

# PARSHA PEARLS.



"Laws or Statutes"

# Chukat

Numbers 19:1 - 22:1

In this edition:  
Numbers 20:1-13, 22-29 (Waters of Strife)  
Katan A



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# PARSHA POINTS

## LITTLE GEMS

### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the instructions for the Little Gems story on the YMTOI website. We recommend that you print out the characters and familiarize yourself with each story so that you can implement the visual representations of your choice (felt, laminated or stand-ups) at the appropriate time.

## