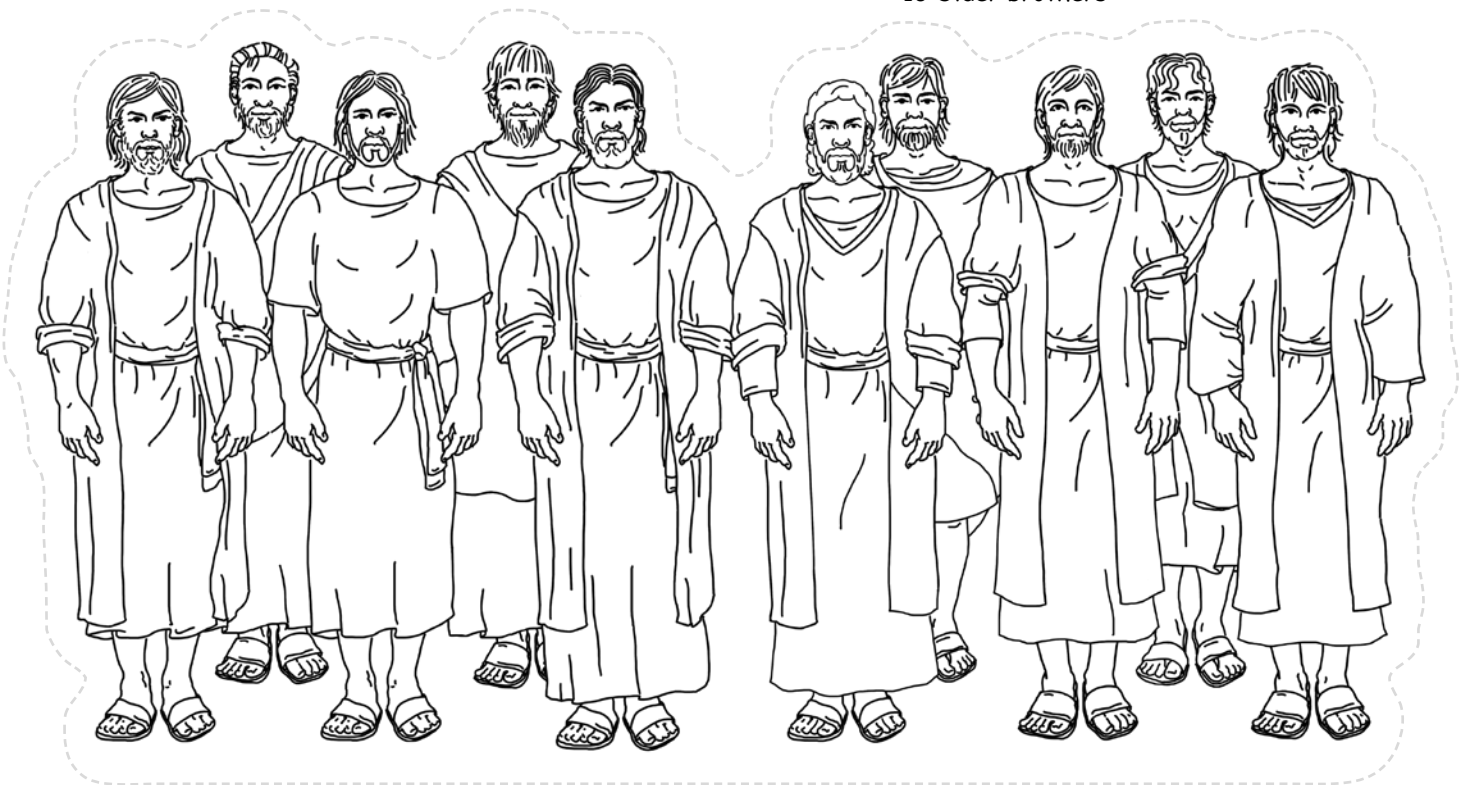


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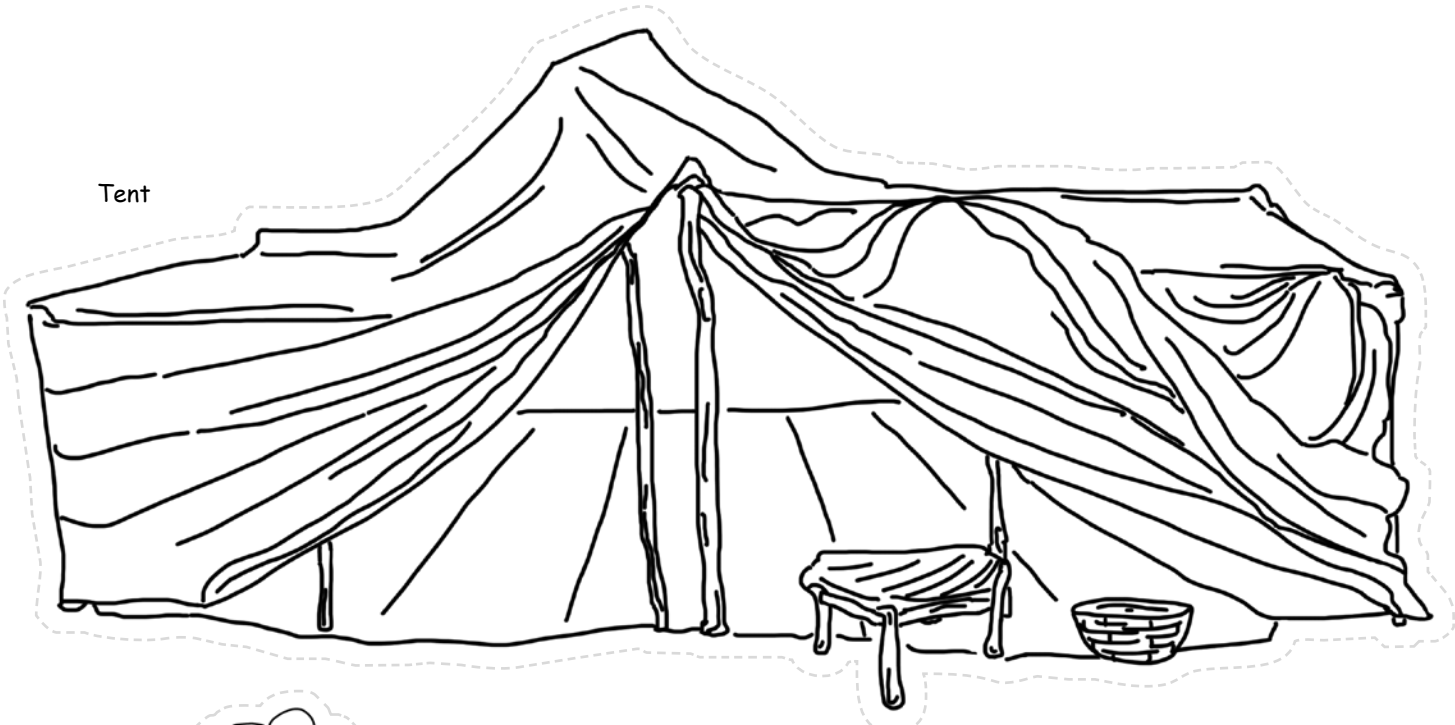


