

# Parsha Pearls

# Shemot

"Names"

Exodus 1:1 - 6:1  
Katan Aleph



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# SHEMOT OVERVIEW

## 'These are the names'... Shemot

Today, we are starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of the Torah, called Shemot, which means 'names' because the parsha starts with listing the names of all the children of Yisra'el (Israel) who went to Mitsrayim (Egypt). In English, the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of the Torah is called Exodus, which has a different meaning from the Hebrew. Exodus means 'a mass departure of people' and is the main theme of the book of Shemot. The 1<sup>st</sup> book of the Torah, Bereishit (Genesis) ended with the 12 tribes of Yisra'el having moved to Mitsrayim with the help of their brother Yoseph to start a new life during the famine. Now we are going to continue our story a few generations later and learn about Mosheh (Moses) who is from the tribe of Lewi (Levi), and how he was called to lead the exodus of the 12 tribes of Yisra'el from Mitsrayim to Kena'an (Canaan).

Because each parsha is so rich in information, we will only be able to examine certain parts of each parsha per lesson. We do encourage parents and their children to do their own studies. In future years, we will fill in the pieces from each parsha that we did not cover previously.

**Here is a breakdown of the 11 parashot in the book of Shemot:**

- Shemot (Names) - Ch. 1-5
- Va'eira (I appeared) - Ch. 6-9
- Bo (Go in) - Ch. 10-13
- Beshalach (When He sent) - Ch. 13-17
- Yitro (Jethro - His Excellency) - Ch. 18-20
- Mishpatim (Right-rulings) - Ch. 21-24
- Terumah - (Contribution) - Ch. 25-27
- Tetzaveh - (You shall command) - Ch. 27-30
- Ki Tisa - (When you lift up, or take up) - Ch. 30-34
- Vayak'hel - (He assembled) - Ch. 35-38
- Pekudei - (Amounts or Accounts) - Ch. 38-40

We pray that you will be blessed as we begin our study in the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of the Torah. Let's dig in!

## SHALOM FROM YMTOI/MTOI



# 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.

### This Bush is on Fire

Shalom children! Today we are going to talk about a new character in the Scriptures—one of Ya'aqob's descendants, born in Mitsrayim. **(Place pyramids on board.)** Now remember, 70 people had first come to live in Mitsrayim, but many, many years had gone by since Ya'aqob's family had moved there, and now there were many more. The children of those first families grew up and had grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren and... Well, you get the picture. A whole new group of people were there. Just as Yahweh had promised, Ya'aqob's family had become a huge number of people, and they were called Hebrews.

There were so many Hebrews that the new Pharaoh was NOT happy about it. **(Place Pharaoh on board.)** For years the Hebrews had worked alongside the Mitsrites, but now Pharaoh decided to force Ya'aqob's descendants to work extra hard as his slaves. But this failed to stop the Hebrews from living their lives and becoming an even bigger group of people! **(Place group of men on board.)** So Pharaoh then decided he would get rid of any Hebrew baby boys that were born. **(Place baby boys on board.)** That's so sad - they were just babies! But Pharaoh didn't want them to grow up to be strong men and maybe become soldiers against the Mitsrites. **(Point to group of men on board.)**

Well, there was one mother from the tribe of Lewi who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. His mom and dad hid their baby so that Pharaoh wouldn't try to get rid of him. But by the time this baby reached 3 months old, he became a little too noisy and a little too big to hide. So his mom made a little waterproof basket and put him in it. She then placed the basket in the water, by the reeds in the river. **(Place baby in basket and reeds on board.)** Now this baby had a big sister who stayed close by **(place Mosheh's sister on board)**, watching to make sure the baby was safe. Her name was Miryam.

One day Pharaoh's daughter went to the river to take a bath **(place Pharaoh's daughter on board)** and saw the basket. When she opened it, the baby was crying, and she knew it was not a Mitsrite baby.





She felt badly for this beautiful child and wouldn't even think of getting rid of him. When the baby's sister saw this, she immediately came running to Pharaoh's daughter and offered to help by getting a babysitter for the baby. Pharaoh's daughter thought that was a good idea, and she let the baby's sister go get someone. Well, Miryam was a smart little girl. Who do you think she went and got? Her mom, of course! The mother's name was Yokebed. **(Place Mosheh's mother on board.)** Pharaoh's daughter gave the baby to the mom and told her to bring him back when he was a little older. Wow, that's so cool! The mom didn't have to hide the baby anymore. She could take care of him and not be afraid. Yahweh provided for them, didn't He?

Well, when the baby got bigger, she did take him back to Pharaoh's daughter. **(Place Pharaoh's daughter on board.)** Pharaoh's daughter named him Mosheh, because she had drawn him out of the water. From now on, young Mosheh would live in the palace with the Mitsrite royalty.

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

Even though Mosheh grew up in the palace, he knew his birth family was Hebrew - the people that the Mitsrites were making into slaves. One day, when Mosheh had grown tall and strong, he happened to see a Mitsrite beating up one of the Hebrew slaves. Mosheh was NOT happy about that. **(Place Mosheh in Mitsrite clothing, angry Mitsrite man and scared Hebrew man on board.)** When the Mitsrite was alone **(remove scared Hebrew man from board)**, Mosheh went and beat him up and took his life. Of course, Mosheh knew he had NOT done a good thing! He glanced around to make sure no one was looking and hid the Mitsrite in the sand. **(Remove angry Mitsrite from board.)**

The next day Mosheh came across 2 Hebrews arguing. **(Place arguing Hebrew men on board.)** He tried to intervene, but they taunted him, asking if he was going to beat them up and take their lives like he did to the Mitsrite. Uh oh! Now Mosheh knew he was in trouble. And when Pharaoh found out, he was going to be in even more trouble. So Mosheh ran away.

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

Mosheh escaped to a land call Midyan. After traveling a long way, he found a well and sat down to rest. **(Place Mosheh with sandals and well on board.)** In this land there was a priest, and his name was Re'u'el. He had 7 daughters, and it was their job to water the sheep. **(Place 6 daughters and 1 daughter on board.)** The daughters had just arrived at the well to water the sheep, **(place sheep, rams and daughters by well)** but some of the other shepherds decided to be bullies and wouldn't let the girls bring their sheep to the water. **(Place shepherds on board.)** Now, that was not very nice, was it? But there was really no problem, because big, strong Mosheh saw them and scared them away. **(Remove shepherds from board.)** Not only did he rescue the girls, but he also watered the sheep for them.

The girls ran to tell their father about this kind stranger **(place Yitro on board and move daughters to him)**, and their father invited Mosheh to eat with them. **(Place food on board.)** Mosheh ended up settling down to live with them there in Midyan. He got married to one of Yitro's daughters and had 2 sons. **(Place 1 daughter and 2 sons next to Mosheh with sandals on board.)**

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



Meanwhile, back in Mitsrayim, a new Pharaoh had come to power. **(Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Pharaoh on board.)** He was even meaner to the Hebrews than the Pharaoh before him. The work had become so terribly hard on the Hebrew people that they were constantly crying out to Yahweh for help. Yahweh listened and remembered what He had promised to Abraham, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob. **(Place patriarchs on board.)**

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

One day, Mosheh led the sheep out to feed close to a mountain called Horeb. **(Place Mosheh with sandals, rod, sheep, and mountain on board.)** There he spotted a flame blazing on a bush, but the flame was not burning up the bush. **(Place burning bush on board.)** Mosheh was curious, but before he could get near enough, Yahweh spoke to him and told him NOT to get close. Yahweh called to him, "Mosheh, Mosheh!" Mosheh answered Him and said, "Here I am." In Hebrew, "Here I am" is "Hineni." **(Place words on board and point to them.)**

Yahweh also told him to take his sandals off, because the place he was standing on was set-apart ground. **(Remove Mosheh with sandals and replace with Mosheh without sandals.)** Mosheh was afraid and covered his face. Yahweh declared to Mosheh that He was the Elohim of Abraham, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob. **(Place patriarchs on board.)** He told Mosheh that He had heard the cries of the Hebrews and had come down to deliver them. Yahweh then made it clear that He was sending him, Mosheh, to get the Hebrews out of Mitsrayim.

Mosheh wondered what he should answer if the Hebrews asked who had sent him. Yahweh replied that he should say that "I AM" sent him. **(Place words on board and point to them.)** He told Mosheh that He was "I am that which I am," and that's what His name would be forever. He promised that one day all the Hebrews would worship Him on that very mountain. Yahweh then taught Mosheh exactly what to tell Pharaoh. He warned that Pharaoh would NOT listen at first, but in the end he would. And not only would the Hebrews get to leave Mitsrayim, but the Hebrew women would ask their Mitsrite neighbors for silver things and gold things and clothes, **(place bag of jewelry and robes on board)** and the Mitsrites would give them anything they wanted. Wouldn't that be totally cool?

Well children, there is a lot more to this story, but we'll save that for another time. We have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!





Mosheh in Mitsrite clothing



Mosheh without sandals



Rod



Mosheh with sandals



Mosheh's mother



Mosheh's sister

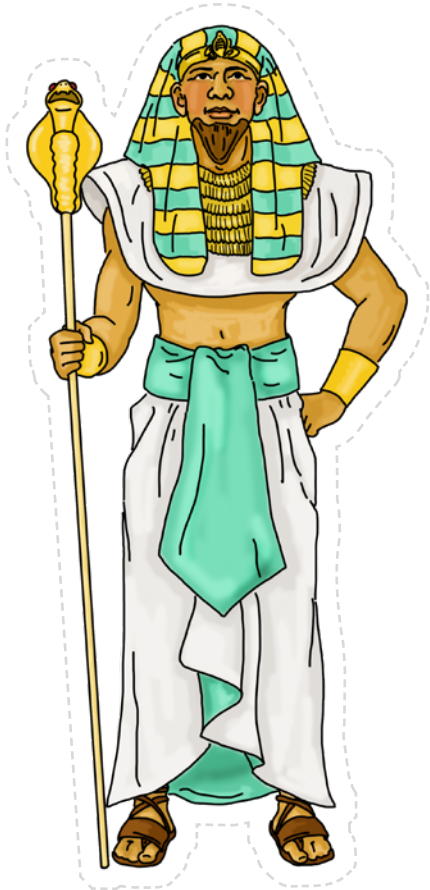


Pharaoh's daughter



2<sup>nd</sup> Pharaoh





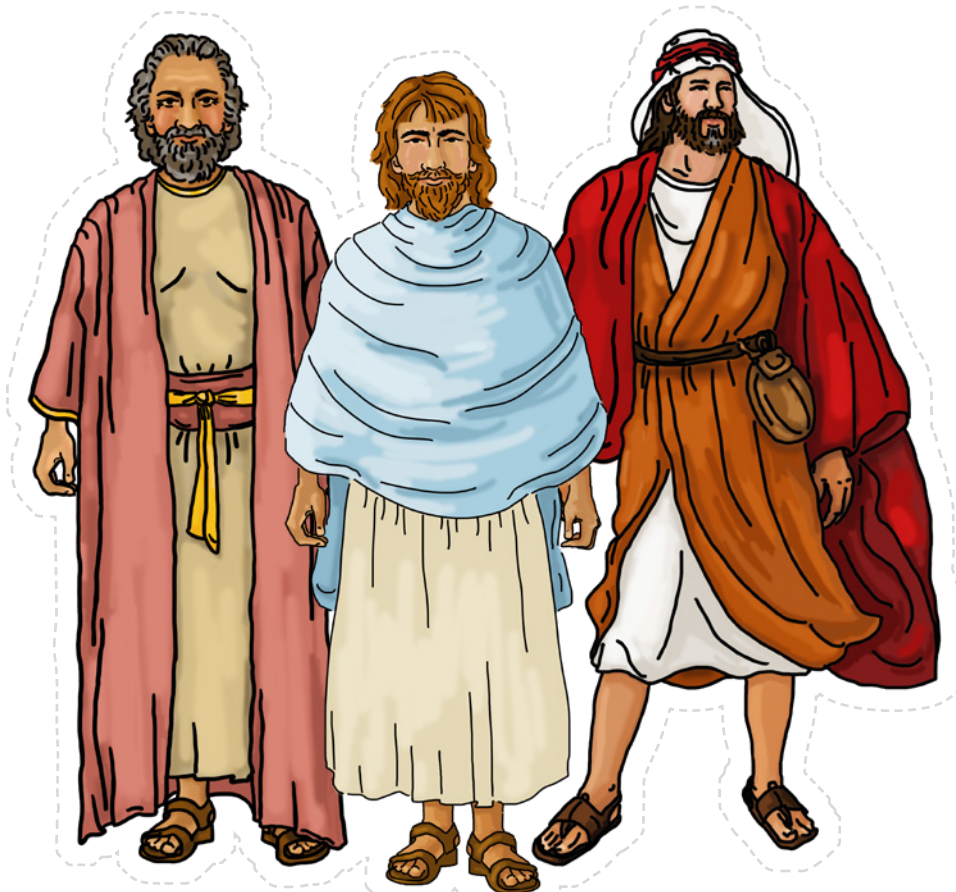
Pharaoh



Angry Mitsrite man



Scared Hebrew man



Patriarchs



Yitro



1 Daughter



Arguing Hebrew men



6 Daughters





Shepherds



2 Sons



Baby in basket

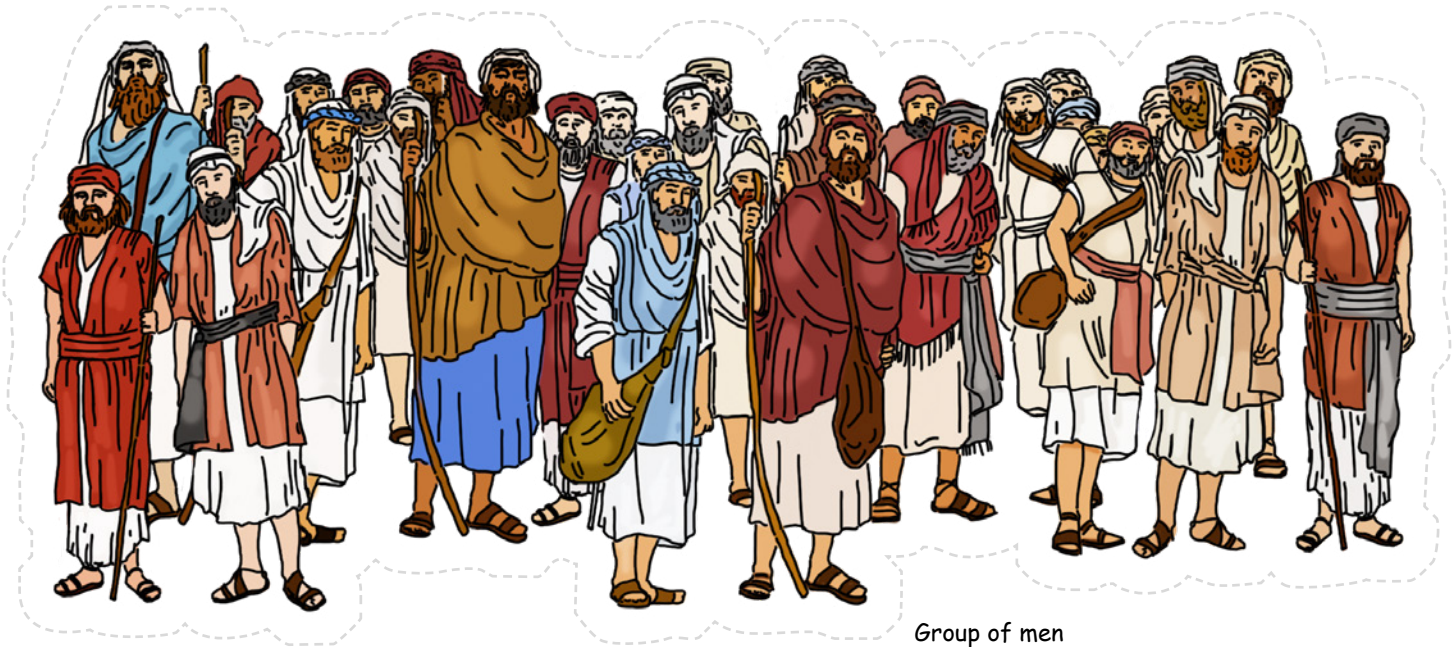


Bag of jewelry and robes



Baby boys





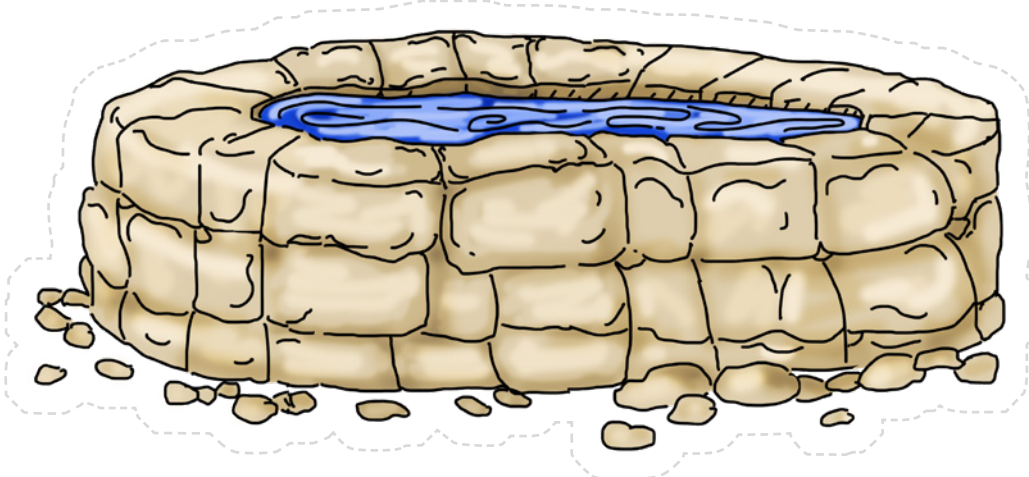
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Burning bush



Reeds



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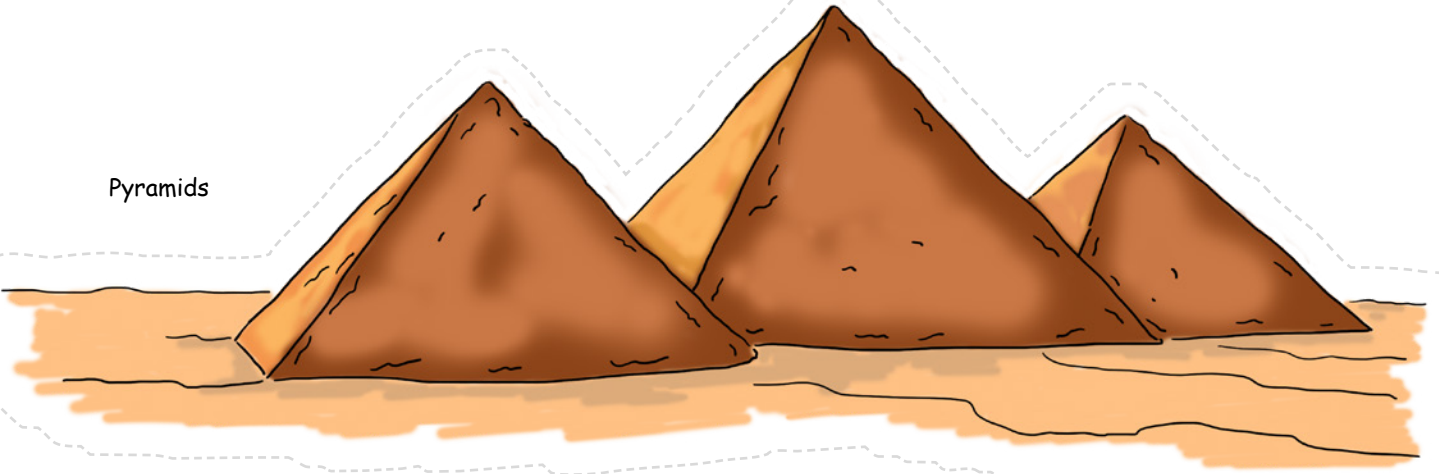


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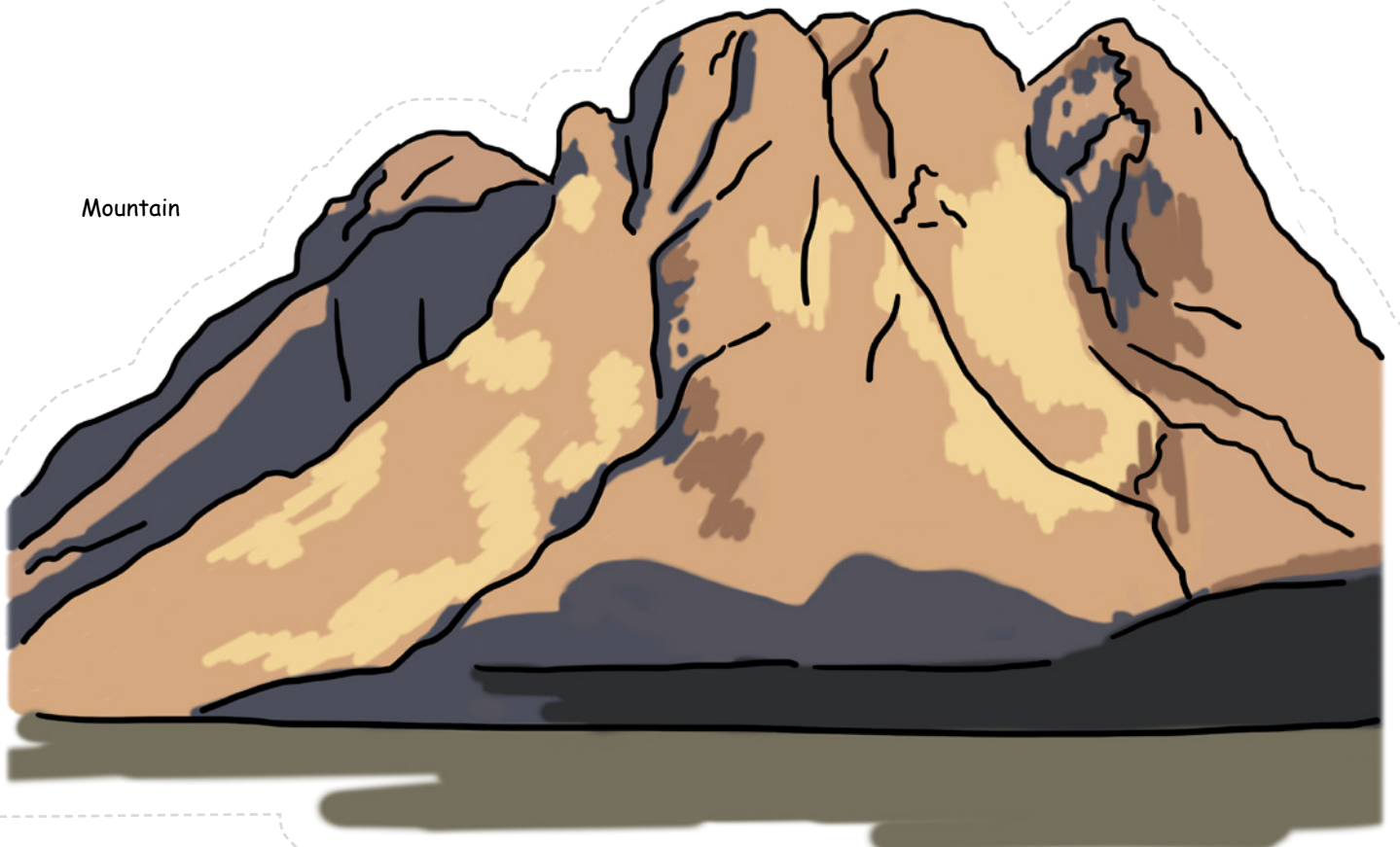
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I Am

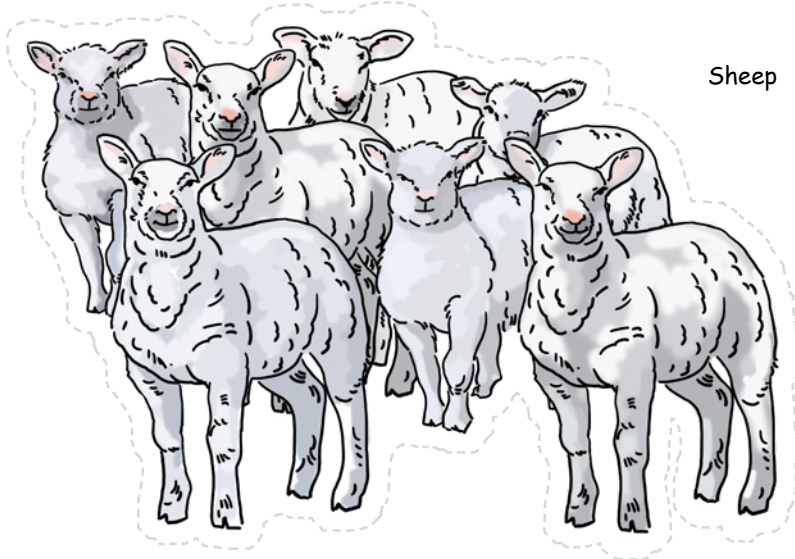
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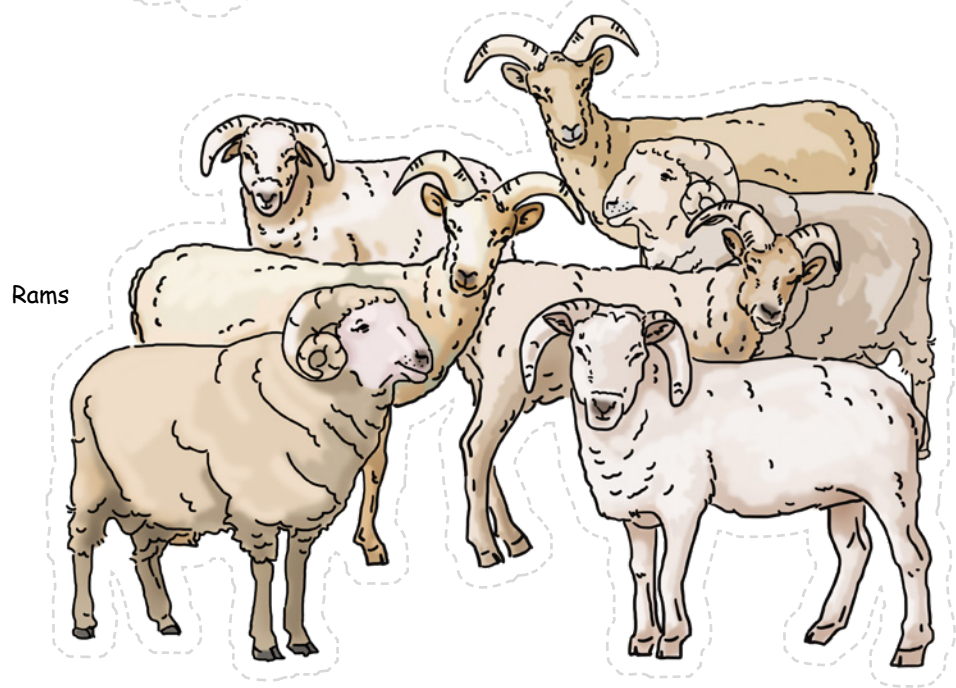




Sheep



Bag of jewelry

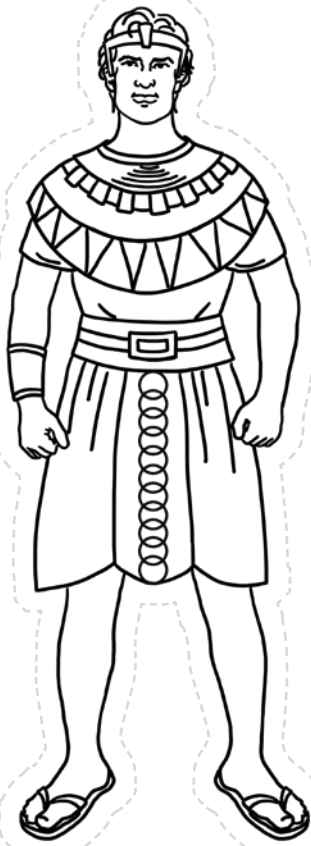


Rams



Food





Mosheh in Mitsrite clothing



Mosheh without sandals



Rod



Mosheh with sandals



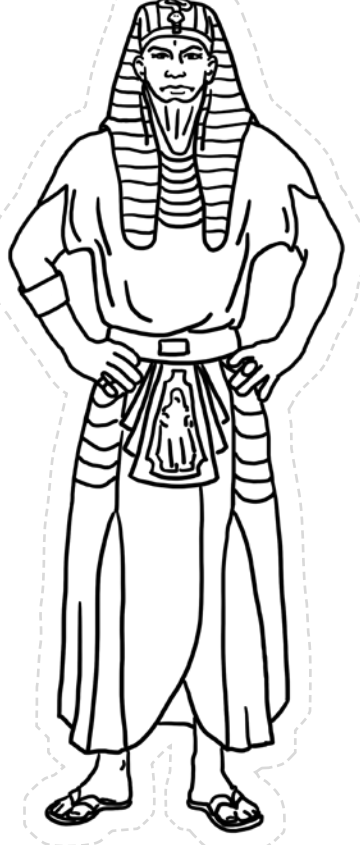
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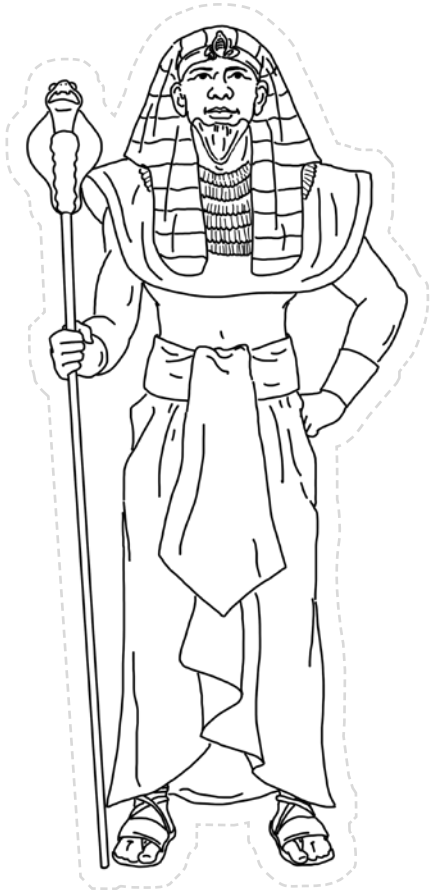
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Pharaoh's daughter



2<sup>nd</sup> Pharaoh



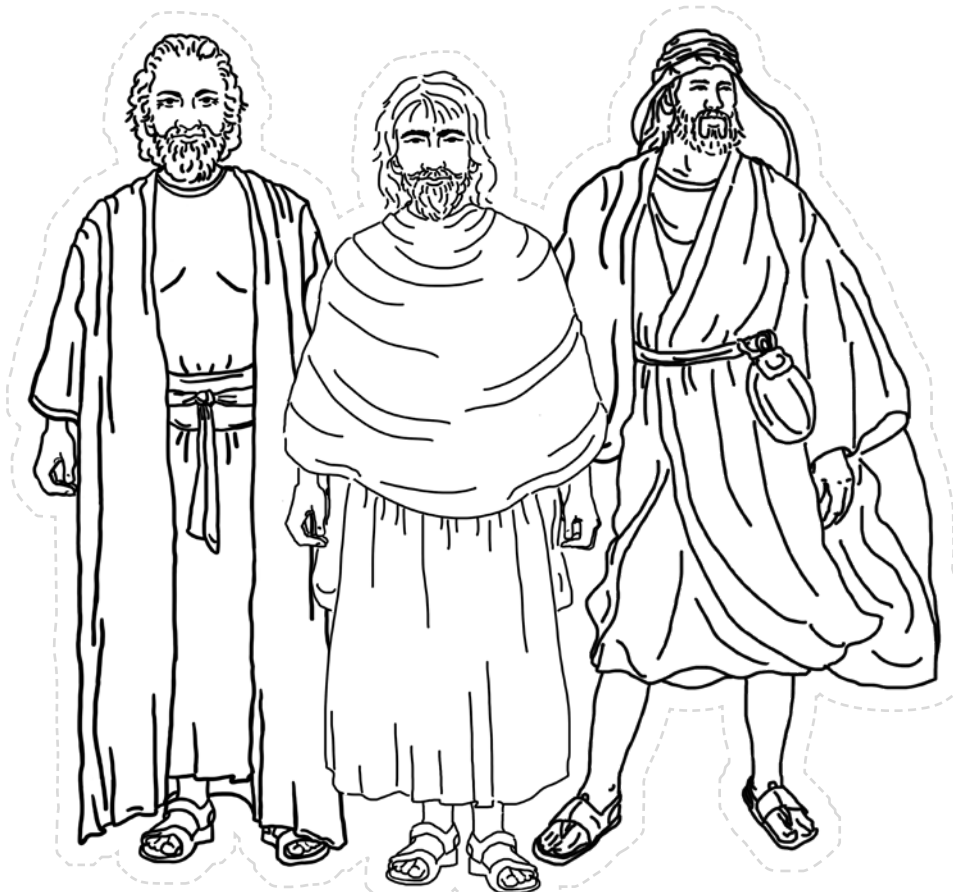
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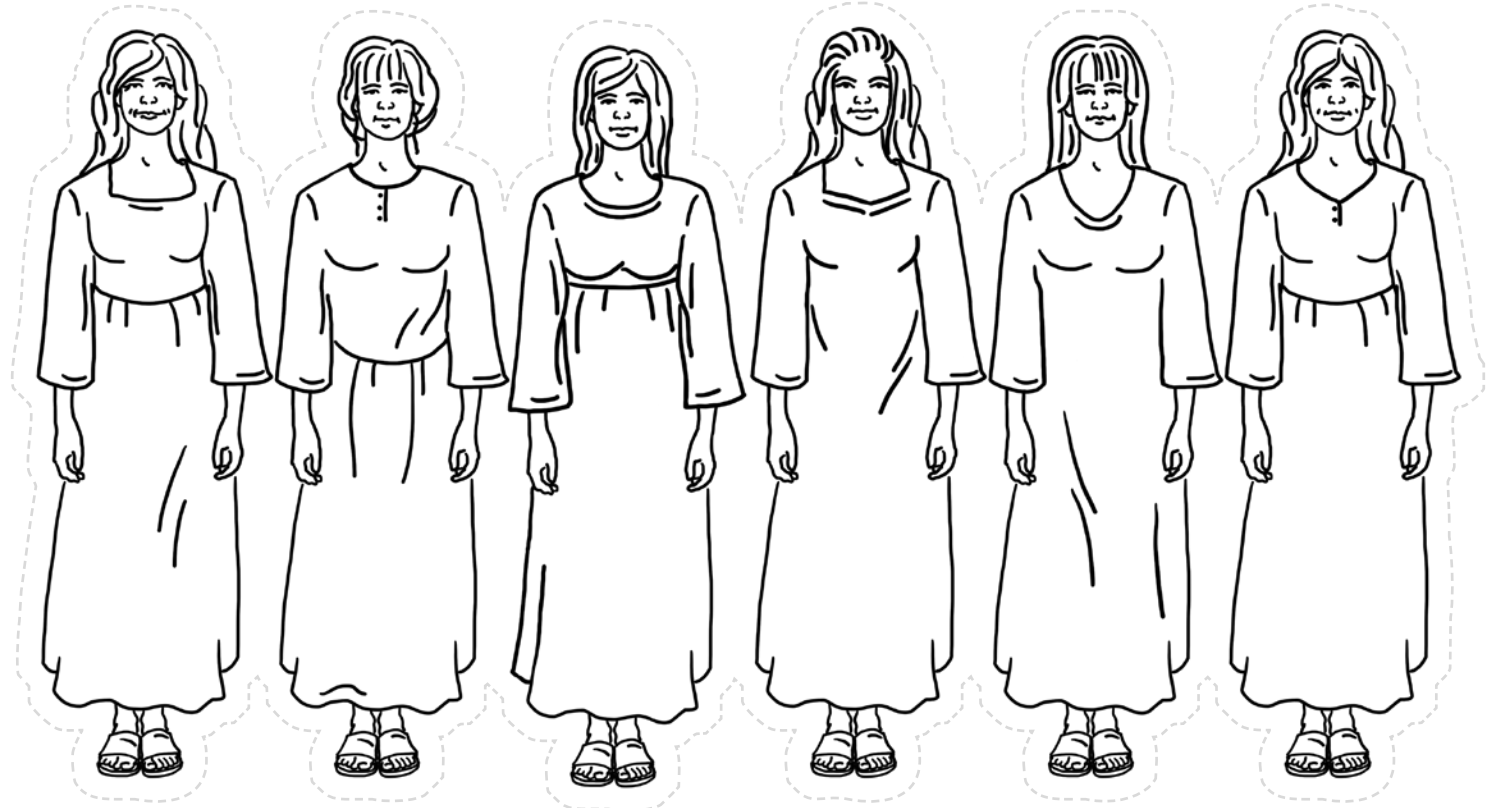
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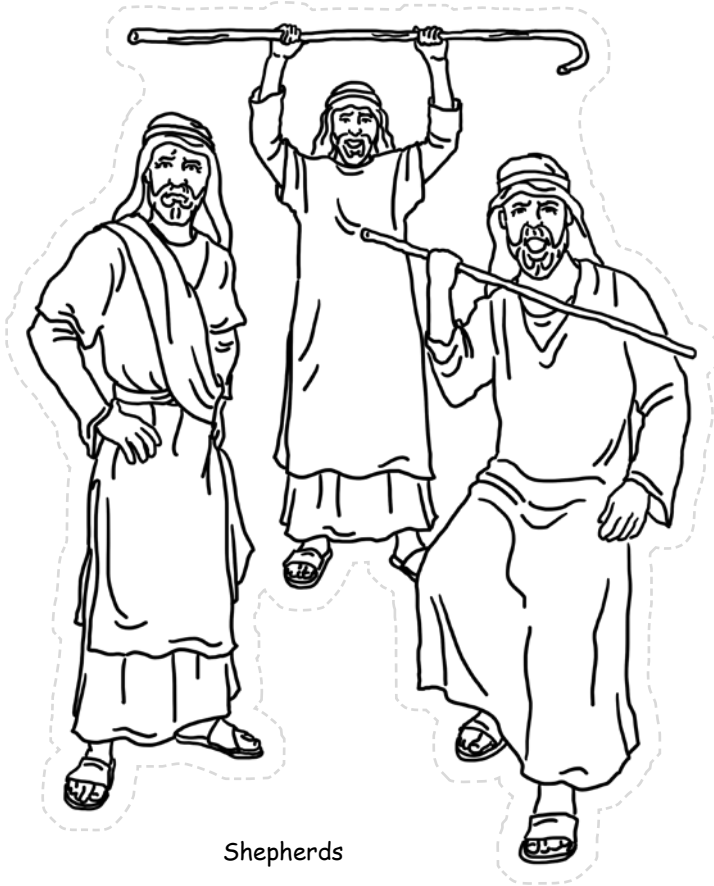


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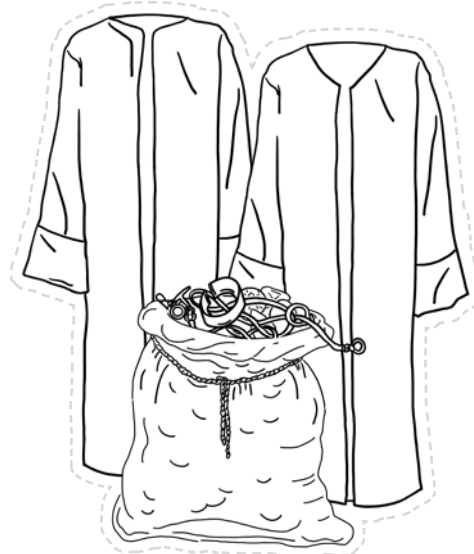
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2 Sons



Baby in basket



Bag of jewelry and robes



Baby boys



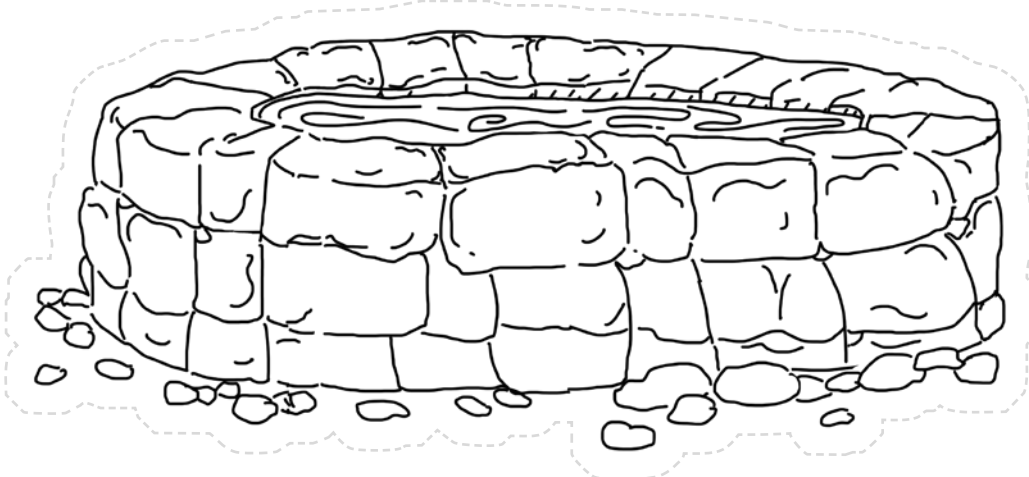
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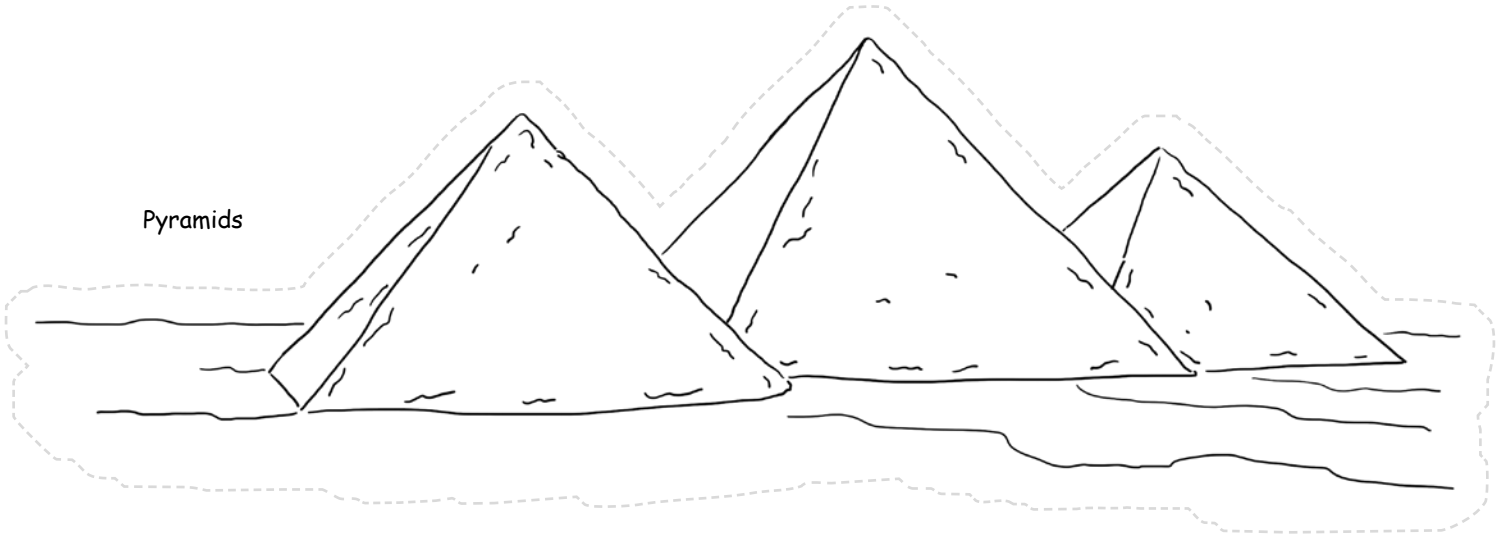


