



Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23 Katan Aleph



## In This Edition: 31.1 - And These are Your Appointed Times **Leviticus 23**



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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.

### And These are Your Appointed Times

Shalom children! Today we will look at more of the instructions that Yahweh gives to the Yisra'elites through Mosheh. This parsha begins by describing the special jobs He has for His priests; but these instructions are meant only for them. So for now, let's jump ahead to learn about His Appointed Times, which are special feasts that He wants all the Yisra'elites to celebrate. **(Place Mosheh and happy Yisra'elites on board.)** 

The first celebration we see in this chapter of the parsha is one that we get to do every single week. Can anyone tell me what that is? Yes, it is the Shabbat! (Place Shabbat scene on board.) Yahweh tells the Yisra'elites to rest on Shabbat and NOT do any work. Every 7<sup>th</sup> day, we take this special time to get together, relax, and learn about Yahweh. (Place Shabbat table on board.)

Now, how many of you have ever celebrated one of Yahweh's Pilgrimage feasts, like Passover or Sukkot? **(Let children answer.)** Pilgrimage feasts are one type of appointed time that Yahweh gives to the Yisra'elites, and there are 3 of them in each year. We have a lot of fun celebrating those feasts, and once one feast is finished, we have months or even weeks to look forward to the next one!

So the first of Yahweh's yearly appointed times is Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which begin together. (Place Passover and Unleavened Bread scene on board.) Yahweh tells His people that they are to celebrate this festival by eating only bread that is unleavened. (Place matzah on board.) Unleavened bread, or matzah, is really flat, because it didn't have time to rise before it was baked. When the sun goes down to begin the first day of Unleavened Bread, the Passover meal is eaten with matzah. (Place family eating Passover meal on board.) Then, when they wake up in the morning, they are NOT to do any servile work that first day. They are supposed to gather together and to bring to Yahweh an offering made by fire for each of the 7 days. Then, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, they are told to have another gathering, and to do no servile work on that day, either.

Now, once the Yisra'elites have settled into the land of Kena'an and begin to raise crops, there is a special offering that Yahweh's people are to bring during this time. It is called the Offering of First-Fruits, or the Wave Sheaf offering. (Place wave sheaf on board.) In Hebrew, it is called Bikkurim. They are also to bring a portion of the first-fruits of their harvest to the priest, along with offerings of a lamb, a grain offering, and a wine offering. (Place first-fruits basket, a lamb, bread and wine offering on board.) And they are NOT to eat bread, roasted grain, or fresh grain until they have brought this offering. Yahweh's offering comes first!



Yahweh then tells them about the Festival of Weeks, which in Hebrew is called Shavuot. (Place Shavuot scene on board.) The 10 Commandments were given on this day and is the second pilgrimage feast commanded by Yahweh to observe. To get to Shavuot you must have 7 completed Sabbaths, over a period of 49 days. Then on the 50<sup>th</sup> day, a new grain offering was brought to Yahweh. He wanted them to bring offerings of 2 loaves of bread made out of fine flour and baked with leaven, so they will be nice and puffy. (Place 2 loaves of bread on board.) He also told them to bring several lambs, a bull, 2 rams, and a goat. (Place animals on board.) Whew, that's a lot of animals! They were told to bring them to the priests, who waved them before Yahweh. (Place priest waving breads on board.) They are also told to have a set-apart gathering and NOT to do any servile work.

#### (Remove all characters off board.)

Now we are going to talk about the fall feasts. Several months after Shavuot, comes the next appointed time of Yahweh: the Festival of Trumpets. (Place Trumpets image on **board**.) You may have heard this one called Yom Teruah or Rosh Hashanah. This is the day that we get to hear lots and lots of shofar blasts! (Place man blowing shofar on board.) Yahweh tells the Yisra'elites that this day is for resting and remembering Yahweh by blowing trumpets. He also tells them to bring another offering.

Ten days after the Festival of Trumpets comes the Day of Atonement. (Place Day of Atonement scene on board.) It is a very solemn day, when the Yisra'elites are to gather together and afflict themselves. We practice this by fasting, which means that we go a whole day without having anything to eat or drink. (Place food and drink with 'X' on board.) Yahweh tells them to bring another offering (point to goat on Day of Atonement scene), and then He reminds them again to afflict themselves, and tells them NOT to do any work. And boy, is He serious! He says that they must remember this commandment forever - to afflict themselves and NOT to do any work on this day. And their children and their children's children, for all generations are to remember it too, no matter where they live.

Finally, we come to the Festival of Booths, or Sukkot, which is the Hebrew word for 'booths.' (Place Sukkot scene on board.) It is the third yearly Pilgrimage feast, and lasts for 7 days, with a special 8<sup>th</sup> day festival added at the end, called Shemini Atzeret. (Place 8<sup>th</sup> Day scene on board.) Sukkot is a joyful time that takes place when they have gathered in the fruit of the land. All the native Yisra'elites are to gather together and spend time living in booths during this festival. In the land of Yisra'el, harvest time always brings beautiful, sunny weather, so living in booths is like the best camp-out you could ever imagine! (Place sukkah on board.) Have you ever helped build or decorate a sukkah? Yahweh explains to them that living in booths is meant to remind them how they lived in booths out in the wilderness, after He brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim.

On the first day of this festival, they are to gather together and rest. Yahweh tells them to bring an offering for 7 days, and then on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, on Shemini Atzeret (point to 8<sup>th</sup> Day scene), they are to have a final special gathering, bring another offering, and rest from work. It is a time of dancing and joy! (Point to happy Yisra'elites on board.)

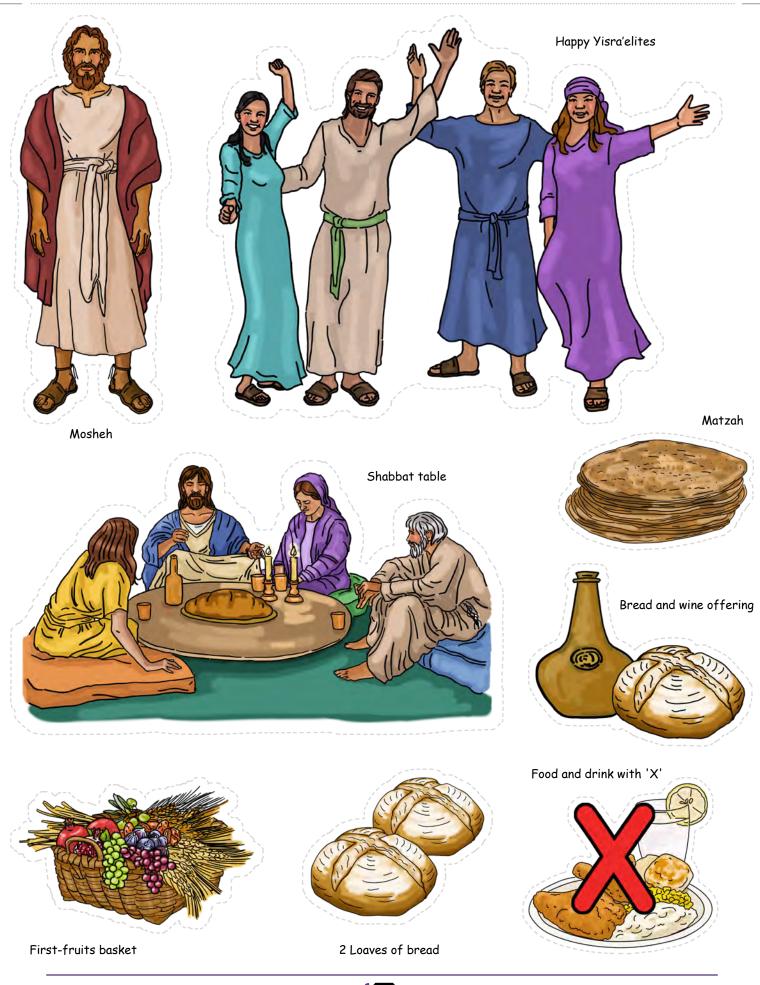


Well, we are at the end of Yahweh's list of all the appointed times He gave the Yisra'elites, and you may think that's a lot of gatherings and celebrations. But Yahweh wants His people to delight in Him and in His goodness, and I enjoy each one of them! If you get confused about which one is which, or need help remembering something about one of them, you can just ask your parents or one of the leaders in your congregation.

These are all special times that are set apart for us to rest, think about Yahweh, and gather together to enjoy each other's company. (Point to happy Yisra'elites on board.)

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!





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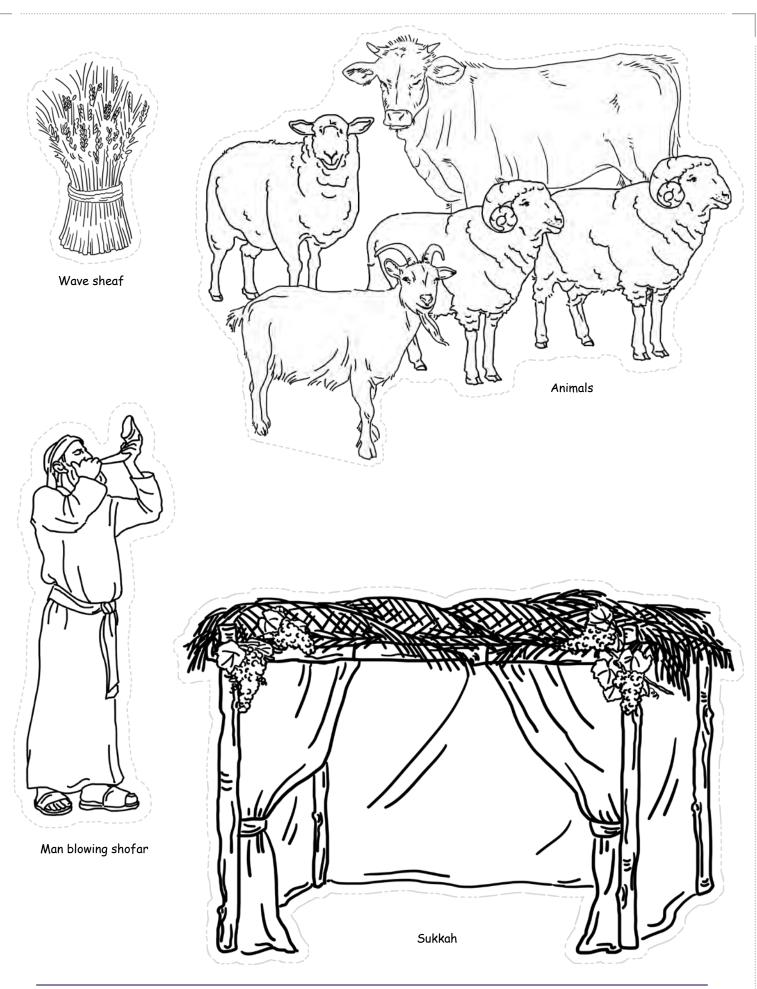