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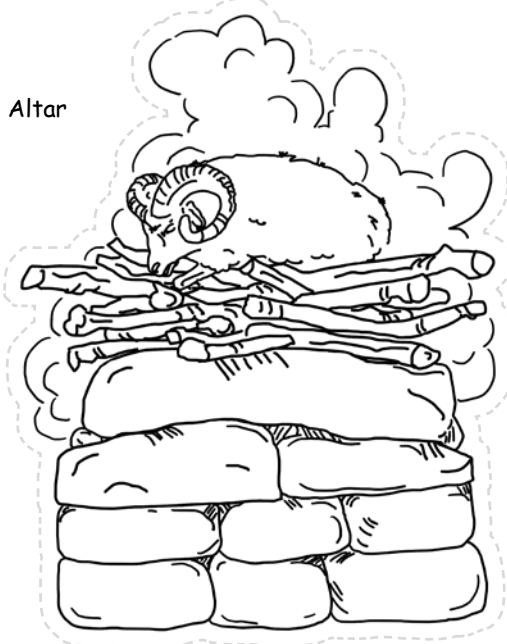
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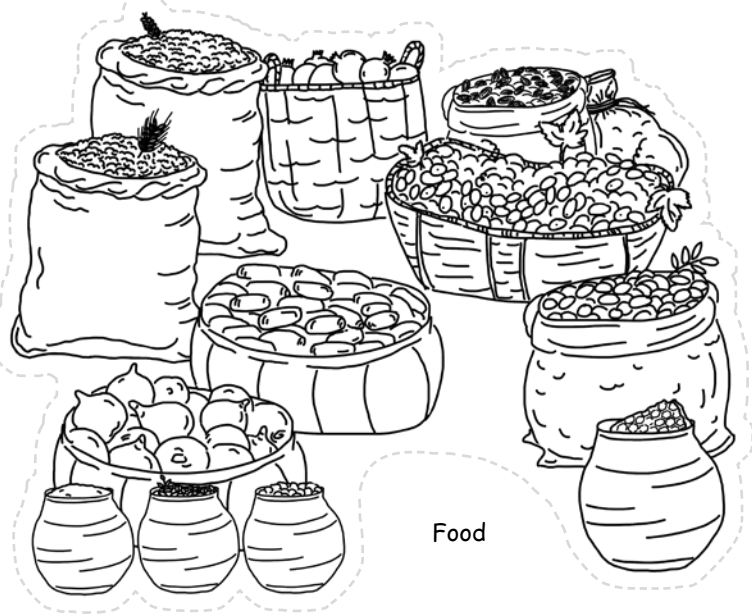
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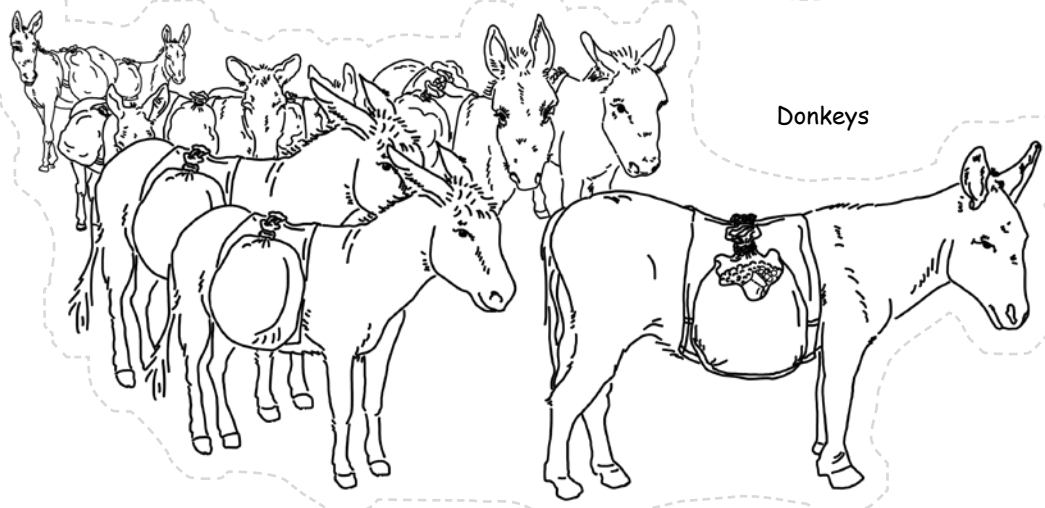
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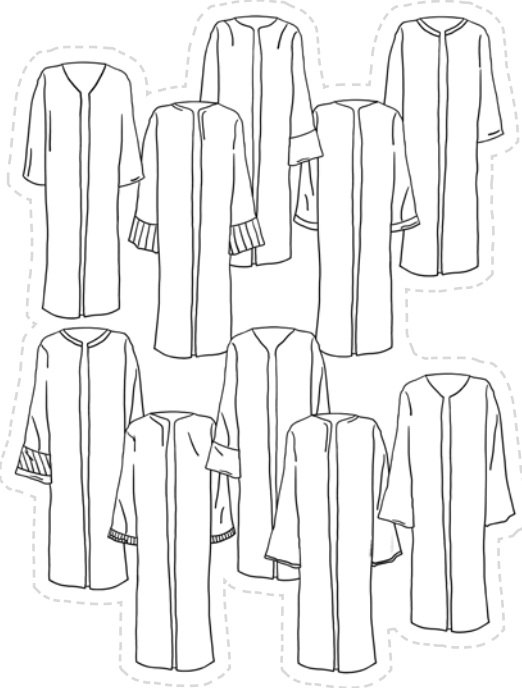
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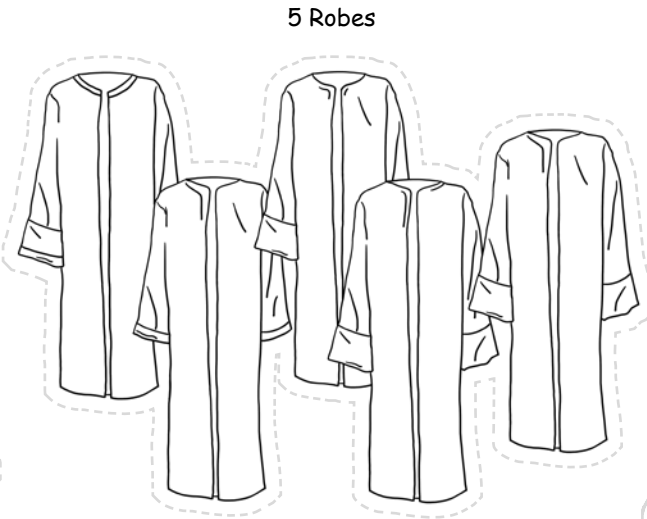
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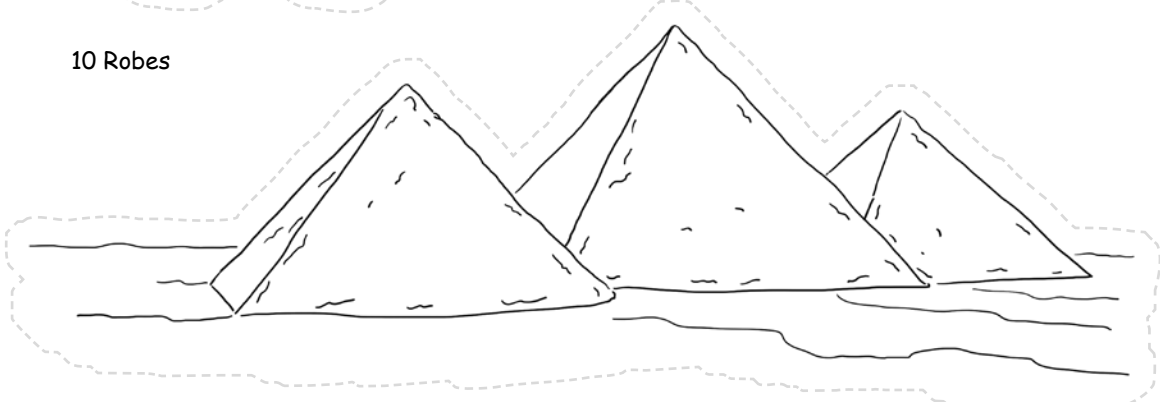
5 Robes



