

Mishpatim

"Right-Rulings"

Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Katan Bet/Gadol



In This Edition:

18.1 - Right-Rulings

Exodus 21-23



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Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Ex. 21:1-27	Right-Rulings
Tuesday:	Ex. 21:28-36	Right-Rulings
Wednesday:	Ex. 22	Right-Rulings
Thursday:	Ex. 23	Right-Rulings; Land Sabbath; Weekly Sabbath; Annual Festivals
Friday:	Ex. 24	Appearing before Yahweh; Blood Covenant; Book of the Covenant read

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be covering some right-rulings that Yahweh gave Yisra'el. We have separated the instructions into subject headings for easy study. Because of some mature content, we have left some verses out. Parents may choose to cover these verses on their own. We have also referenced other passages to tie in similar verses as witnesses to the instruction. Now, let's read Exodus 21-23.

PARSHA POINTS

- Yahweh gave the children of Yisra'el His right-rulings (**mishpatim**) to set before them - 21:1

Right-Rulings Concerning Servants

- A Hebrew servant will serve for 6 (**shesh**) years and be set free the 7th year - 21:2; Deut. 15:12
 - If he came in alone, he goes out alone - 21:3
 - He is not to go out empty-handed but with flocks, grain and drink - Deut. 15:13-14
 - If he came in married, he goes out with his spouse - 21:3
 - If his master gave him a wife and he has children during the 6 years, the wife and children will stay with the master, but he may leave - 21:4
 - The servant may choose to stay and continue to be his servant forever, but he must pierce his ear with an awl to confirm the decision - 21:4-6; Deut. 16-17
 - If a master strikes their servant so that they die, the master shall be punished. If the servant does not die, the master is not punished - 21:20-21
 - If a master strikes the eye of his servant so that it is maimed or knocks out their tooth, he is to let the servant go out free - 21:26-27



Right-Rulings Concerning Violence

- The one who strikes a man *intentionally* (premeditated) so that he dies will be put to death - 21:12, 14
- If someone killed someone *unintentionally*, they would have a place of refuge to flee to - 21:13
- The one who strikes or curses their father or their mother shall be put to death - 21:15, 17
- If 2 (**shtayim**) people fight and one ends up injured but does not die, the one who struck the other is innocent but must pay for his loss of time from work and their medical needs - 21:18-19



Right-Rulings Concerning Animals

- If an animal owned by someone kills a human, then that animal shall be put to death. Their flesh is not eaten, and the owner is innocent - 21:28
- If an animal owned by someone kills a human and the owner was warned, then the owner and animal shall both be put to death - 21:29-31
- If an animal kills a servant of someone, then the owner is to give the master 30 (**shloshim**) sheqels of silver and the animal is stoned to death - 21:32
- If someone makes a pit and does not cover it so that someone's animals falls into it and dies the owner of the pit is to repay the owner of the animal silver and the dead animal is his - 21:33-34
- When the animal of an owner smites the animal of his neighbor so that he dies, then the live animal shall be sold and the profit from it be split between both owners as well as the dead animal - 21:35
- If the animal owned by someone kills another animal after the owner was warned, then the owner of the live animal shall repay animal for animal and keep the dead one - 21:36
- When an owner's animal is let loose and grazes in another's field or vineyard because his is bare, he will repay with the best from his field or vineyard - 22:5
- When one gives any of animals to be watched over by his neighbor and something happens to it, if the neighbor says he did his utmost to keep it safe then the owner must believe him and there is no fault - 22:10-11
- If an animal is stolen while a neighbor is watching over the owner's animals, then he will repay the owner of the animal - 22:12
- If an animal is torn to pieces while a neighbor is watching over it and he brings it for evidence, then he does NOT repay the owner - 22:13
- If an animal is borrowed and it is injured or dies while the owner is not there, the borrower has to pay for the loss - 22:14
- If an animal is borrowed or rented and it is injured or dies while the owner is there, the owner is responsible - 22:15
- Do NOT eat any flesh that was torn to pieces for you are set-apart - 22:31



Right-Rulings Concerning Theft

- The one who kidnaps a person and sells them will be put to death - 21:16
- The one who steals an ox or a sheep and kills it or sells it shall repay the owner 5 (**chamesh**) cattle for an ox and 4 (**arba**) sheep for a sheep - 22:1
- If someone breaks into a home and is killed by the owner, there is no guilt - 22:2
- If someone breaks into a home and is hurt by the owner and does not die, he will repay the owner - 22:2
- If someone breaks into a home and is hurt by the owner and does not die, and he cannot repay the owner he must be sold for his theft - 22:2
- If a thief is found with the animal he stole, he will repay double - 22:4
- If a man gives his silver or gold (valuables) to his neighbor to guard and it is stolen in his care, if the thief is found he repays double - 22:7
- If a man gives his silver or gold (valuables) to his neighbor to guard and it is stolen under his care, if the thief is NOT found then the owner will come before leadership for the verdict - 22:8
- For any cause involving theft between an owner and another, they both shall come before leadership and the one at fault will repay double - 22:9



Right-Rulings Concerning Causes for Termination of Life

- The one who practices witchcraft will be put to death - 22:18
- The one who offers a sacrifice to another elohim will be put to death - 22:20

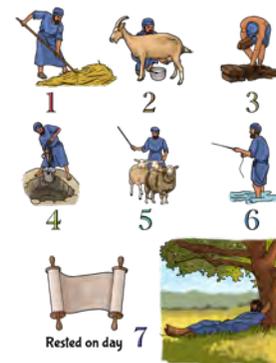
Right-Rulings Concerning Your Neighbor

- If one causes a fire that spreads to another's property, the one who kindled the fire shall repay - 22:6
- Treat a sojourner with kindness; Do NOT oppress them - 22:21; 23:9
- Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan for Yahweh will repay those that do this - 22:22-24
- Do not give money to those in need with interest - 22:25
- If you take your neighbor's garment as collateral, you are to return it to him before sundown for Yahweh will hear and take care of them - 22:26-27
- Do NOT give a false report or be a malicious witness - 23:1
- Do NOT follow a crowd to do evil including bearing witness that is NOT correct so as to follow after the many - 23:2
- Do NOT show favoritism to the poor in a strife - 23:3
- Be kind to your enemy's animal regardless of how you feel about them - 23:4-5
- Do NOT turn aside correct right-ruling against one who is poor - 23:6
- Do NOT give a false testimony that results in the death of an innocent person - 23:7
- Do NOT take a bribe for favoritism in court - 23:8



Right-Rulings Concerning Rest

- Sow seed for 6 years but the 7th year you let it rest - 23:10-11; Leviticus 25:1-7
- The 7th year land rest is to provide food for the poor and the beasts of the field - 23:11
- Work 6 days but on the 7th day you rest, including your animals, servants and sojourners - 23:12