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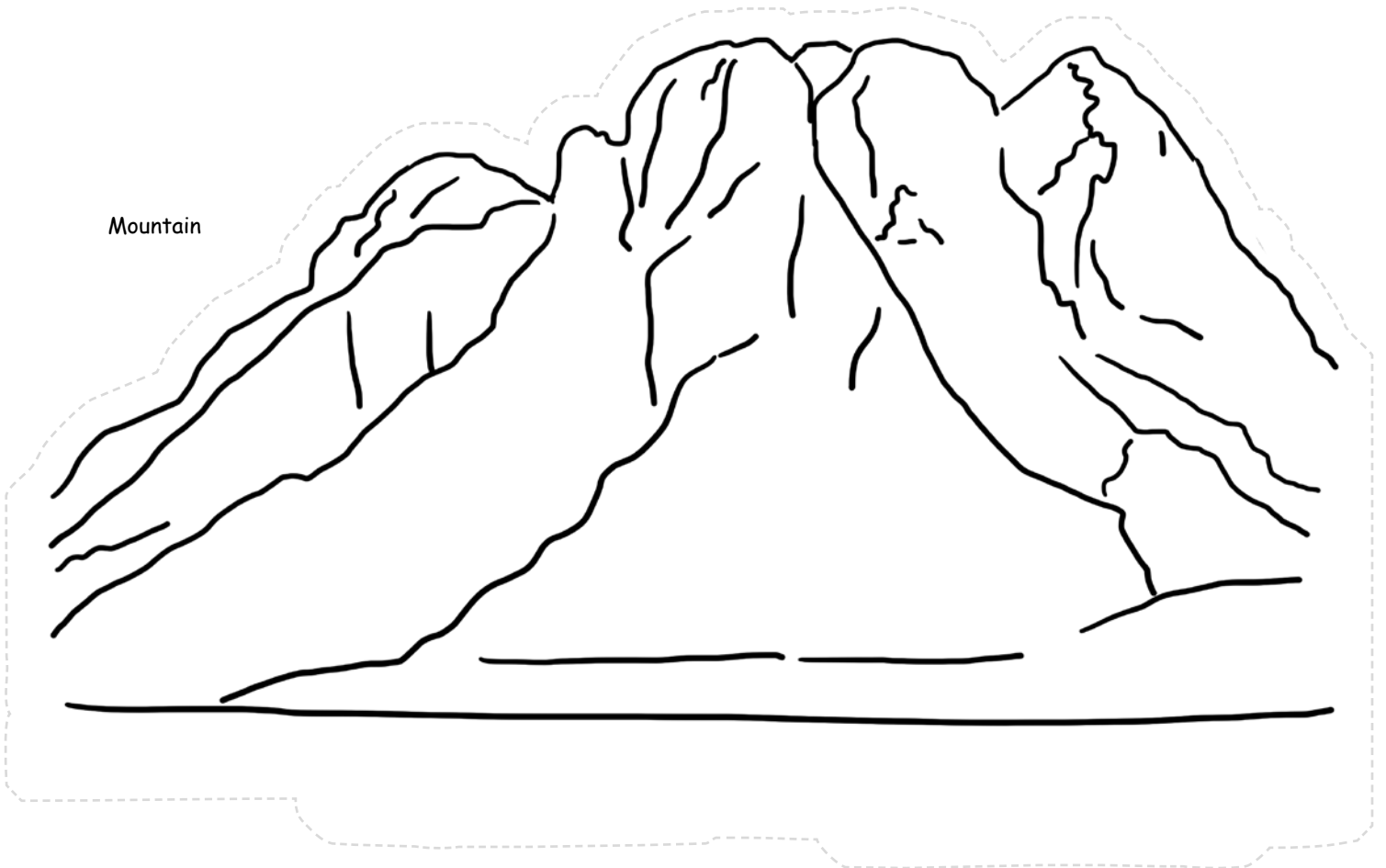
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I Am

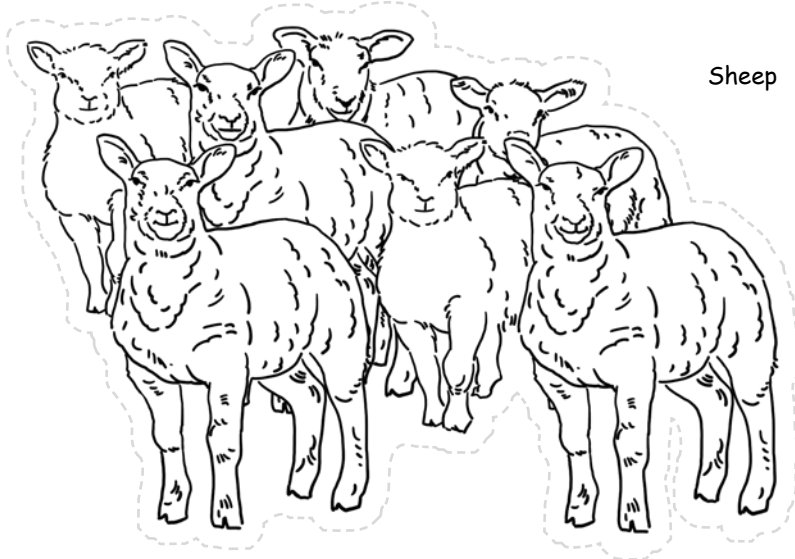
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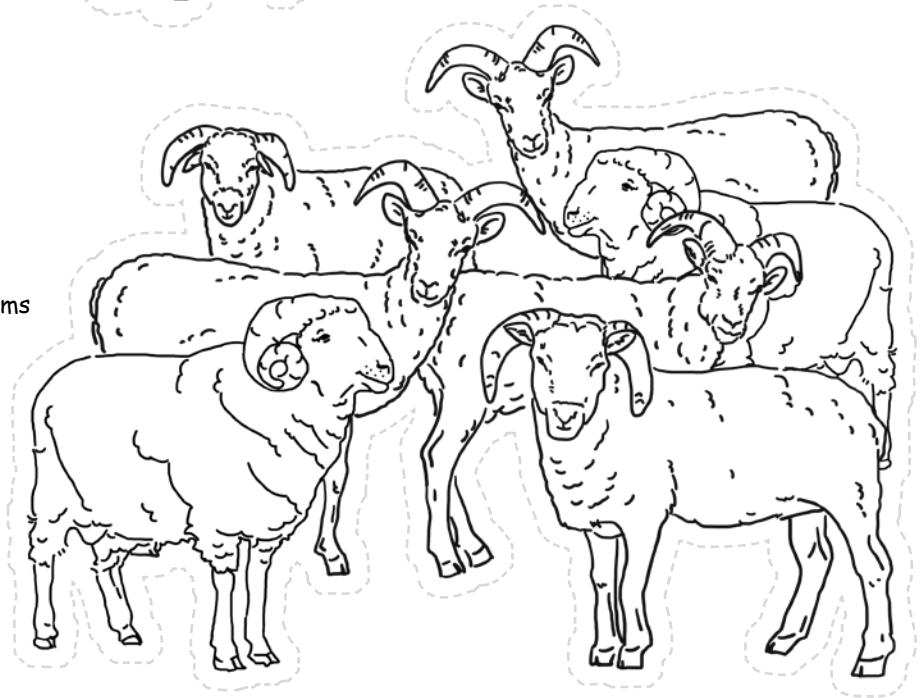




Sheep



Bag of jewelry



Rams



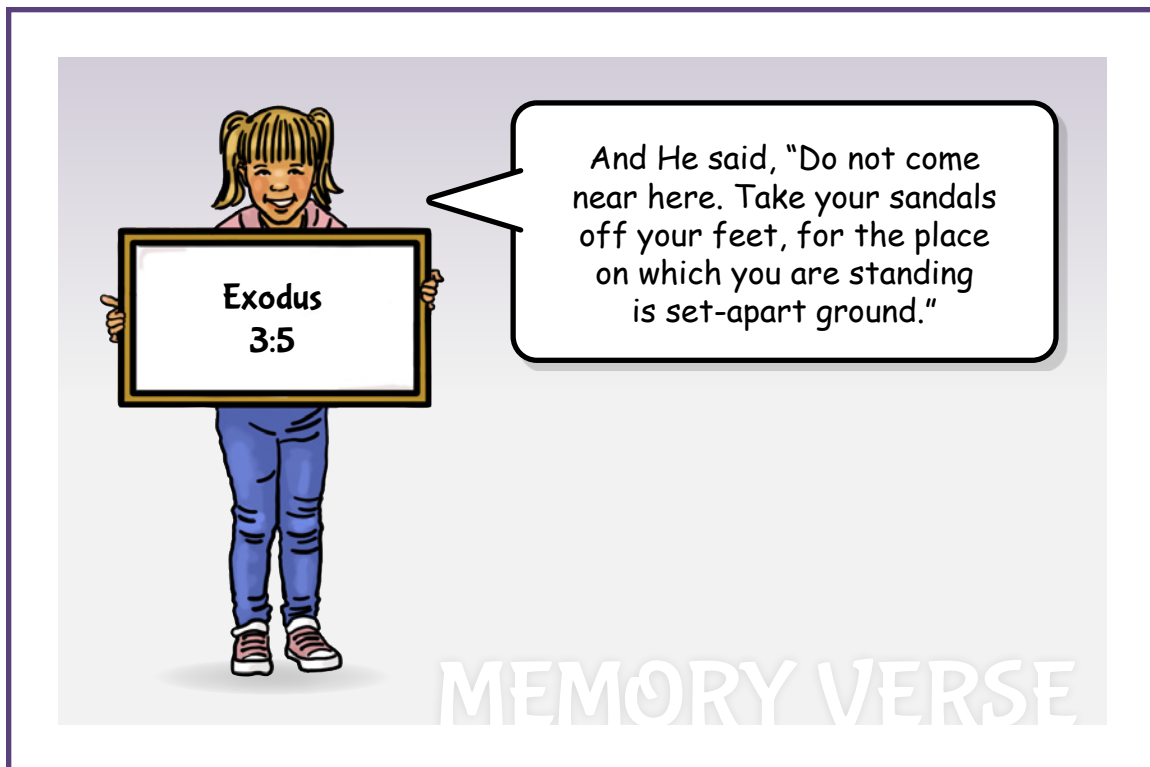
Food

# 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 Exodus 3:5. 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.