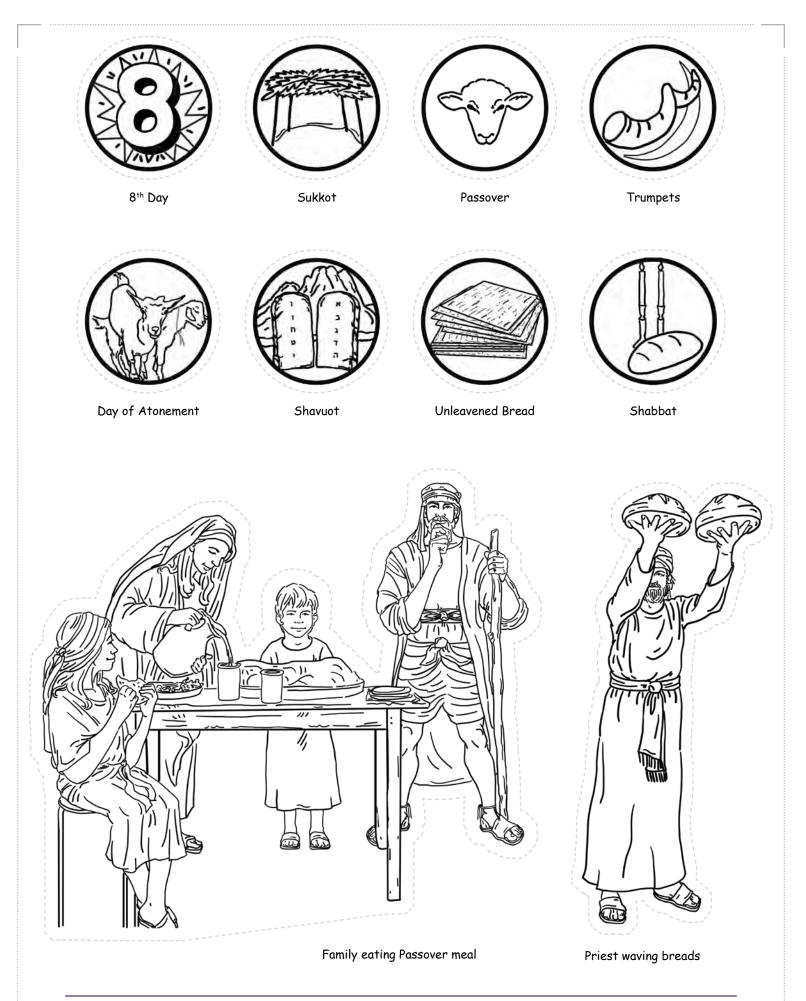




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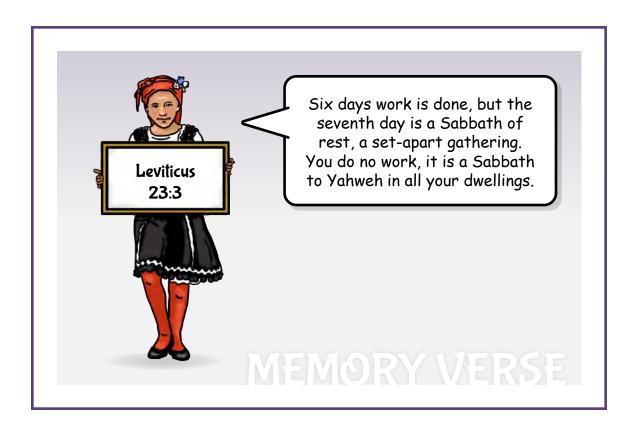


# **Counting What You Gained**

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 Leviticus 23:3. 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.



# SEEKING TREASURE

Circle the correct choices.

1. What day of the week is Shabbat? (23:3)





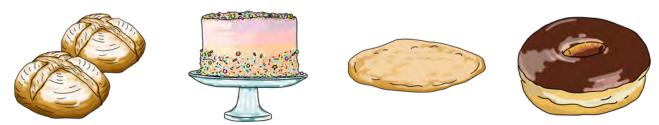




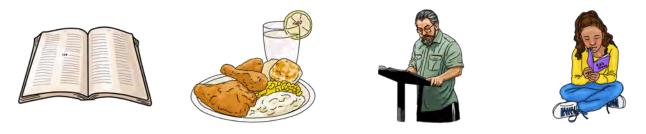
2. What do we eat during days of Unleavened Bread? (23:6)



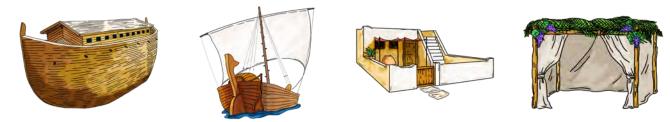
3. What type of bread was brought to the priest on Shavuot? (23:17)