Right-Rulings Concerning Festivals and Offerings to Yahweh

• Festivals

- Three (**shalosh**) times in a year all males are to celebrate a festival to Yahweh - 23:14-17; Leviticus 23
 - The Festival of Unleavened Bread
 - 7 (**sheva**) days you eat unleavened bread (**matzot**) in the month of **Abib** /Aviv (barley harvest)
 - Do NOT appear before Me empty-handed
 - The Festival of the Harvest
 - Bring the first-fruits (**bikkurim**) of your labors from your field (wheat harvest)
 - The Festival of the Ingathering (**ha'asiph**)
 - You do this after you have gathered the fruit from the field (the end of the agricultural year)



Offerings

- Give of your first-fruits and first-born to Elohim; First-born are to be given to Yahweh the 8th (**shmoneh**) day - 22:29-30
- Do NOT bring leavened bread with your blood (animal) offerings - 23:18
- Do NOT leave the fat from the sacrifice until morning - 23:18
- Bring the first-fruits of the land to Yahweh - 23:19
- Do NOT boil a young goat in its mother's milk - 23:19

Right-Rulings Concerning Authority

- Give proper respect to those in authority - 22:28
- Obey the voice of the Messenger that I sent before/with you to receive the blessings and protection from Yahweh - 23:20-23

Right-Rulings Concerning Elohim

- Serve only Yahweh your Elohim so that you receive the blessings He promised to you - 23:25-33; Lev. 26

DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Notice that most of these right-rulings are timely even for our day. Discuss how you can fulfill these in your own life. For example, how can you not be a party to repeating false rumors?
- Explain how the turning away from these very rules are the root of our declining societies all over the world.
- What does it mean when Yahweh tells us NOT to show favor to the poor? Is He favoring the wealthy or is this a caution against giving a wrong verdict just because you feel sorry for the poor? What does it mean when Yahweh tells us not to turn aside a correct verdict when one is poor? Again, is He telling us that everyone deserves a fair trial regardless of their status?



Searching Out Hebrew

Parents/Teachers can print out the '[Hebrew Pronunciation Guide](#)' to help with the pronunciation of Hebrew names and words. They can be cut out and used in conjunction with the Flashcards.

WORDS

Parents/Teachers see the following page for 3 x 5 card cut outs of the words from this week's parsha. If printed on cardstock, they can be kept in a box to reinforce learning.

Mishpatim (**משפטים**) - right-rulings

Matzot (**מצות**) - unleavened bread

Bikkurim (**בכורים**) - first-fruits

Ha'asiph (**האסף**) - ingathering

NUMBERS

Parents/Teachers can print out these numbers to have as additional resources. These can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the YMTOI website.

2 - shtayim

3 - shalosh

4 - arba

5 - chamesh

6 - shesh

7 - sheva

8 - shmoneh

30 - shloshim



WORD MATCH

Match this week's Hebrew words to their correct definition.

Bikkurim

First-fruits

Ha'asiph

Ingathering

Matzot

Right-Rulings

Mishpatim

Unleavened Bread



FLASHCARDS

מצות

Matzot

Matz-ot

unleavened bread

האסף

Ha'asiph

Ha-a-siph

ingathering

משפטים

Mishpatim

Mish-pa-tim

right-rulings

בכורים

Bikkurim

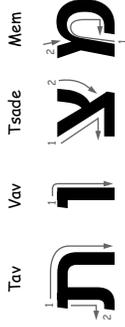
Bik-ku-rim

first-fruits

WRITING HEBREW

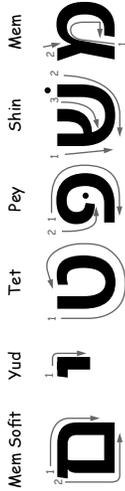
Matzot (unleavened bread)

מצות



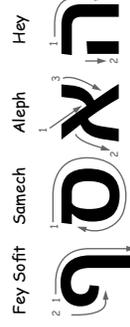
Mishpatim (right-rulings)

משפטים



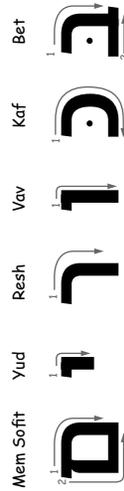
Ha'asiph (ingathering)

האסף



Bikkurim (first-fruits)

בכורים



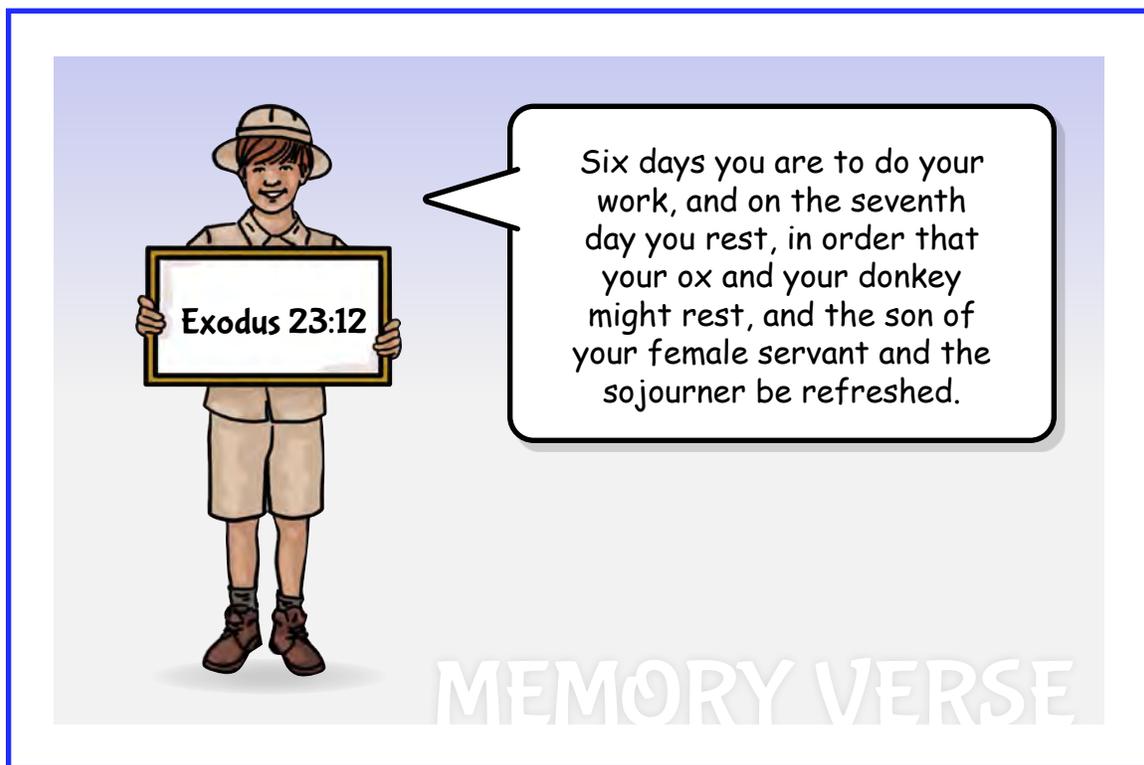


Counting What You Gained

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 Bet and Gadol memory verse is Exodus 23:12. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



Exodus 23:12

Six days you are to do your work, and on the seventh day you rest, in order that your ox and your donkey might rest, and the son of your female servant and the sojourner be refreshed.

MEMORY VERSE

SEEKING TREASURE

1.



What word did Yahweh use for the way
He wanted His people to obey Him?

Torah Right-Rulings Commands

Charges Words Laws

(21:1)

2.



A Hebrew servant serves for 6
years and goes out the 7th year.

T / F

(21:2)

3.



If a servant decides to stay with his
master, what ritual must he do?

tattoo himself pierce his ear

shave his body

(21:6)

4.



Anyone who hits or curses their father or
mother shall be put to _____.

(21:15, 17)

5.



**Circle all the correct
consequences for actions.**

eye for eye tooth for tooth
hand for hand foot for foot
burn for burn wound for wound
lash for lash life for life

(21:23-25)

6.



Do NOT bring a _____
_____. Do NOT put your
hand with the _____ to be a
_____ witness.

(23:1)

7.



6 years you are to sow but the 7th year you are to let the land rest.

T / F

(23:10-11)

8.



What days are you allowed to work?

Circle the correct choices.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Thursday Friday Saturday

(23:12)

9.



How many times a year are the males to appear before Yahweh at His festivals?

1 3 7 365

(23:14, 17)

10.



Whom did Yahweh say He was sending before them to guard them and to prepare the place where they were going?

Yehoshua 10 Spies Kaleb Messenger

(23:20)

Bonus Question:



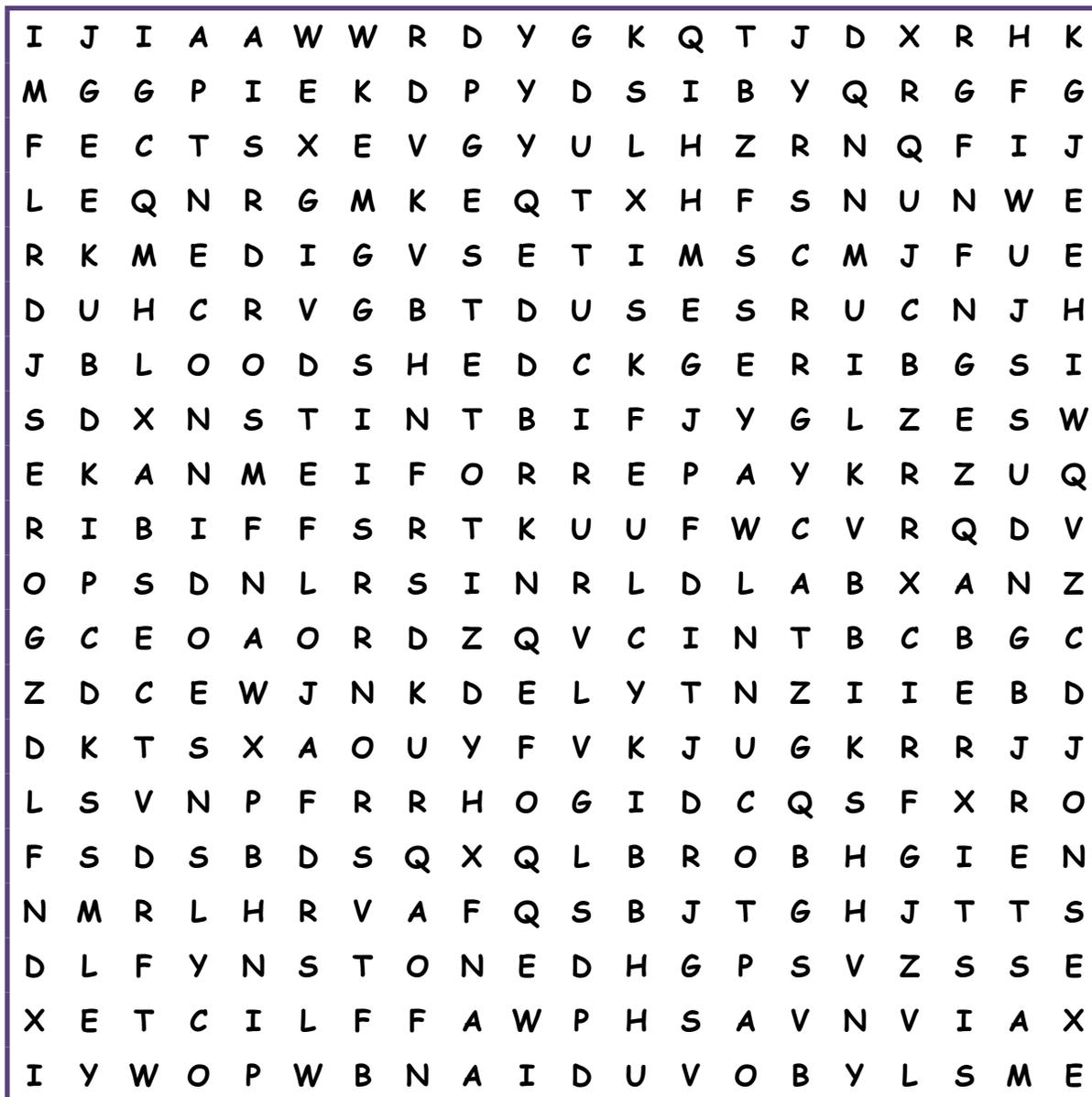
Write down the 3 Appointed Times that we are to meet on and observe.