Use this space to draw a picture of the verse memorized.



Use this space to write out the verse memorized.

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# SEEKING TREASURE

Circle the correct choices.

1. Where was baby Mosheh placed? (2:3)



2. Who found Mosheh in the water? (2:5)



Mosheh's mother



Pharaoh

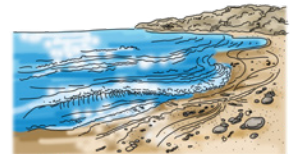


Pharaoh's daughter



Mosheh's sister

3. Where did Yahweh speak to Mosheh for the first time? (3:4)



4. What did Yahweh tell Mosheh to remove? (3:5)



5. Whom did Yahweh tell Mosheh to say who sent him? (3:14)

**I Am**

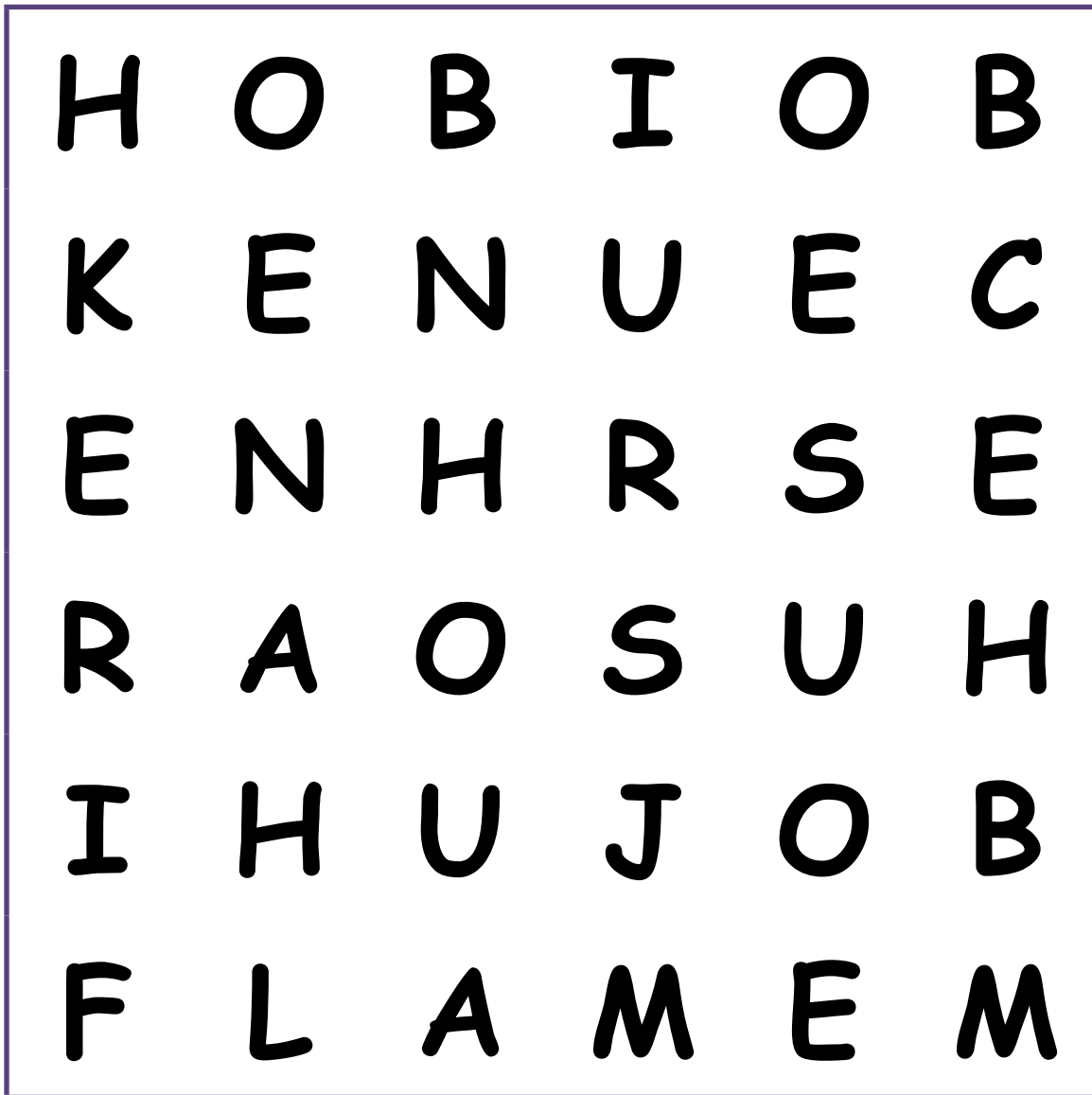
**Hineni**

**Here  
I Am**

**Yahweh  
Provides**

# WORD SEARCH

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



BURN

BUSH

FLAME

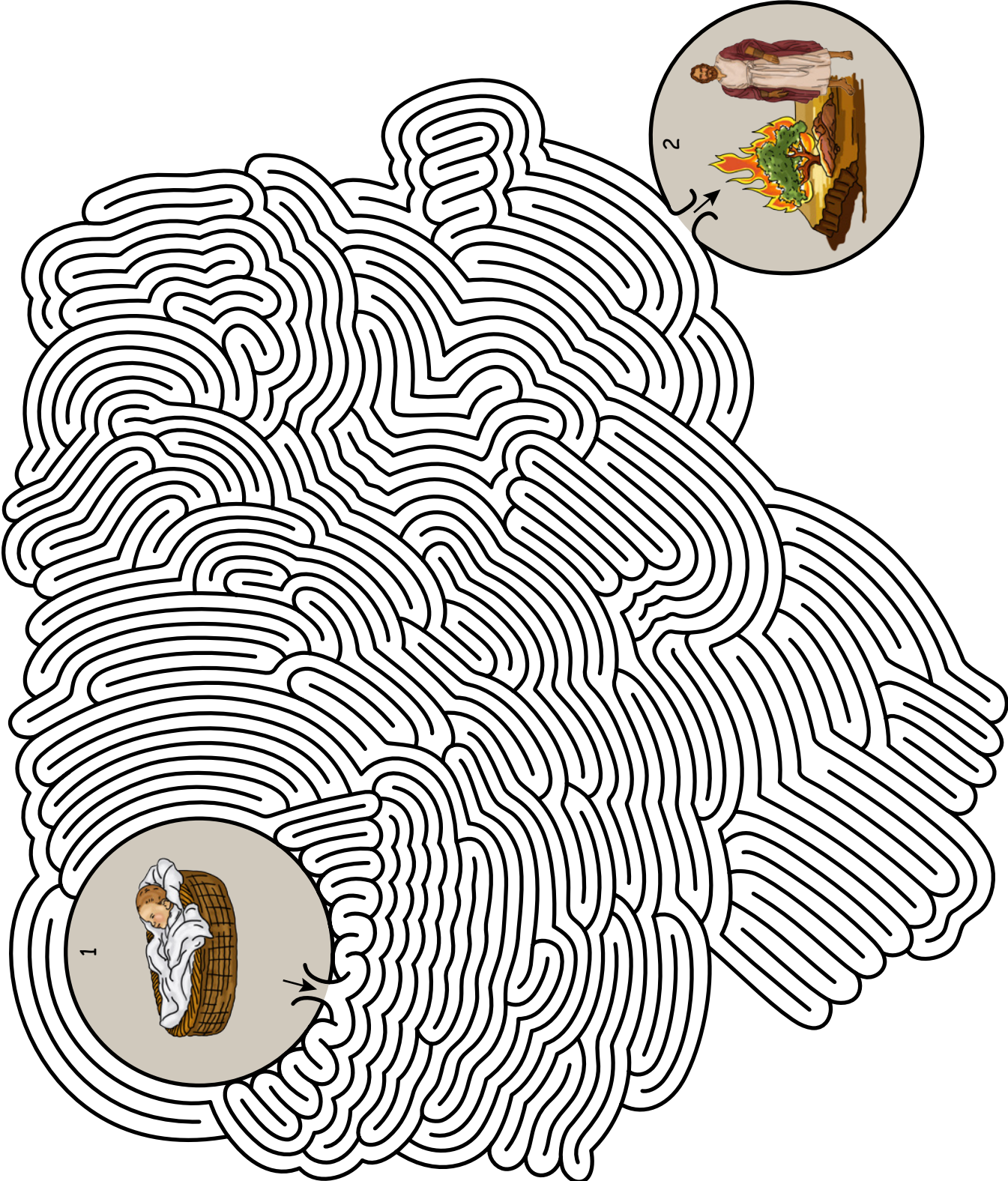
FIRE

MOSHEH

HOREB



# MAZE



# Precious Possessions

## CRAFT

### Materials:

- Copy paper - white
- Glass jar - clear (12-16 oz.)
- Tissue paper - red, orange, yellow (for flames); green (for leaves)
- Tea light (\*battery operated)
- Mod Podge
- Sponge brush
- Scissors
- Brown marker - fine tip
- Craft Template: A

#### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on copy paper.

## The Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-3



### Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out Craft Template. (P1)
- Place rolled clear tape on the back of the bush branches and trunk. (P2)
- Position the template on your glass jar and trace the outline with a fine tip brown marker. (P3a, P3b)
- Remove the template from the jar and fill in the outline with your fine tip brown marker. (P4a, P4b)
- Set jar aside to allow to dry.



