

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.

40 Days and 40 Nights

Shalom children! Today we are going to learn about another event that happened at Mt. Sinai. **(Place mountain on board.)**

Yahweh told Mosheh that He wanted Aharon, Aharon's 2 sons Nadab and Abihu, as well as Yisra'el's 70 elders to come near the mountain and bow themselves before Him. **(Place Mosheh, Aharon, Nadab and Abihu and the elders on the board at the bottom of the mountain.)**

Mosheh was called to go all the way to the top to talk with Yahweh. After he was finished, he came down and spoke to the people. He listed for them all the rules Yahweh expected them to follow, and all the people said they would do whatever Yahweh said. Hmm, I wonder about that. Have your parents ever said to you that if you did something, then you would get to do such and such? And of course you want to get to do that thing, so you said, "Yes ma'am" or "Yes sir." But sometimes after we get what we want, we tend to forget our promise and not behave like we should. I wonder how the Yisra'elites will do in keeping their promise. Well, this is all new to them, so we won't worry about that for now.

(Remove all characters from the board except for Mosheh and mountain.)

Back to our story. After Mosheh spoke to the people and they made their promise, Mosheh wrote down all the Words which Yahweh had spoken. Then he got up early the next morning and started gathering stones to build an altar for Yahweh. **(Place altar on board.)** Hey, that sounds just like what was done by his great, great—however many greats that is—grandpa! Do you remember Ya'aqob? He built an altar to Yahweh as well. **(Place Ya'aqob on board.)**

Well, not only did Mosheh build an altar, he also placed 12 standing columns there to represent the tribes of Yisra'el. **(Place standing columns on board by altar.)** Do you remember when Ya'aqob's name was changed to Yisra'el? When Ya'aqob left home, he put up a standing column to remember the place where Yahweh first spoke to him. **(Point to Ya'aqob and place standing column with oil on board.)** I bet he never would have thought that hundreds of years later, there would be standing columns to represent each of his sons. Amazing! **(Point to 12 standing columns.)** Children, can you help me count them?

After this, Mosheh sent some young men to get the animals they were commanded to present as sacrifices for burnt offerings and for peace offerings. **(Place bulls on board.)** We will learn about all those offerings another time. For now, we will just see what Mosheh did once the animals were slaughtered.

He took half the blood and filled a bowl with it, then took the other half and sprinkled it on the altar. **(Place bowl with blood and altar with blood on board.)** Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. **(Place Book of the Covenant and people on board.)** The people agreed to do all that Yahweh had told them to do.

Now hold on to your horses; this next part is kind of yucky. After the people said they would do what Yahweh said, Mosheh took the animal blood in the bowl and sprinkled all the people with it. Oooh, gross. And that was after they just spent 3 days taking baths and washing clothes, too. **(Place washing scene on board.)** Man, I bet some of those mamas were not happy one bit! Here we go, laundry time again. Anyway, back in those days, all covenants were sealed with blood. So the people probably kind of expected when they said, "Yes, we will obey," that they were making a covenant and blood would be involved. Still, ugh.

(Remove all characters from the board except for Mosheh. Place Aharon, Nadab, Abihu and elders on board.)

After that, Mosheh, Aharon, Nadab and Abihu, along with the 70 elders, went up to the mountain. And guess what they saw? It was amazing! They saw Elohim, and under His feet were paved stones that looked like sapphires. **(Place pavement of sapphires on board.)** We believe those were blue gems, but we're not completely sure. **(Place sapphires on board.)**

And not only did they get to be amazed by that beautiful sight, they also got to sit down and eat. No worries that Yahweh was going to zap them! As long as they didn't try to get a closer look and climb the rest of the mountain, they were safe. Mosheh left Aharon along with Hur in charge while he went up with Yehoshua his assistant to meet with Yahweh. **(Place Yehoshua on board next to Mosheh and Hur on board next to Aharon.)**

Mosheh began climbing and went up the mountain right under the cloud that covered the top of the mountain. Then the esteem of Yahweh appeared on the mountain like a fire. **(Remove mountain and place mountain with consuming fire on board.)** The mountain was a beautiful sight to see. It was so bright to that it looked like someone had made a huge campfire.

(Remove all characters from the board except for Mosheh and mountain with consuming fire.)

For 6 days the cloud covered the mountain. **(Place #6 on board.)** Then on the 7th day, Yahweh spoke to Mosheh from the cloud. **(Place #7 on board.)** Yahweh must have had a lot to talk about because it was 40 days and 40 nights **(place #40 on board)** before Mosheh came back down and told the people what Yahweh said. We will learn all about that in our next Little Gems stories.

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!