(23:15-16)



WORD SEARCH

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



RIGHT-RULINGS

AWL

CURSES

GORES

SMITES

BLOODSHED

BORROWS

SERVANT

STRIKES

STRIVE

INNOCENT

CONFINED

NEIGHBOR

REPAY

MASTER

KIDNAPS

INJURY

STONED

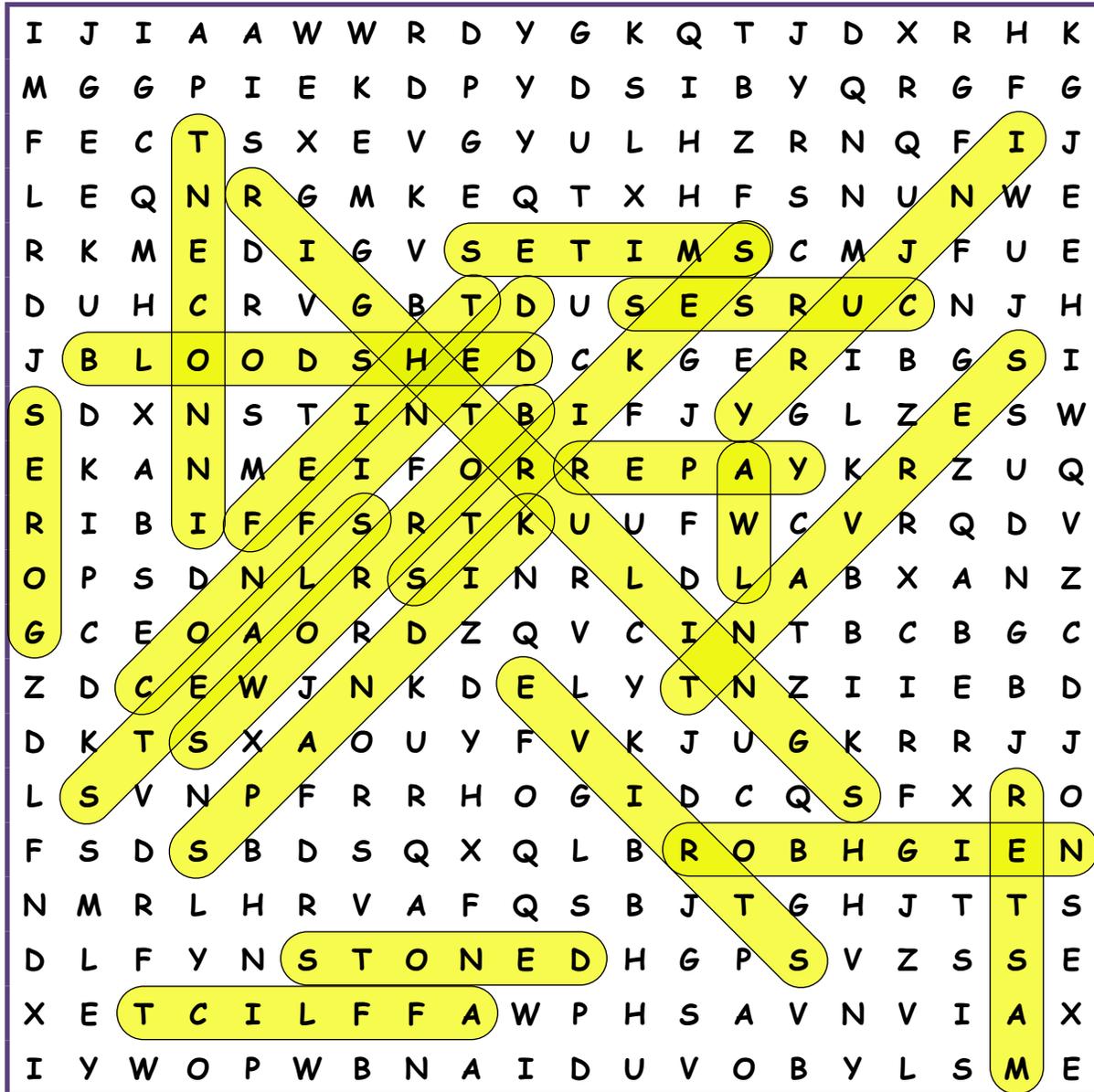
STEALS

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Answer Key



RIGHT-RULINGS

AWL

CURSES

GORES

SMITES

BLOODSHED

BORROWS

SERVANT

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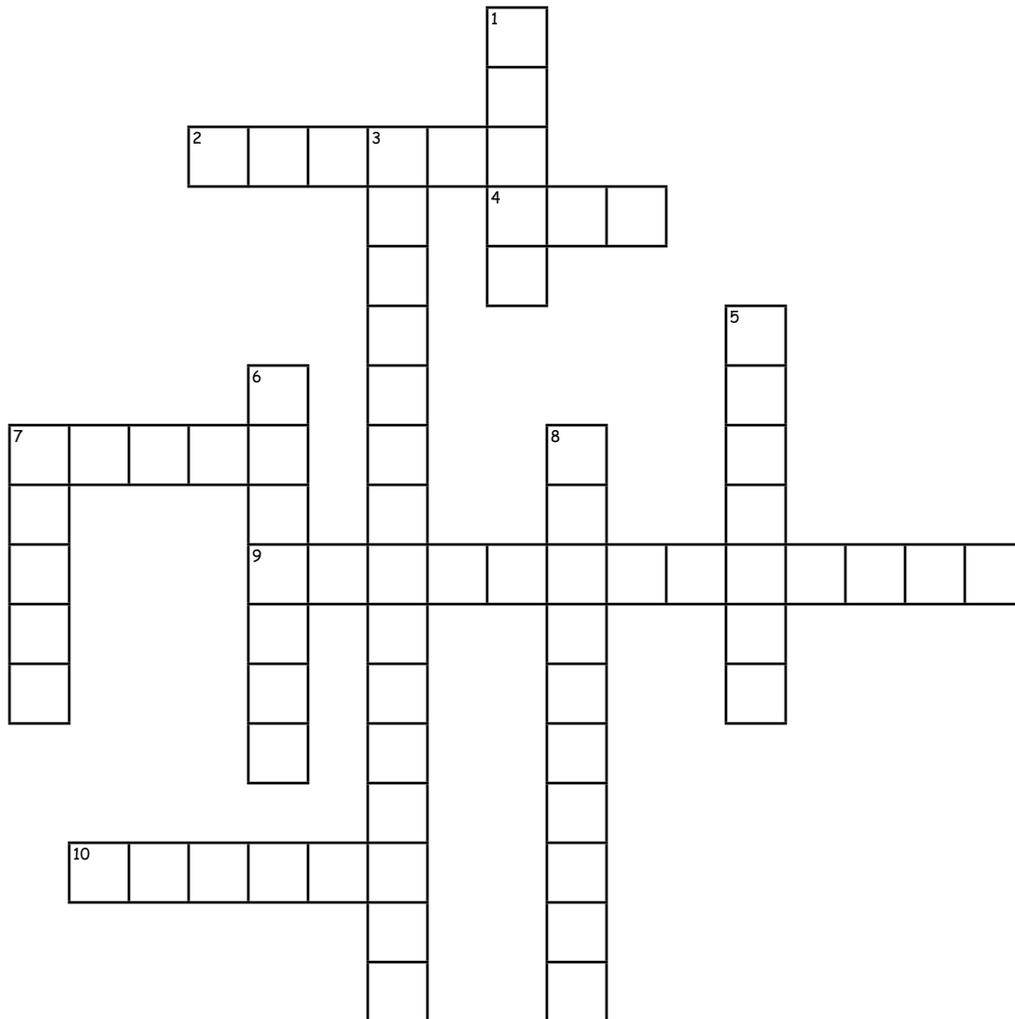
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Complete the crossword using words from this week's parsha.