4. What are we NOT supposed to do on Day of Atonements? (23:27)



5. What type of temporary dwelling did the Yisrae'lites live in during Sukkot? (23:42)





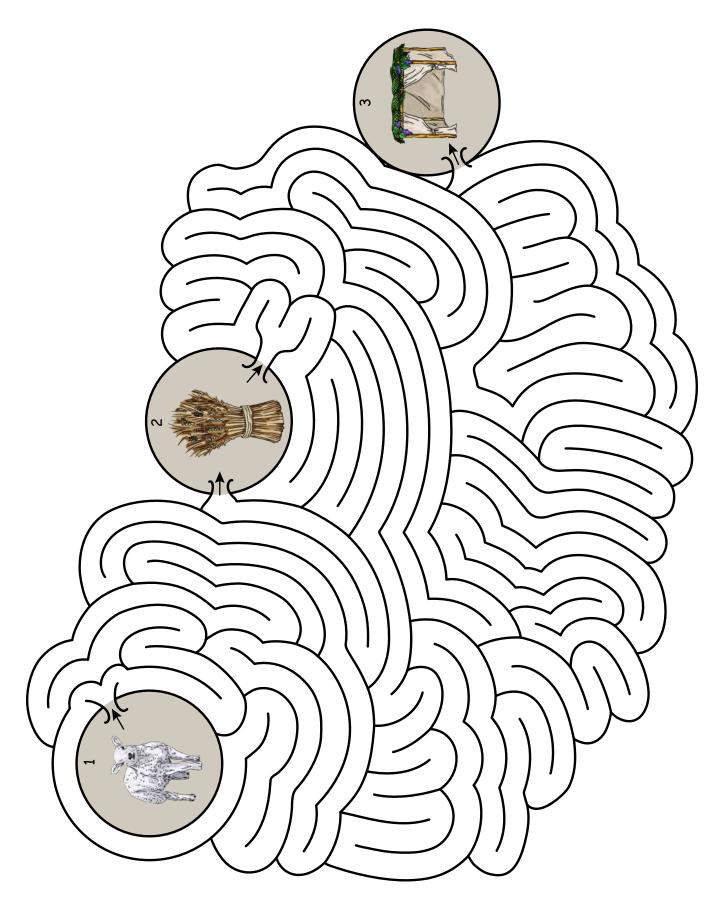
## **WORD SEARCH**

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

B 5 Х R 6 R 2 F BREAD GRAIN FRUIT TWIGS WILLOW



## MAZE





# FEAST PICTURE MATCH

Draw a line from the picture to the correct Festival.



Passover & Days of Unleavened Bread/Pesach & Chag HaMatzot

Feast of Weeks/Chag HaShavuot

Day of Trumpets/Rosh HaShanah

Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur

Feast of Tabernacles/Chag HaSukkot

Eighth Day Assembly/Shemini Atzeret





# Precious Possessions

# CRAFT

## **Materials**:

- Cardstock white
- Brad
- Puncturing tool
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Craft Templates: Craft Template A & B (BW) or C & D (color)

#### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template of choice on white cardstock.
- You may need to assist the child in poking holes in the Templates.

## Instructions for the Craft:

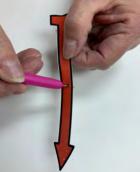
- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Template pieces. (P1)

#### Poking Holes

 Using a puncturing tool, poke holes through the indicated dots on each template piece. (P2a, P2b, P2c, P2d)



P2a



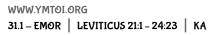
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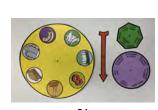


P2c



P2d





**Appointed Times of** 

Yahweh Wheel

Lev. 23



## Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

#### Assembling the Wheel

- Assemble the template pieces in the following order: (P3)
  - Appointed Times wheel on the bottom
  - names of the months circle over that
  - > names of the Appointed Times heptagon over that
  - > arrow on top
- Insert a brad through all 4 templates.
- You are now able to line up the arrow with the correct visual, corresponding months and Appointed Time name.
  - > The challah and candlesticks should line up with the words Every Week and Shabbat. (P4a)
  - The matzah should line up with the words March/April and Pesach/Chag HaMatzot. (P4b)
  - > The 10 Commandments tablets should line up with the words May/June and Shavuot. (P4c)
  - The shofar and New Moon should line up with the words September/October and Yom Teruah. (P4d)
  - > The scapegoat with the red thread should line up with the words September/October and Yom Kippur. (P4e)
  - > The sukkah should line up with the words September/October and Sukkot. (P4f)
  - The #8 should line up with the words September/October and Shemini Atzeret. (P4g)

You now have a visual representation of the Appointed Times of Yahweh corresponding with the months that they fall in.





P4a



P4b



P4c





P4d

P4e

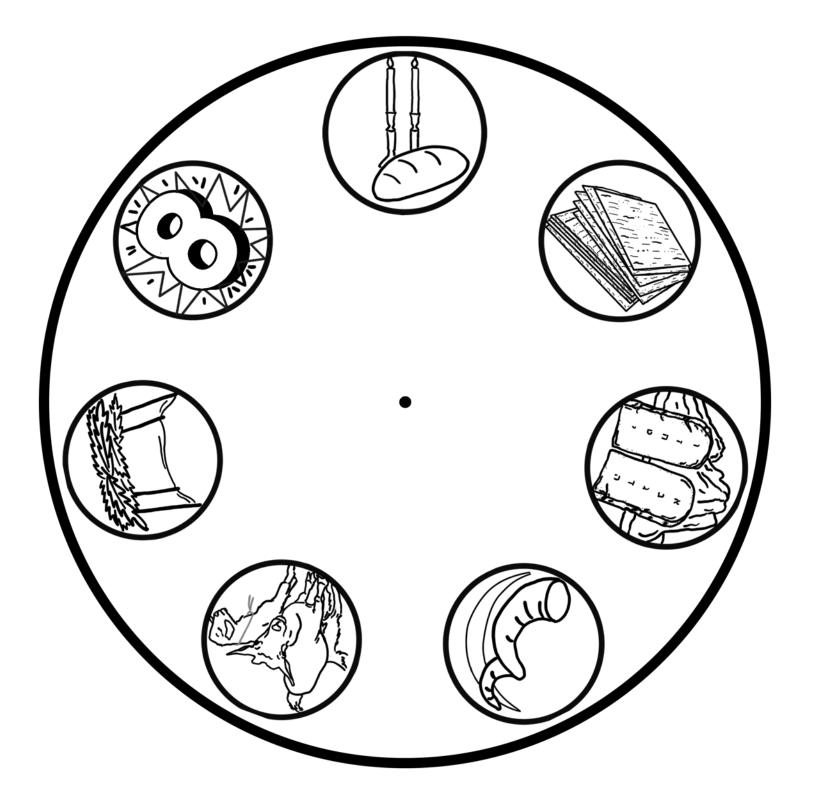
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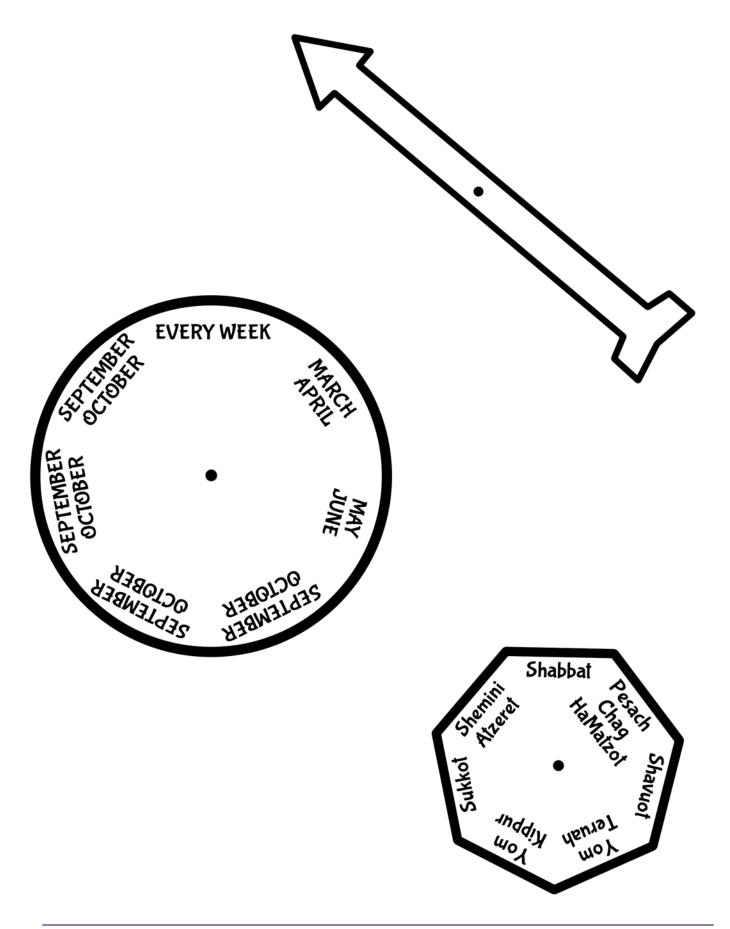
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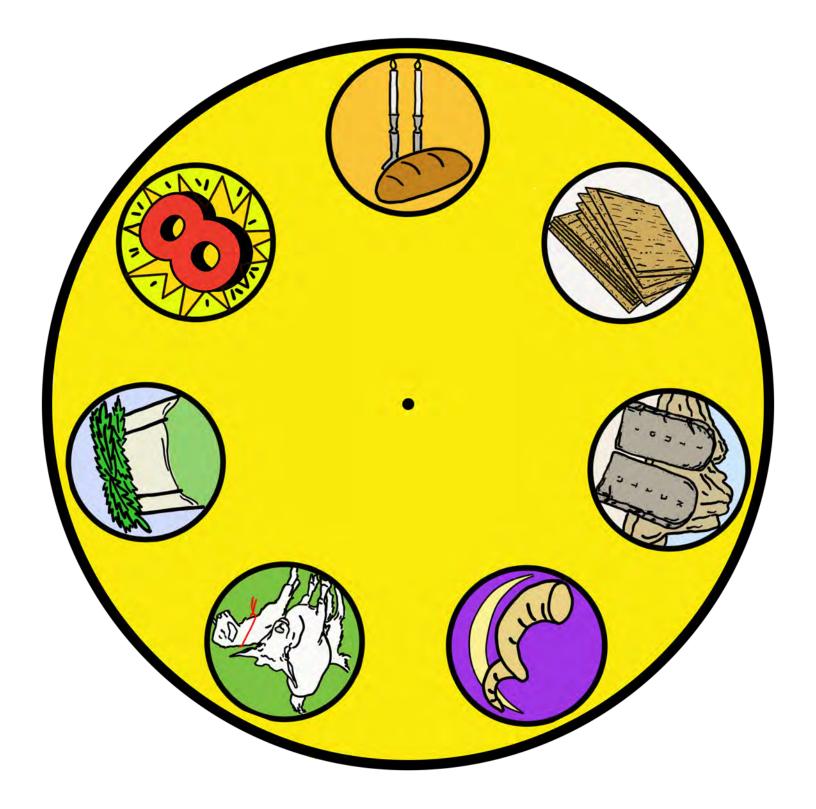
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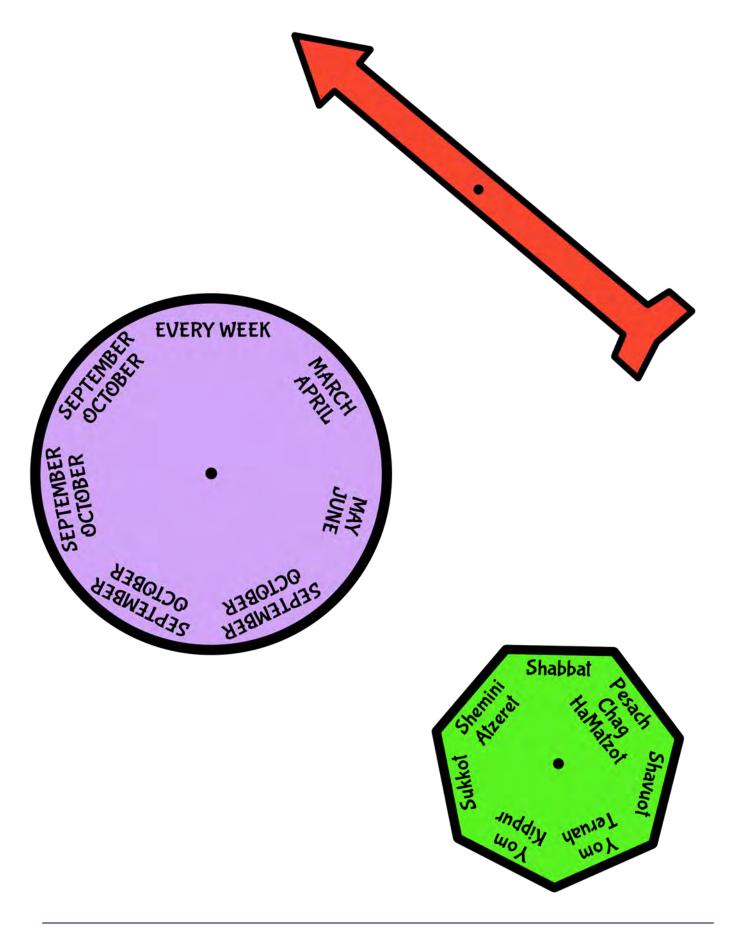














# CRAFT

## Materials:

- Cardstock white
- Thin ribbon color of choice
- Puffy paint & glitter glue (to embellish coasters, as desired)
- Hole punch
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Craft Templates: A & B (BW) or C & D (color)

#### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

• Print Craft Template of choice on white cardstock.

## Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out Template pieces. (P1)
- Hole punch all the coasters at the indicated circles. (P2)
- Embellish any coaster as desired. Here is what we did:
  - > Sabbath scene: silver puffy paint for candle sticks, white puffy paint for candles, and gold puffy paint for the flames (P3a, P3b, P3c)
  - Shavuot scene: silver glitter glue for 2 tablets (P4)
  - Yom Teruah scene: yellow puffy paint for moon sliver and gold puffy paint for shofar (P5a, P5b)
  - > Yom Kippur scene: red puffy paint for the red thread (P6)
  - > Sukkot scene: green puffy paint for the sukkah roof (P7)
  - Shemini Atzeret scene: red puffy paint for the #8 and orange puffy paint for the rays (P8a, P8b)

## **Appointed Times of** Yahweh Coasters













P3a

P3c



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P3b



P5b



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## Instructions for the Craft Cont'd:

- Allow embellished coasters to dry. (P9)
- Cut a piece of ribbon approximately 9" in length. (P10)
- Thread the ribbon through each hole making sure the feasts are in the correct order and tie into a bow. (P11a, P11b, P11c)

You now have a visual representation of the Appointed Times of Yahweh that can be laminated and used as coasters if desired or as a teaching tool to learn them in order.





P9

P10





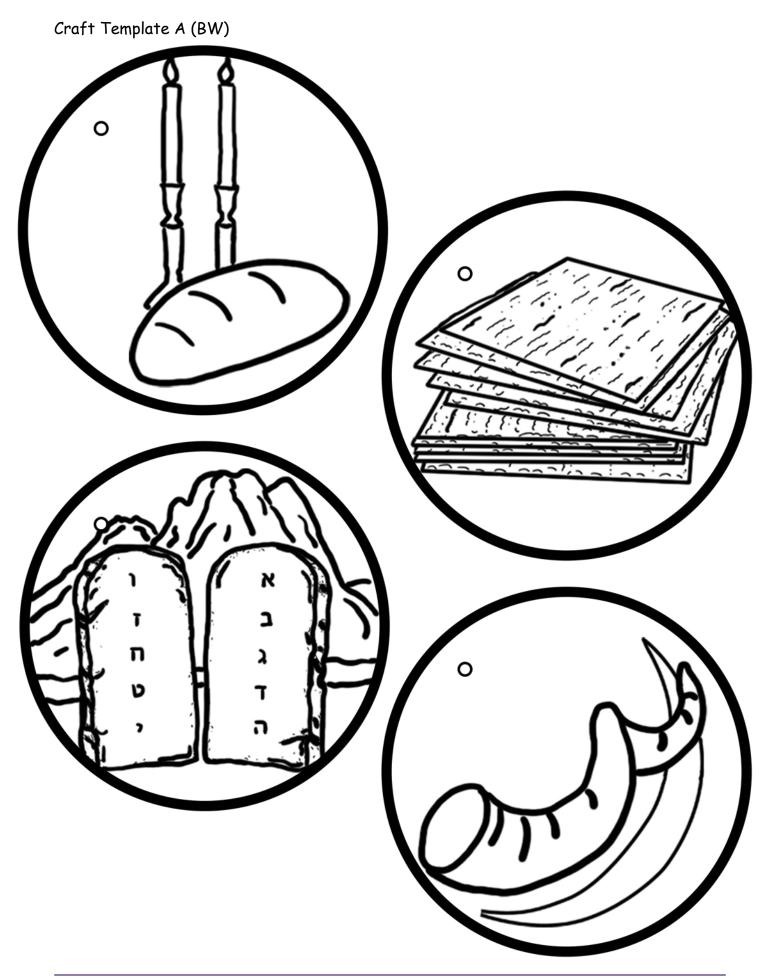


P11a

P11b

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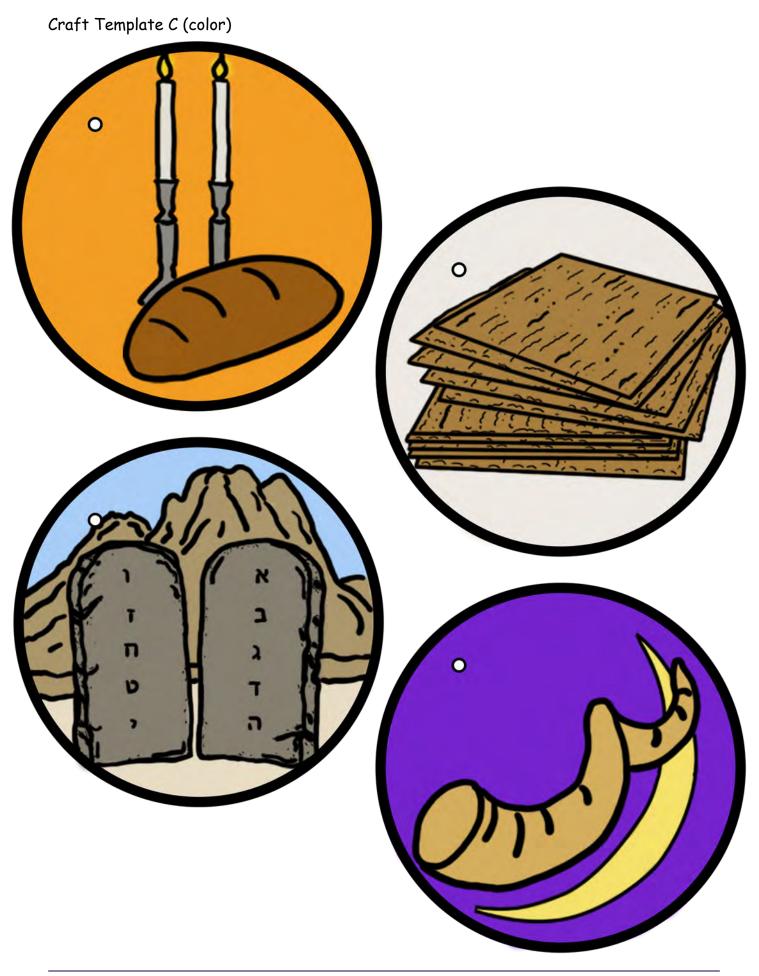