Happy emoji



Angry emoji



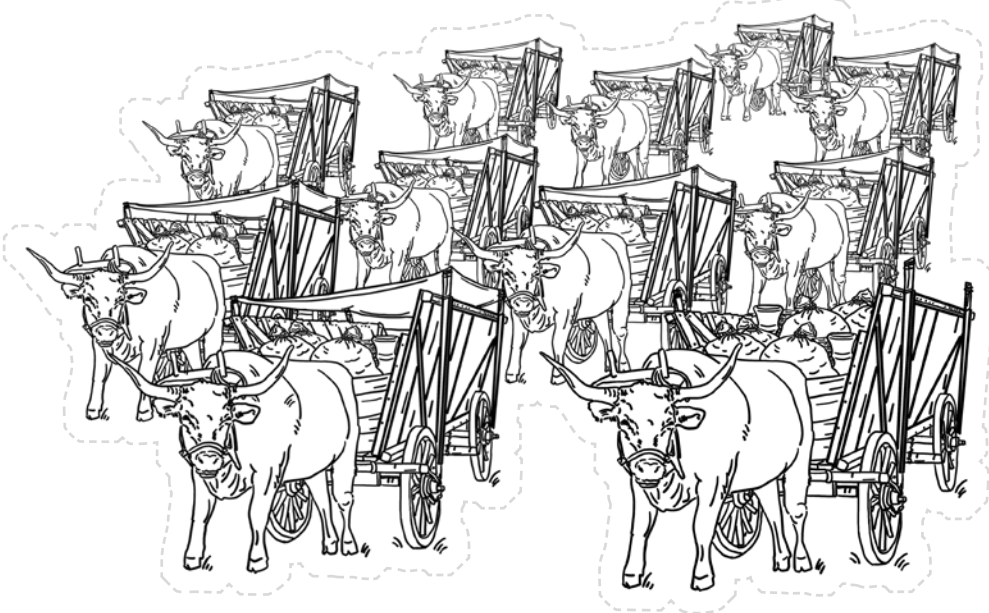
Pyramids



Thankful emoji



Yoseph's sons



Wagons



Brothers embracing scene



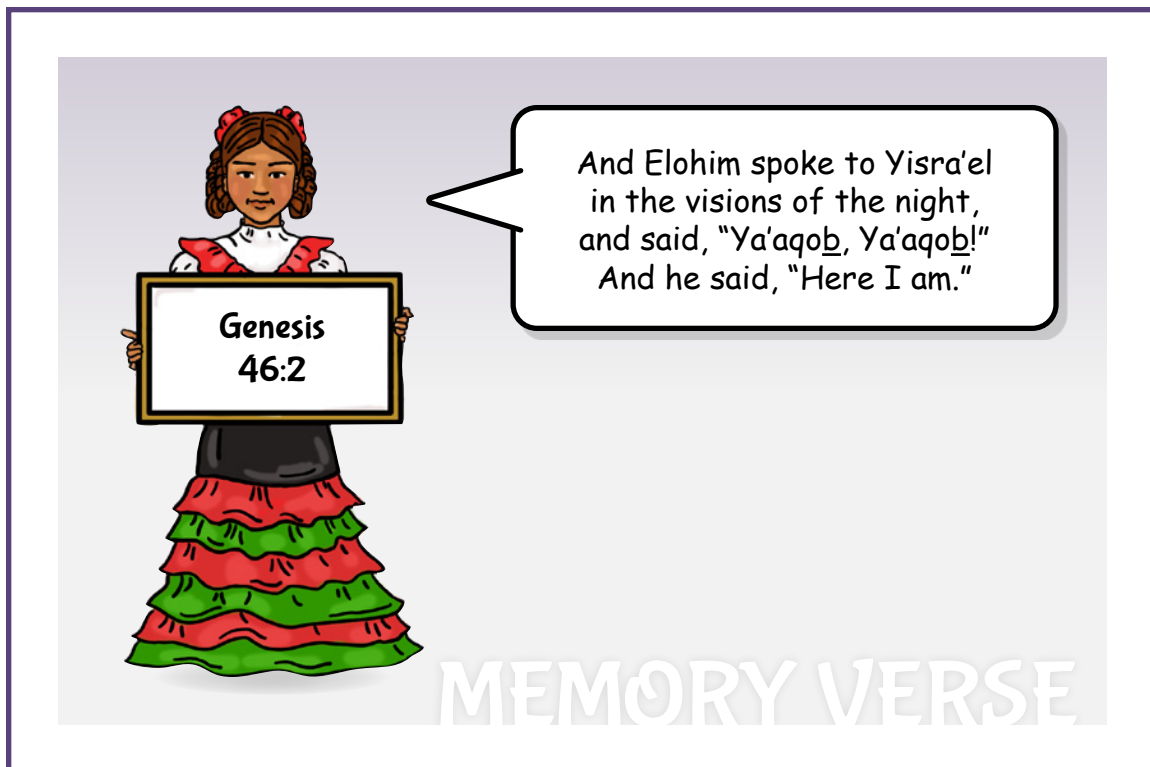


# Counting What You Gained

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 46:2. 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  
46:2

And Elohim spoke to Yisra'el  
in the visions of the night,  
and said, "Ya'aqob, Ya'aqob!"  
And he said, "Here I am."

MEMORY VERSE

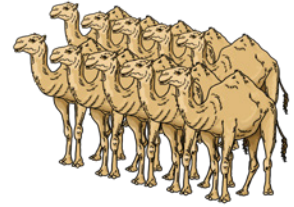
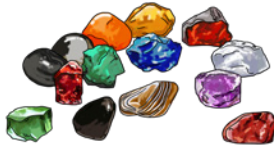




# SEEKING TREASURE

Circle the correct choices.

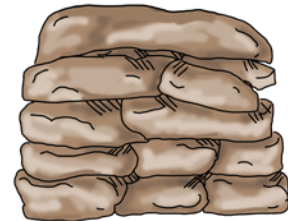
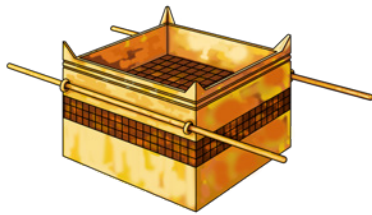
1. Yoseph gave Binyamin 300 of this. (45:22)



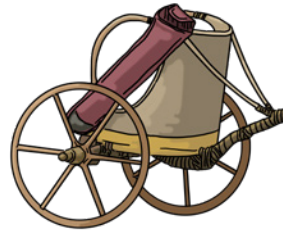
2. Yoseph gave Binyamin 5 of this. (45:22)



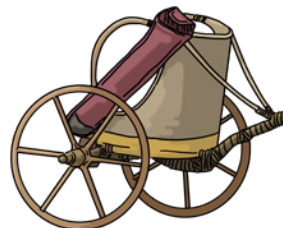
3. Ya'aqob stopped to thank Yahweh for his goodness and gave an offering on this. (46:1)



4. What did Pharaoh send for Yoseph's family to transport them? (46:5)

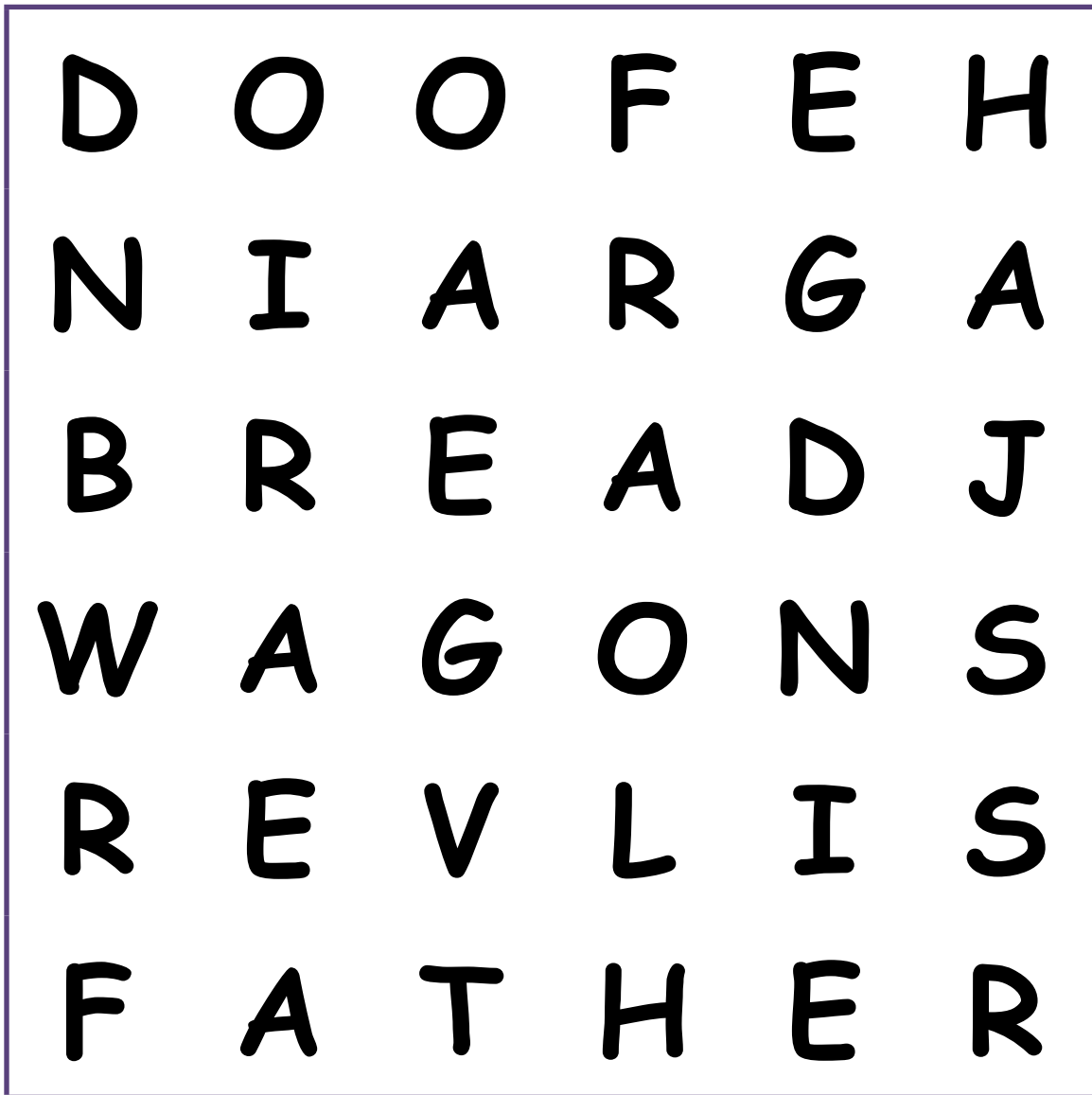


5. Yoseph met his father in this type of transportation. (46:29)



# WORD SEARCH

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



FATHER

WAGON

FOOD

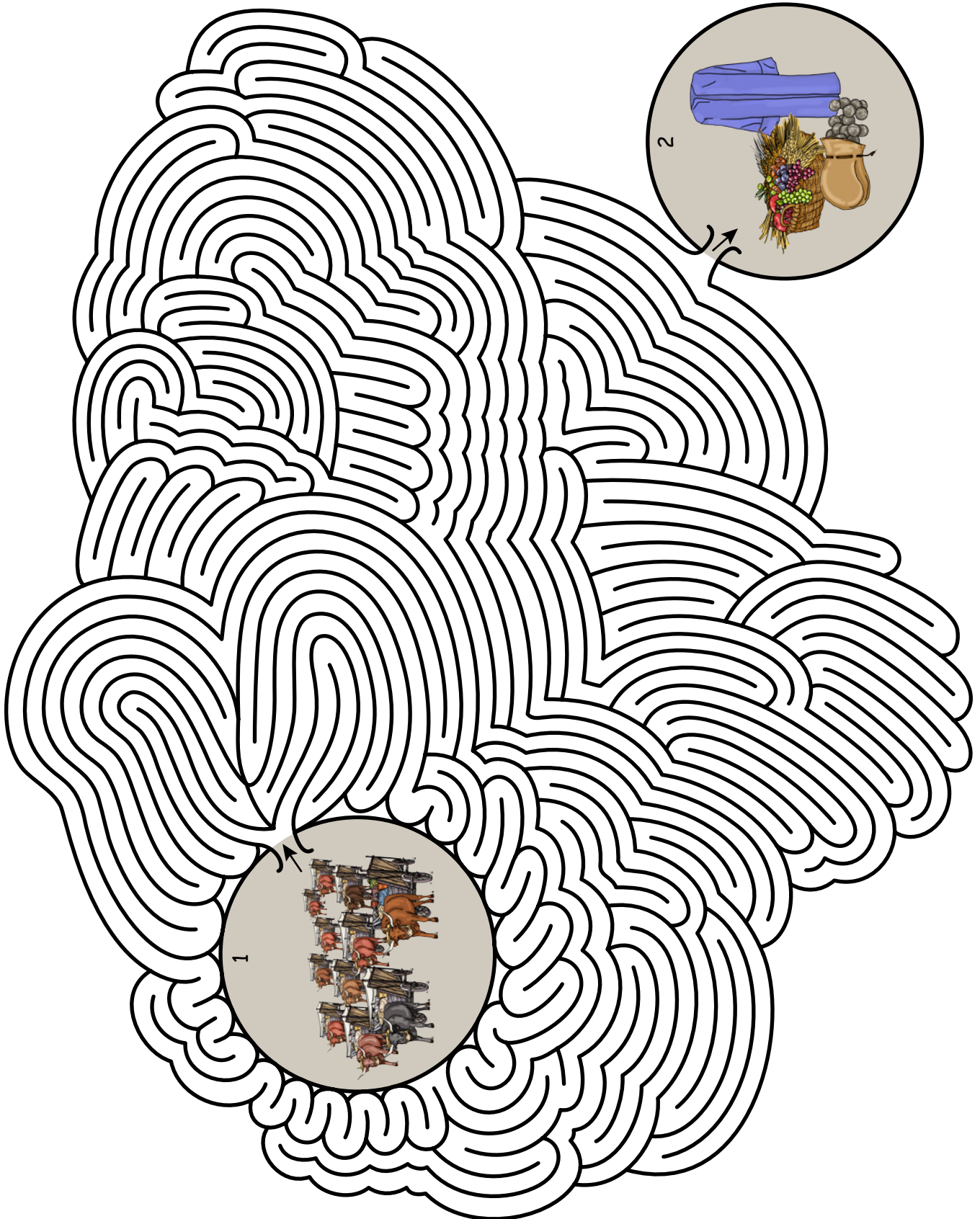
GRAIN

BREAD

SILVER



# MAZE





# Precious Possessions

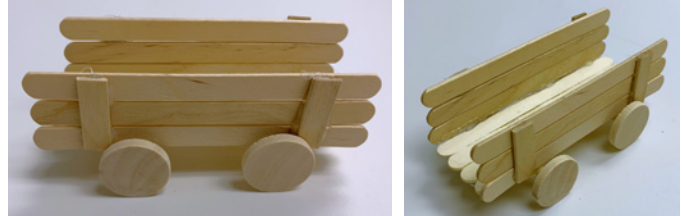
## CRAFT

### Materials:

- Craft sticks - regular
- Chopsticks or dowels - 3/16"
- Wooden wheels, buttons or plastic coins
- Straw
- Hot glue
- Optional: paint, sequins or gems

### Wagon

Genesis 45:19, 21, 27



#### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Cut the craft sticks for the connecting pieces as follows:
  - 2 pieces 1½" long (middle)
  - 4 pieces 1" long (2 sides)
- Cut the chopsticks for the wheel axles as follows:
  - 2 pieces 2" long
- Cut the straws for the axle inserts as follows:
  - 2 pieces 1½" long
- You may need to assist the child with the hot glue gun when connecting the wagon pieces.

### Instructions for the Craft:

- Make sure you have all the materials cut and laid out to assemble your wagon. (P1)

#### To Assemble the Wagon

- Lay 4 craft sticks side by side and run a strip of hot glue where the ends meet. Repeat for the other end. (P2)
- Place the (2) 1½" craft sticks on the hot glue to connect the 4 craft sticks. (P3a)
- The following steps will be done twice:
  - Lay 3 craft sticks side by side and run a strip of hot glue in between the sides to connect them.
  - Now lay the 3 sticks down and run a strip of hot glue on the ends of the connected sticks. See P2.
  - Place the (2) 1" craft sticks on the hot glue to connect the 3 craft sticks. (P3b)
- Lay the sticks so that the 4 craft sticks piece is in the middle. (P4)



P1



P2



P3a



P3b



P4

# Instructions for the Craft Cont'd:

## Connecting the Wagon

- Run a strip of hot glue on the edge of the wagon middle piece. (P5)
- Place one of the wagon sides over the glue. Hold to secure and allow time to dry. (P6a, P6b)
- Run a strip of hot glue on the edge of the wagon middle piece on the other side. (P7)
- Place the other wagon side over the glue. Hold to secure and allow time to dry. (P8)

## Creating the Wheel Axle

- Insert the 2" chopstick into the straw. Repeat. (P9)
- Run a strip of hot glue about 1/3 away from the end of the bottom of the middle piece. Repeat. (P10a, P10b)
- Place the 2 straw and chopstick axles onto the glue and allow to cool off. (P10b)
- Place a dot of hot glue in the center of your 4 wheels. (P11a)
- Press the wheels against the ends of all the chopstick axles. (P11b, P11c)
- Allow time for the hot glue to cool off before using.
- You can leave the wagon as is or paint and decorate it as desired.

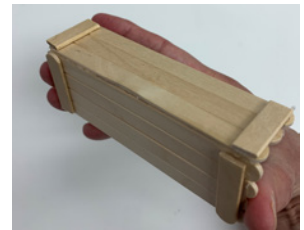
*You now have a visual representation of one of the carts that Yoseph sent with his brothers to retrieve his father Ya'aqob.*