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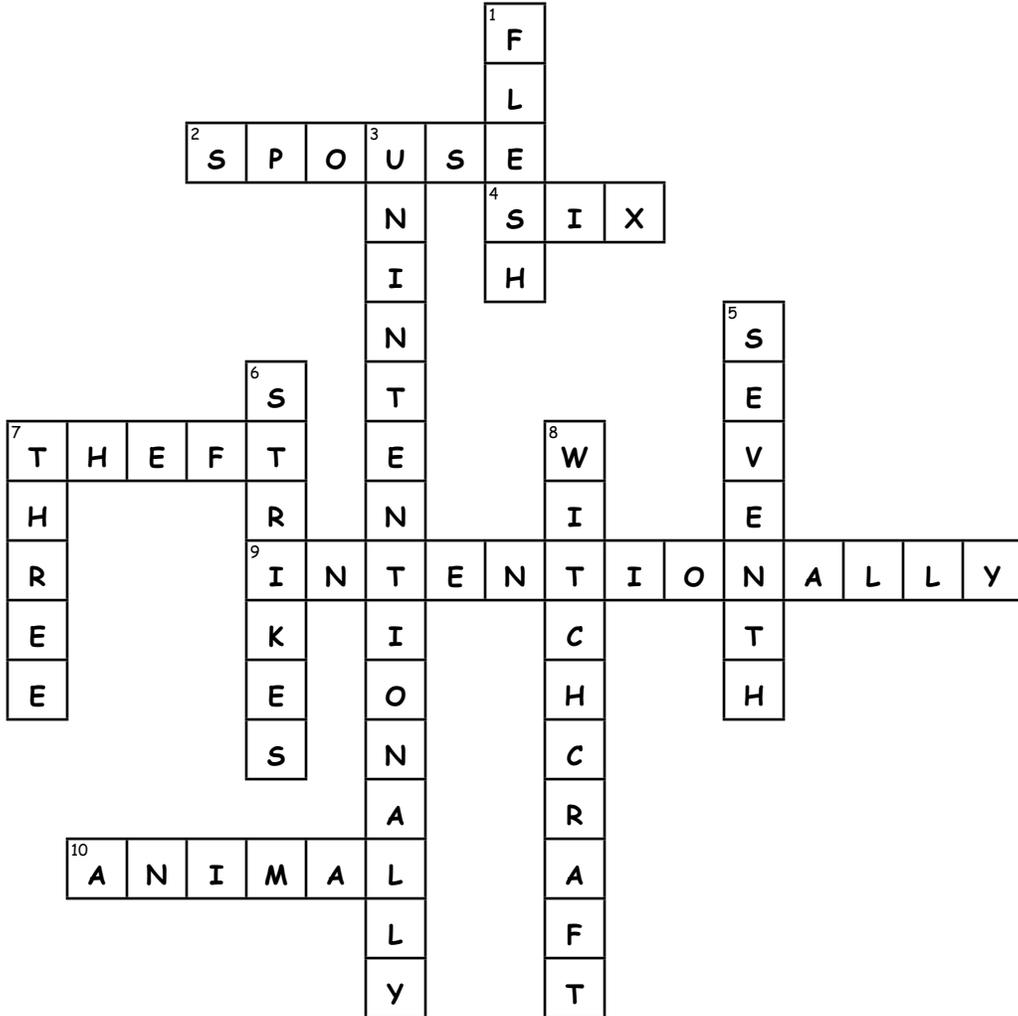
2. If a servant comes in married, they go out with their _____.
4. A Hebrew servant will serve for _____ years.
7. All cases involving _____, must come before leadership.
9. The one who strikes someone _____ is put to death.
10. An _____ who kills a human, that animal shall be put to death.

Down

1. Do not eat any _____ that was torn to pieces.
3. If someone kills someone _____, they have a place of refuge to go to.
5. Sow seed six years but the _____ year you let it rest.
6. One who _____ their father or mother intentionally shall be put to death.
7. _____ times a year, all your males shall appear before Yahweh.
8. The one who practices _____ shall be put to death.



Answer Key



Across

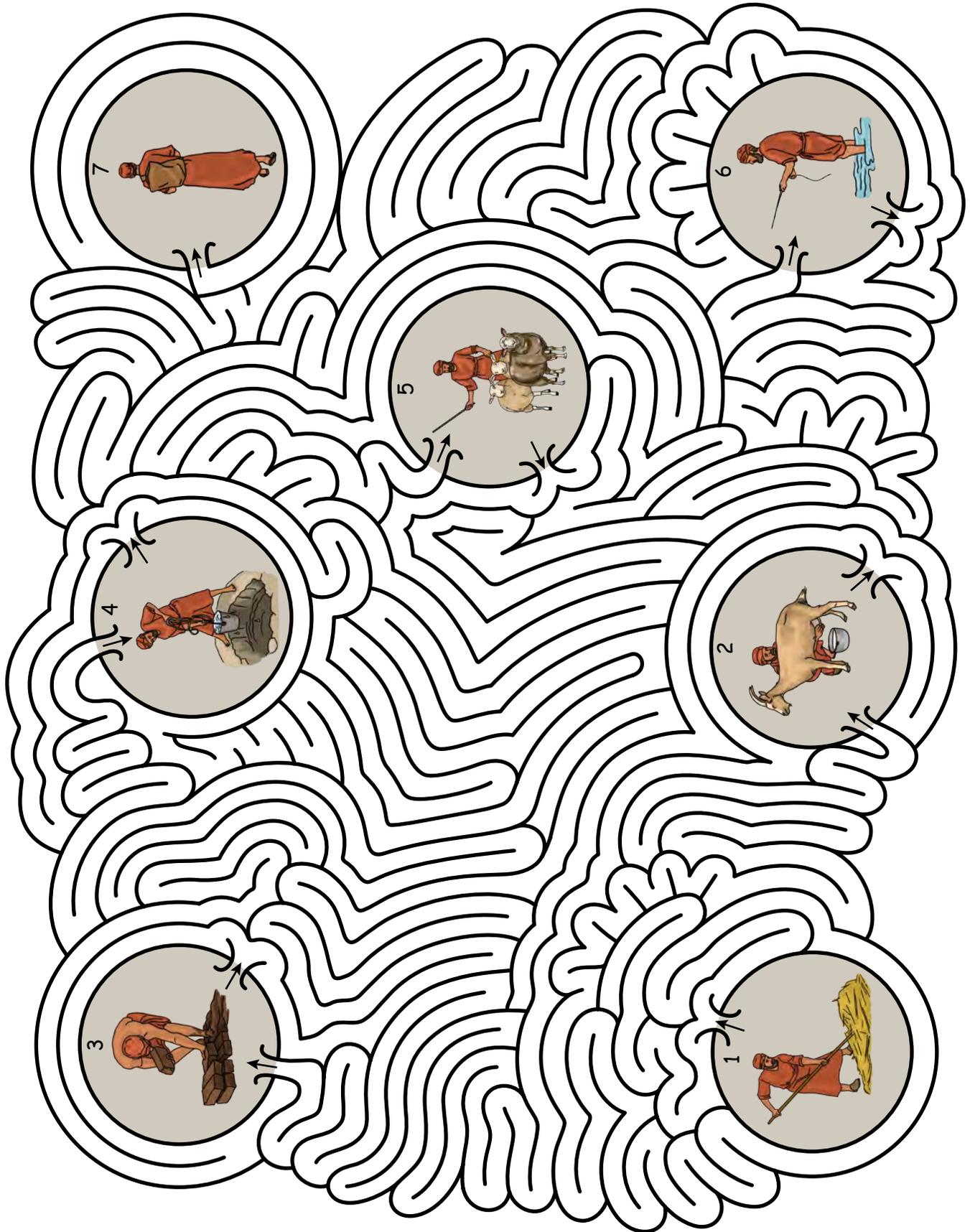
- If a servant comes in married, they go out with their **spouse**.
- A Hebrew servant will serve for **six** years.
- All cases involving **theft**, must come before leadership.
- The one who strikes someone **intentionally** is put to death.
- An **animal** who kills a human, that animal shall be put to death.

Down

- Do not eat any **flesh** that was torn to pieces.
- If someone kills someone **unintentionally**, they have a place of refuge to go to.
- Sow seed six years but the **seventh** year you let it rest.
- One who **strikes** their father or mother intentionally shall be put to death.
- Three** times a year, all your males shall appear before Yahweh.
- The one who practices **witchcraft** shall be put to death.



MAZE



Precious Possessions

NOTEBOOK PAGE

Righteous Right-Ruling

Exodus 22:4

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Twine or yarn (to make rope)
- Brad - small
- Puncturing tool
- Ruler
- Double-sided adhesive foam dimensionals
- Hot glue
- Coloring pencils, crayons, or markers
- Notebook Page Templates: Main Page & A (BW) or Main Page & B (color)

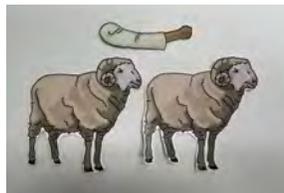


Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Notebook Page Templates of choice on white cardstock.

Instructions for the Notebook Page:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Notebook Templates. (P1)
- Using a puncturing tool, poke holes through the circles on the shoulder of the man on the Main Page and the arm. (P2a, P2b)
- Using a small brad, connect the arm to the man's shoulder on the Main Page. (P3a, P3b)
- The man's arm should be able to lower and raise. (P4a, P4b)



P1



P2a



P2b



P3a



P3b



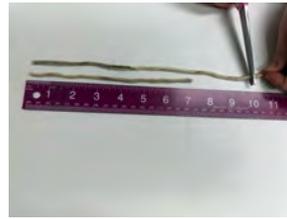
P4a



P4b

Instructions for the Notebook Page cont'd:

- Using a ruler, cut 2 strands of yarn approximately 7" and 10" long. (P5)
- Tie each yarn around the ram's neck. (P6a, P6b, P6c)
- Adhere double-sided adhesive foam dimensionals to the back of each ram. (P7)
- Place the rams on the Main Page so that the one with the longer yarn rope is in the front and the one with the shorter yarn rope is behind and on top of the back of the first ram. (P8)
- Apply hot glue to the back of the hand of the arm that moves and lay the hand over the rope. You should have some overhang. (P9a, P9b)
- The man's arm can be raised or lowered to restore double for the animal that he stole. (P10a, P10b)



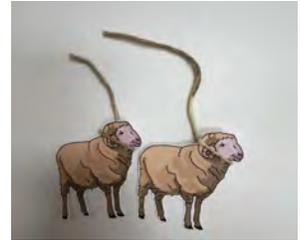
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P6a



P6b



P6c



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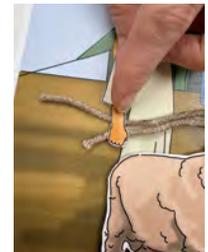
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Hebrew Word

- Write the following directly onto the Main Page or a piece of colored cardstock and glue to the page: (P11)
 - 1) Mishpatim 2) משפטים 3) Right-Rulings



P9a



P9b

You now have a visual representation of one who has stolen another man's ram restoring double for what he took.