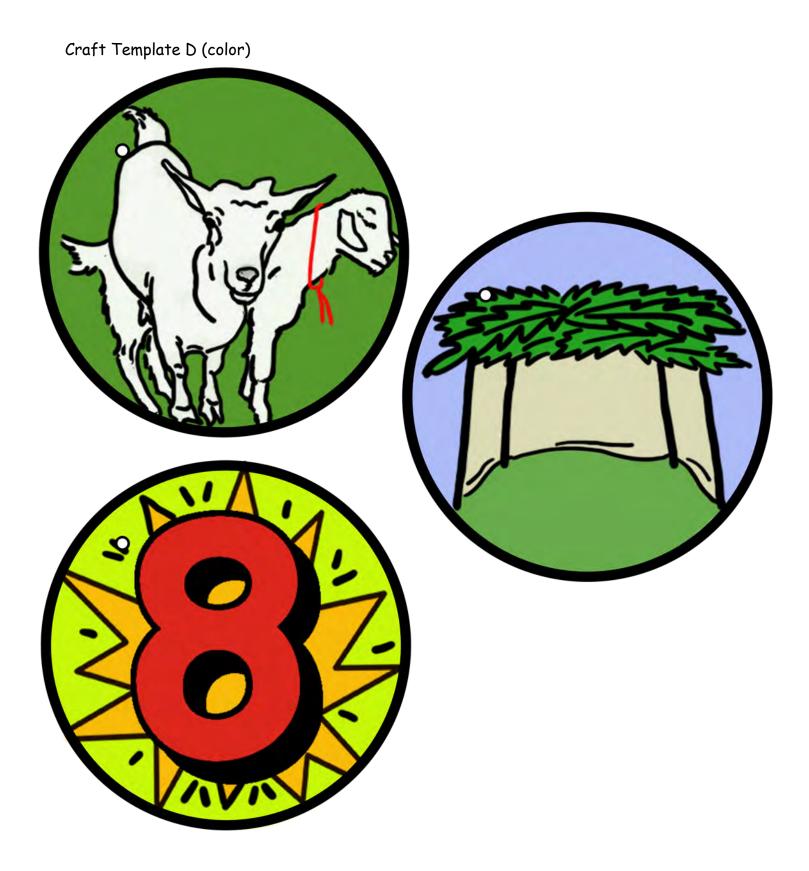




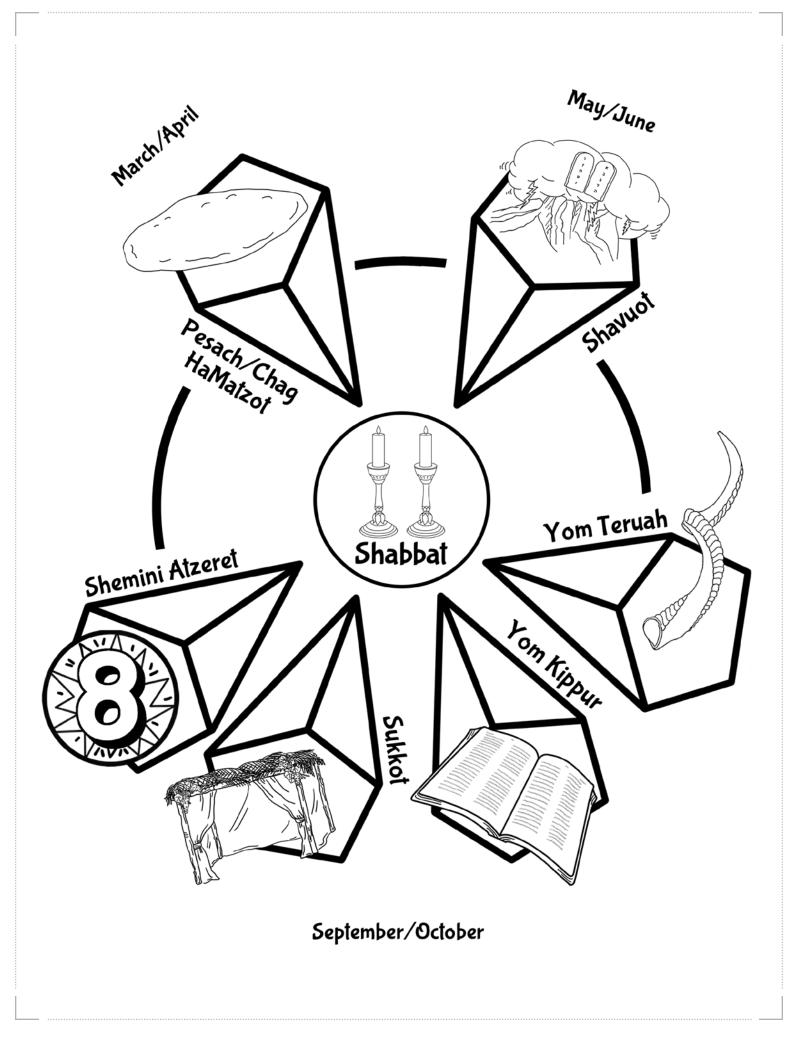












# Sweetness of Torah

## **SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH**

#### (Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song: https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2017-05-06T21\_42\_09-07\_00 Sing to the tune of "Bumping Up and Down in My Little Red Wagon"

#### Appointed Times Song

When do we eat only matzah? (3x) The seven days of Chag Matzot

- When do we read the Ten Commandments? (3x) On the feast of Shavuot
- When do we eat apples and honey? (3x) On Rosh HaShanah
- When do we say "I am sorry"? (3x) On Yom Kippur
- When do we shake a lulav? (3x) During the feast of Sukkot
- Which days do we work? (3x) Sunday through Friday
- Which day do we rest? (3x) Always on Shabbat





# 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.

### **Edible Shabbat Candles**

Leviticus 23:3



## Ingredients:

- 1 banana (represents candle)
- 2 strawberries (represents flame)
- 1 toothpick to help hold the strawberry (flame) to the banana (candle)

### Instructions:

Cut each banana into 2 candle sticks. Do NOT do this step too far ahead or the banana will brown.

Slice the sides of the strawberries so that you are left with 2 thick middle pieces.

Use a toothpick to affix the strawberry to the banana.

You can make a one-dimensional savory edible candle by using a vegetable of your choice that is long such as celery, asparagus, or a cheese stick and lay it on a plate. Cut up a radish or a grape tomato or kosher hotdog to represent the flame.

See note on the next page regarding Appointed Times snacks.



## -APPOINTED TIMES SNACKS

This is a time you can choose to do more than one snack as this Torah portion covers all the Appointed Times. You can choose to do one snack a day to cover all the feast days and their related foods during this week or you can pick and choose one or more for Shabbat during class time. The foods can help you teach the feasts. You can find snacks related to the feasts in our Parsha Pearls Feast Edition lessons as well. Here is a list of some ideas that represent the feasts:

Days of Unleavened Bread: Matzah with spreads (peanut butter, jams and jellys)

**Shavuot:** Take one slice of bread and score it down the middle to represent two tablets. Place raisins on it to represent wording or squeeze some fruit spread on the bread to represent words. You can take two *Little Debbie Nutty Bars* or two *Pepperidge Farm Milano cookies* or any cookies that look like tablets and write 1-10 in English or Hebrew in edible marker.

**Rosh HaShanah:** Cut up some apples into wedges and dip them in honey. You can also cut your apples in rings and use any type of filling you like such as *Nutella* hazelnut spread, peanut butter, or cream cheese to make an apple sandwich.

*Sukkot:* Make an edible sukkah using graham crackers and pretzel sticks. Decorate with any candies you desire. You can also make a savory one using carrots or celery and any filling such as cream cheese or ranch dressing for roof. You can make these one or three-dimensional. We also have an edible sukkah in our Sukkot Edition.

*Shabbat:* You can make the edible Sabbath candles that we have shown. You can also have grape juice and challah for Kiddush and Motzi.

\* Pinterest can also help you find ideas for some amazing snacks.



# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

### Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:Lev. 25:1-34Land Sabbath; Jubilee YearTuesday:Lev. 25:35-54Right-rulingsWednesday:Lev. 26:1-13Laws; Right-rulingsThursday:Lev. 26:14-46Blessings for obedience; Curses for disobedienceFriday:Lev. 27The redeeming of vows				ו
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