P5



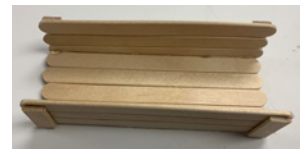
P6a



P6b



P7



P8



P9



P10a



P10b



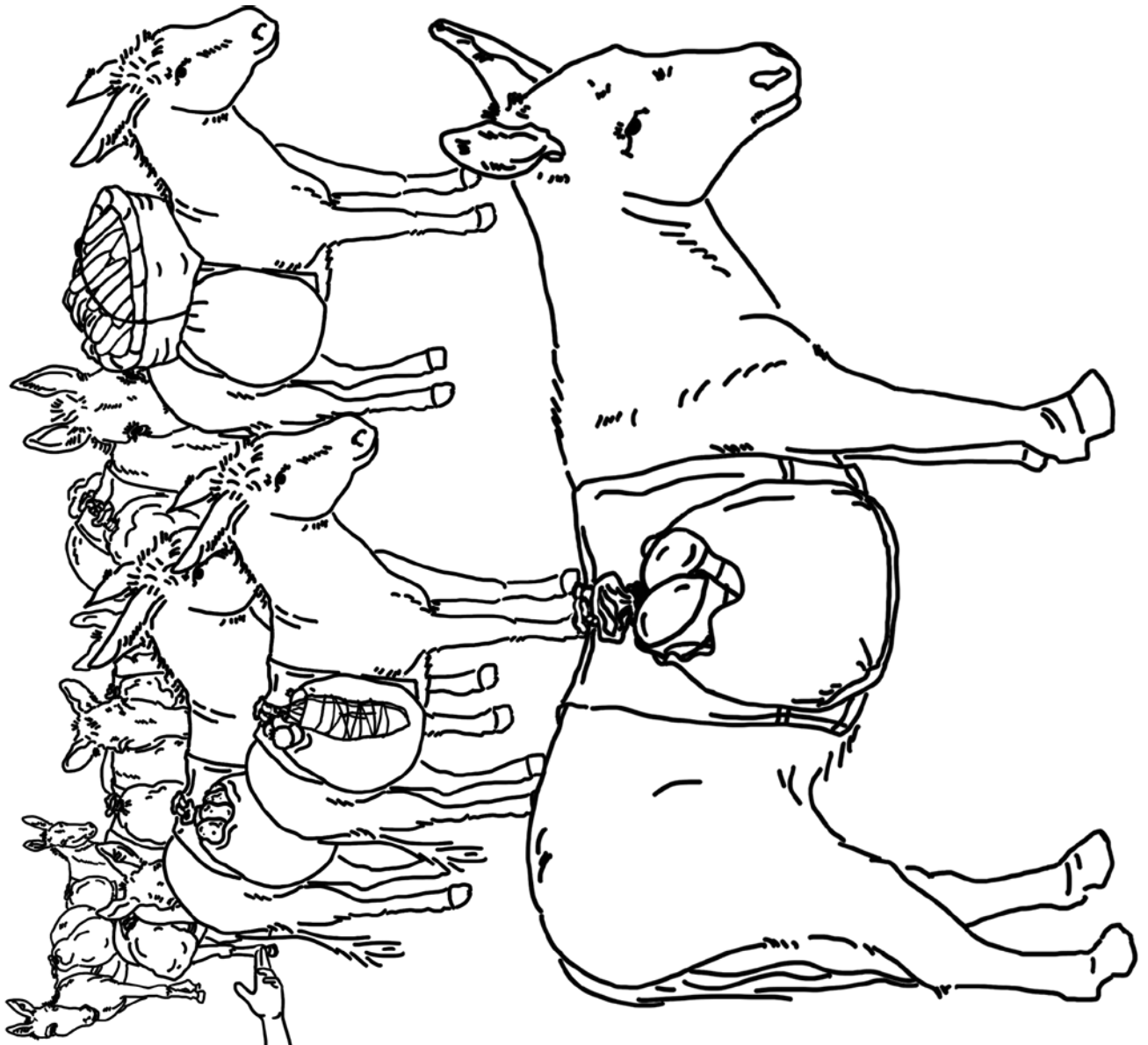
P11c



P11a



P11b





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# Sweetness of Torah

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## SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

[https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2022-12-23T10\\_51\\_41-08\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2022-12-23T10_51_41-08_00)

### Go Down to Mitsrayim

Elohim told Ya'aqob to go down to Mitsrayim,  
To take his livestock and all of his seed.

And He said, "I am the El, Elohim of your father.  
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.  
For I shall make you there into a great nation.  
I am going down with you, I shall bring you up.  
And there you will see Yoseph your son again."

And He said, "I am the El, Elohim of your father.  
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.  
For I shall make you there into a great nation.  
For I shall make you there into a great nation.  
Into a great nation."



# 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.

## 3-D Wagon

Genesis 45:19, 21, 27

### Ingredients:

- *Graham* crackers (to make wagon)
- Pretzel dipping sticks (2) - (to hold wheels)
- Marshmallow fluff (for adhesive)
- *Keebler Fudge Stripes* cookies (4) - (represents wheels)

### Instructions:

\* Note: Making this wagon is a bit hard without extra helping hands.  
A 1-dimensional version in sweet and savory is also provided.

- Attach cookie 'wheels' to both ends of 2 pretzel dipping sticks.
- Place some marshmallow fluff on a plate where the wagon wheels will be placed to keep them from moving.
- Lay 1 *Graham* cracker over the pretzel sticks between the 'wheels'.
- Break a *Graham* cracker in half lengthwise to make a rectangle. Place one of the halves against the 'wheels' on one side and the other half against the 'wheels' on the other side using marshmallow fluff as adhesive. You now have the sides of the wagon.
- Break a *Graham* cracker in half widthwise to make a square. Lay one piece on the end of the wagon using marshmallow fluff as adhesive. Lay the other square on the other side closing up the wagon. Use marshmallow fluff as adhesive.
- Your wagon is now complete.

\* If making this wagon 1 dimensional do the following:

#### For a sweet version: (P1)

Place 1 *Graham* cracker on a plate.  
Place 2 *Keebler Fudge Stripe* cookies along the bottom edge to represent the wagon wheels.

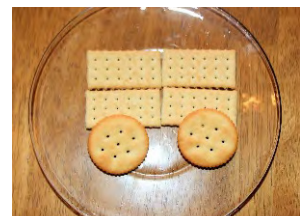
\* Children can use colored gels or frosting, marshmallow fluff and sprinkles to decorate wagon if they choose to.

#### For a savory version: (P2)

Place 4 *Saltine* crackers on a plate to make a rectangle.  
Place 2 *Ritz* crackers along the bottom edge to represent the wagon wheels.



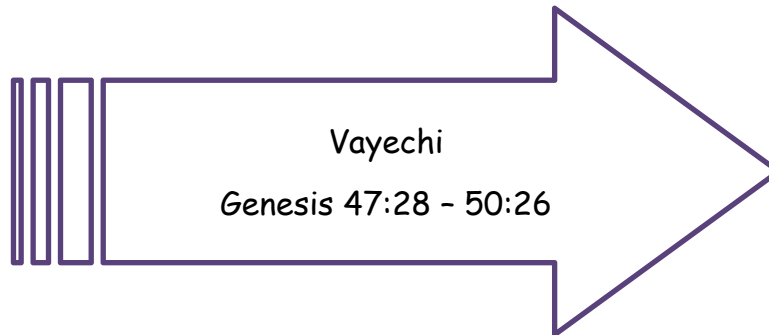
P1



P2

# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

## Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Gen. 47:28-48:22	The blessing of Ephrayim and Menashsheh
Tuesday:	Gen. 49:1-28	The blessing of the 12 sons of Yisra'el
Wednesday:	Gen. 49:29-50:3	Ya'aqob's last instructions for his death and burial
Thursday:	Gen. 50:4-14	Ya'aqob's children bury their father in Kena'an
Friday:	Gen. 50:15-26	Yoseph's brothers fear retaliation; Yoseph's death