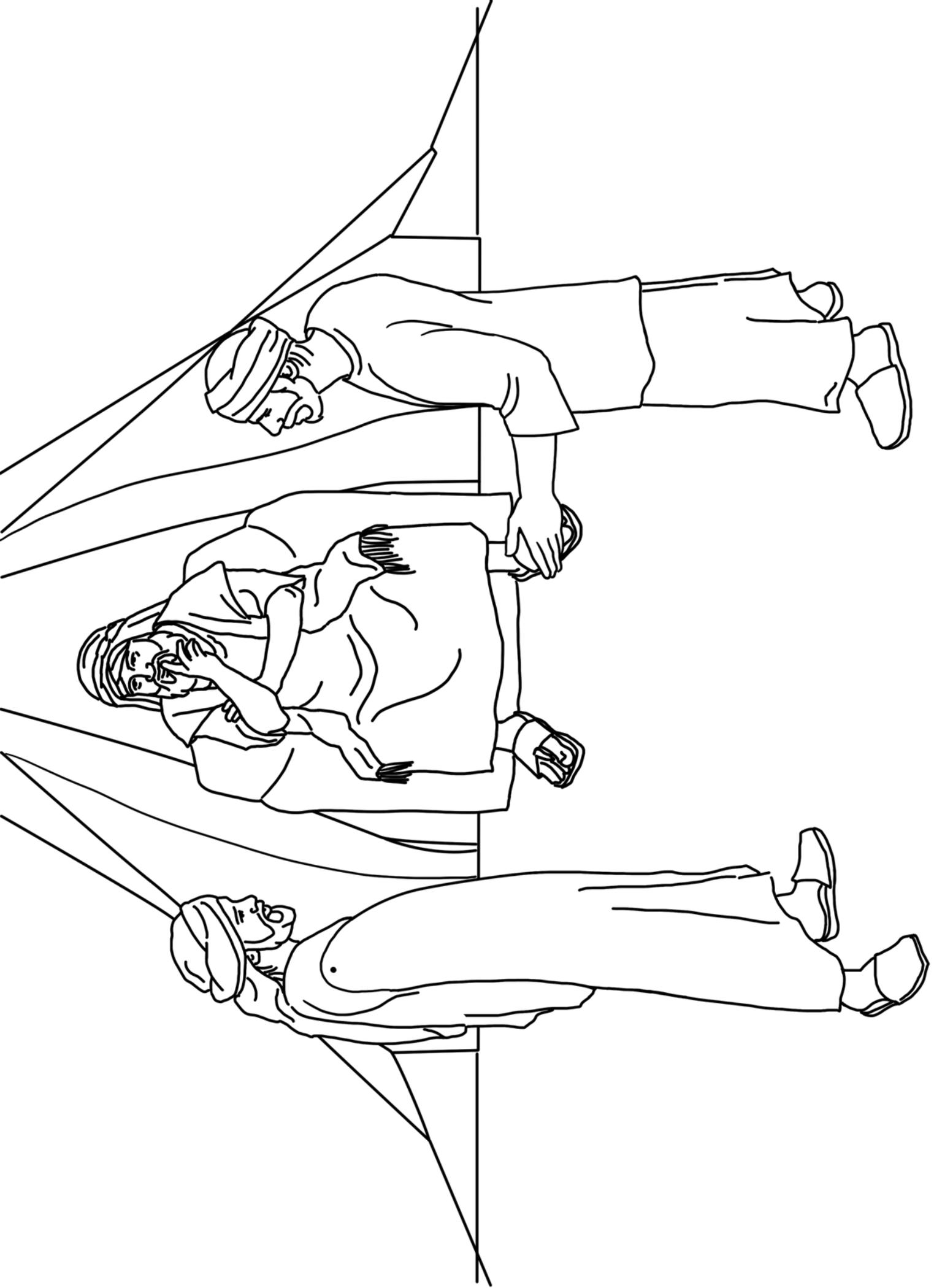
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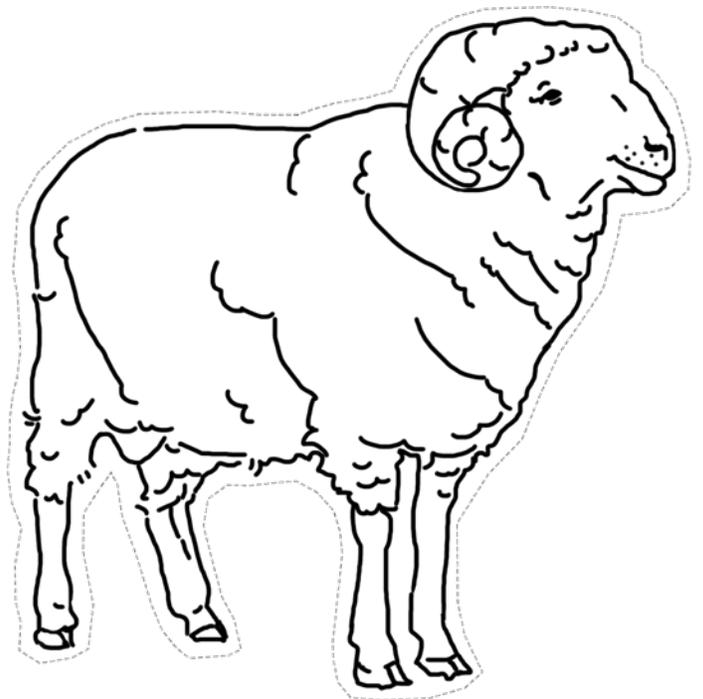
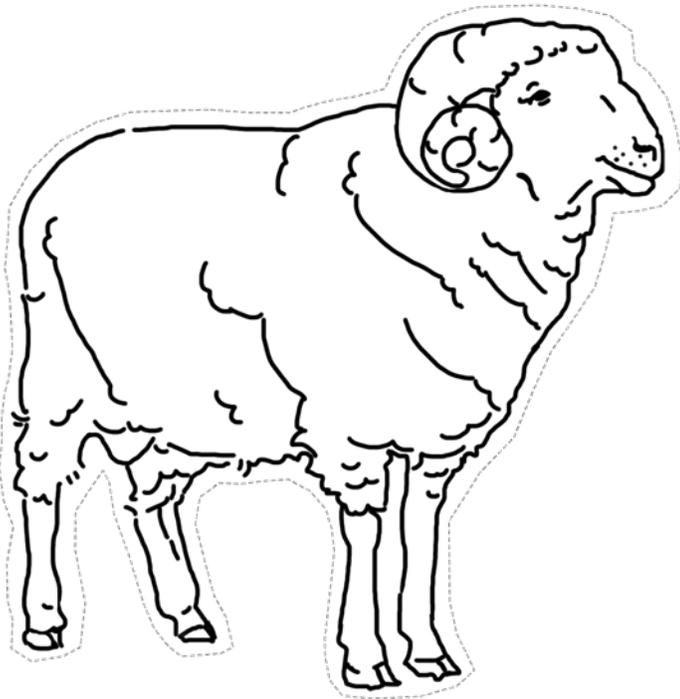
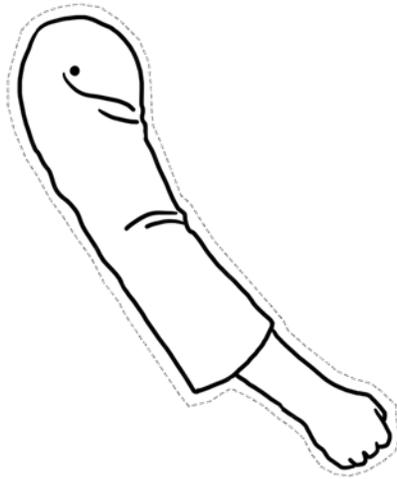