P1



P2



P3a



P3b



P4a



P4b



# Instructions for the Craft Cont'd:

## Adding Flames to the Jar

- Take red, orange and yellow square tissues and shape them into flower bouquets as follows: (P5)

➤ Begin by putting a square tissue around your index finger in a diamond position. (P6a)

➤ Wrap the sides around your index finger like a burrito. Bring one end over and then the other end over. (P6b)

➤ Twist the ends to finish the 'flame'. (P6c)



P6a



P6b



P5



P7

- Using a sponge brush, apply *Mod Podge* over the bush trunk and branches. (P7)

- At the top of each branch, add yellow tissue connecting the twisted bottom to the *Mod Podge*. (P8a)

- Below the yellow tissue, add orange tissue as desired. (P8b)

- Below the orange tissue, add red tissue as desired. (P8c)

- Cut green tissue into leaf shapes.

- Below the flames and anywhere desired, add the green tissue leaves to the burning bush.

- Set jar aside to allow tissues and glue to dry.

- Place battery operated tea light in the jar and enjoy the burning bush. (P9)



P8a



P8b



P8c

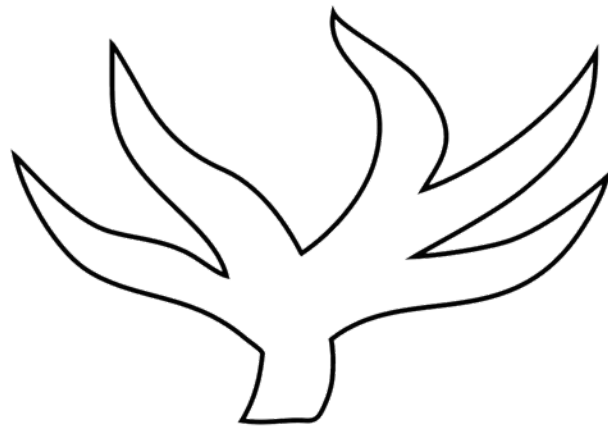
*You now have a visual representation of the burning bush where 'I AM' spoke to Mosheh. Once the tissues and glue are dry, you can place a battery-operated tea light inside the jar so that the bush can appear to be on fire. This makes a beautiful centerpiece for your Passover seder table.*



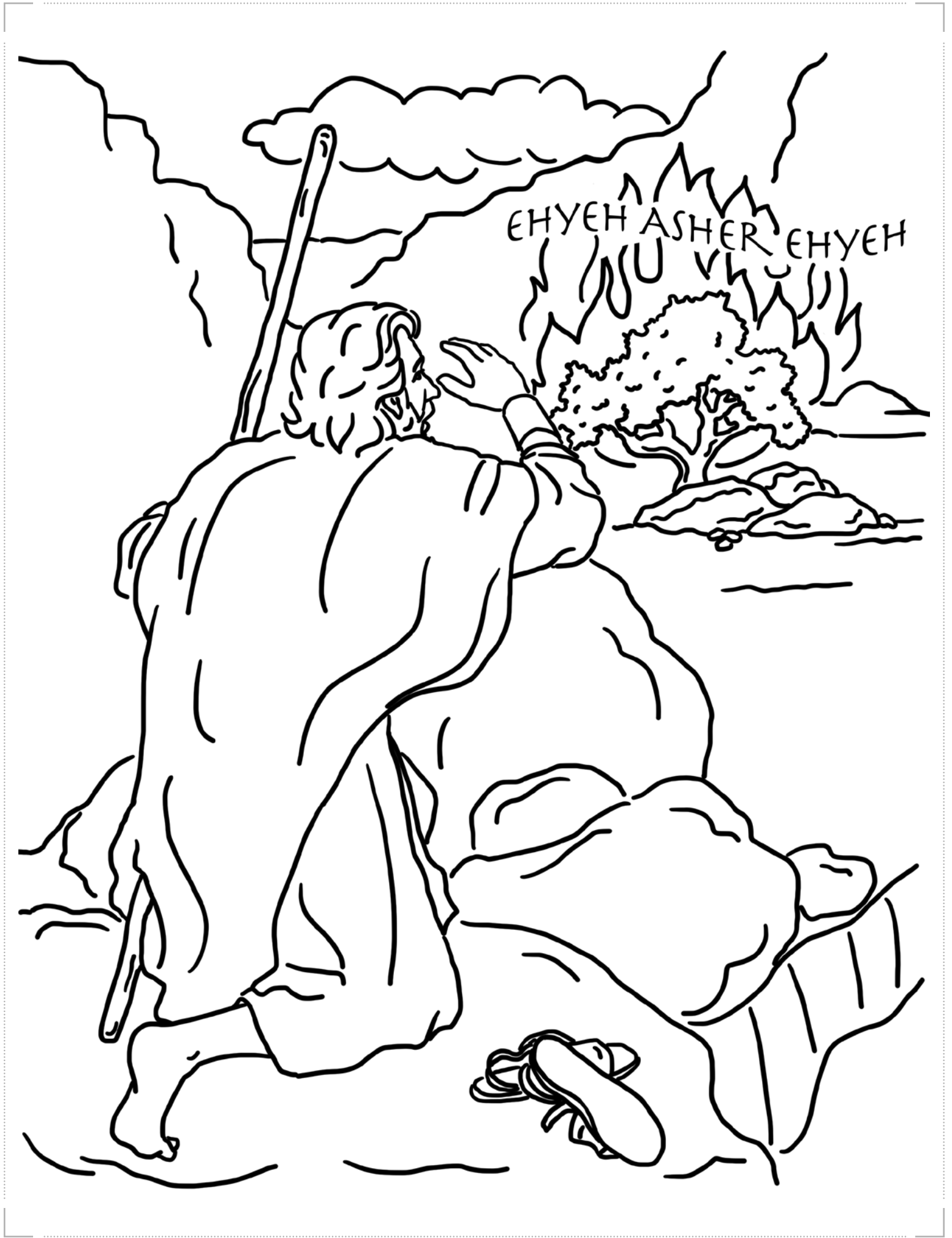
P9

\* We do NOT recommend using a flame candle as this could be a fire hazard.

# Craft Template A









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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/2023-01-07T05\\_56\\_10-08\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2023-01-07T05_56_10-08_00)

Sing to the tune of "Mulberry Bush"

### Mosheh and the Burning Bush

Up on the mountain Mosheh went  
Mosheh went, Mosheh went  
Up on the mountain Mosheh went  
To see the burning bush

It burned and burned but didn't burn up  
Didn't burn up, didn't burn up  
It burned and burned but didn't burn up  
It was so strange a sight

God spoke to Mosheh from the bush  
From the bush, from the bush  
God spoke to Mosheh from the bush  
And said, "My helper you'll be."



# 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.

## Mosheh's Sandals

Exodus 3:5

### *Savory Sandals*

#### Ingredients:

- Any type of sandwich bread (cut 2 sandal shapes out of 1 slice)
- Any colored pepper (cut in 4 strips to represent sandal strap)\*
- Carrot (cut 2 slices to decorate sandal straps)

\* Parents may choose to use any type of vegetable to create the sandal straps.



#### Instructions:

Take 1 slice of sandwich bread of your choice and cut out 2 foot shapes with a knife. Take your colored pepper and cut 4 strips to make sandal straps for each foot. Cut 2 carrot coins to create the sandal strap connector.

Place peppers and carrots on sandwich bread to create the sandal straps.

### *Sweet Sandals*

#### Ingredients:

- *Nutter Butter* cookies (1 or 2)
- Icing gel color of your choice (to create sandal strap)
- Candy pearls (to embellish your sandal straps)

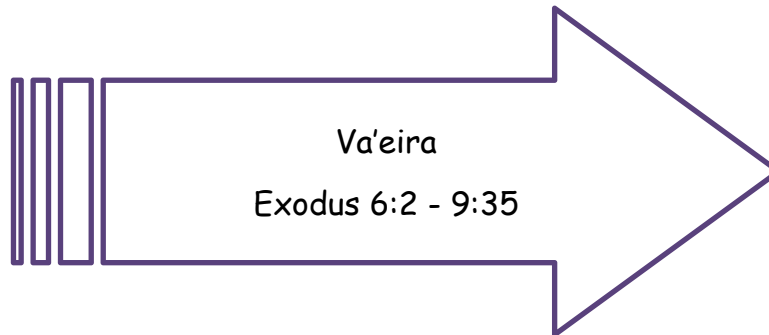


#### Instructions:

Take a *Nutter Butter* cookie and either use as is or separate it into 2 parts to have 2 sandals. The peanut butter filling can be removed if desired. Squeeze your choice of colored icing gel onto the cookies to make sandal straps. Embellish your sandal straps with candy pearls as desired.

# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

## Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Ex. 6:2-12	Yahweh's covenant with Yisra'el
Tuesday:	Ex. 6:13-27	The genealogy of Aharon
Wednesday:	Ex. 6:28 - 7:13	Yahweh informs Mosheh of His plan; Aharon performs the 1 <sup>st</sup> miracle with the rod
Thursday:	Ex. 7:14 - 8:19	Plagues 1-3: blood, frogs and gnats
Friday:	Ex. 8:20 - 9:35	Plagues 4-7: flies, death of livestock, boils and hail