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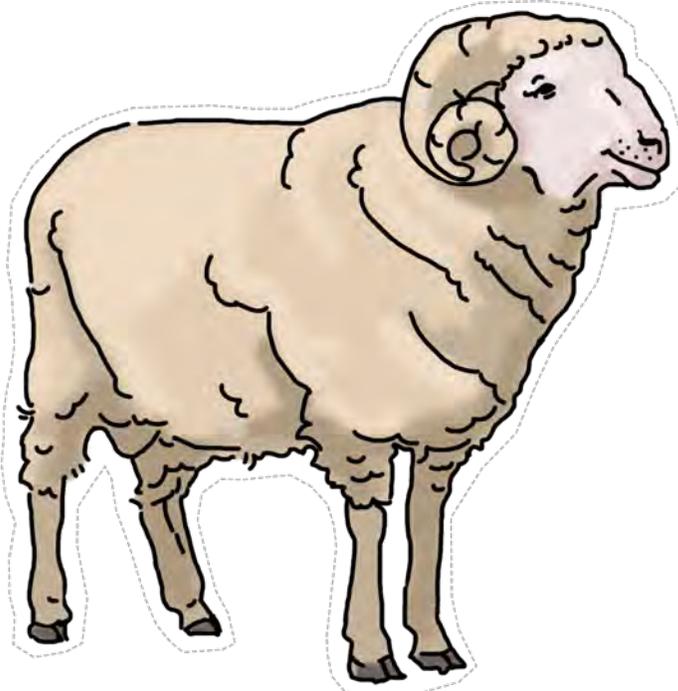
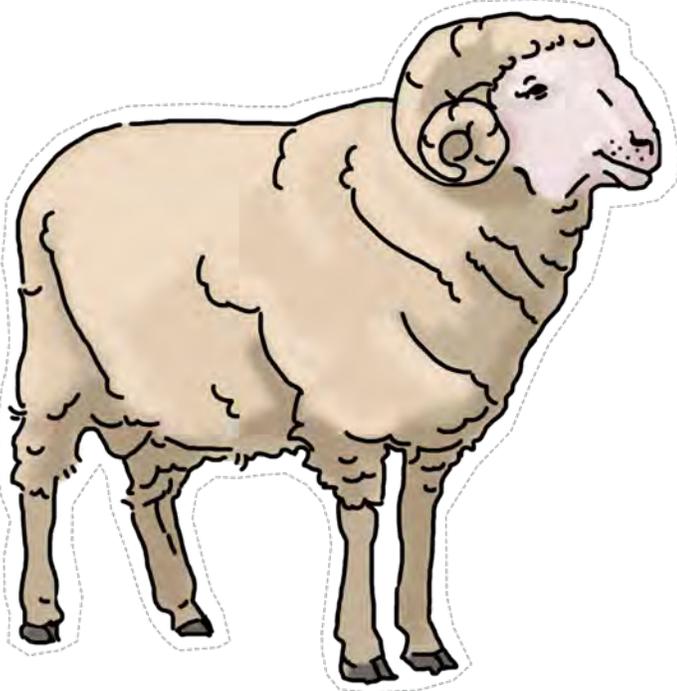
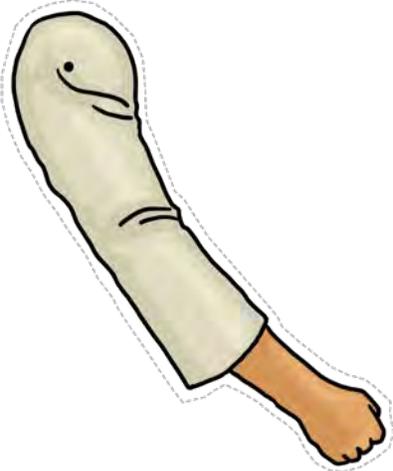
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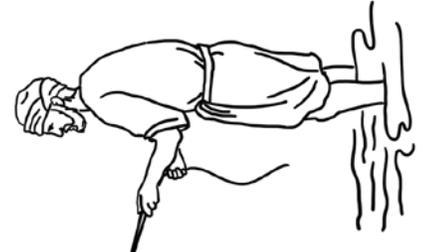
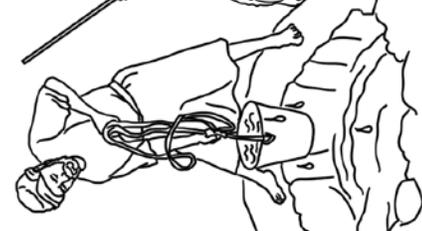
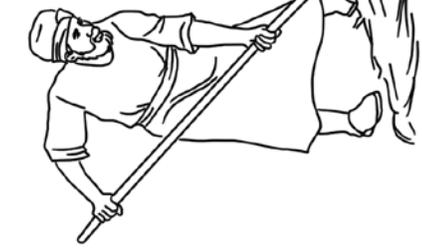






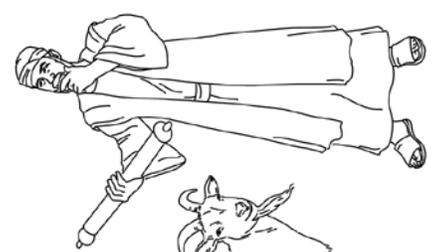
Notebook Template B (color)





Serving Years 1-6

7th Year



Misakiqini

"Right-Rulings"
Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Qonim

Sweetness of Torah

SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2026-01-18T11_28_42-08_00

Try a Little Kindness

If you see your brother standing by the road
With a heavy load from the seeds he sowed
And if you see your sister falling by the way
Just stop and say you're goin' the wrong way

Chorus:

You've got to try a little kindness
Yes show a little kindness
Yes shine your light for everyone to see
And if you'll try a little kindness
Then you'll overlook the blindness
Of the narrow minded people on the narrow minded streets

Don't walk around the down and out
Lend a helping hand instead of doubt
And the kindness that you show every day
Will help someone along their way

Chorus



SWEET TASTE OF TORAH (SNACK CORRESPONDING TO THE PARSHA)

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

Apple Mouth

Ex. 21:24, 27



Ingredients:

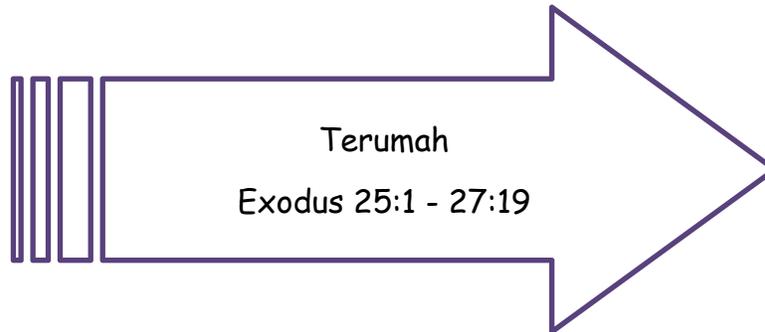
- Red apple
- Mini kosher marshmallows - 5-6 per mouth
- Peanut butter (for adhesive)

Instructions:

Cut a red apple into wedges. Spread peanut butter on one side of the apple wedge and lay the mini marshmallows onto the peanut butter adhesive. Spread peanut butter on the other apple wedge and lay the peanut butter side onto the marshmallows to finish the mouth.

Next Week's Treasure Hunt

Next Week's Torah Portion



Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Ex. 25:1-22	Yahweh asks for free-will contributions for making His tabernacle (Dwelling Place); Specifications for making the ark of the Witness
Tuesday:	Ex. 25:23-40	Specifications for making the table of showbread and the 7-branch lampstand
Wednesday:	Ex. 26:1-14	Specifications for the curtains
Thursday:	Ex. 26:15-37	Specifications for the outer boards and veil of the Most Set-apart Place
Friday:	Ex. 27:1-19	Specifications for constructing the altar and screening the courtyard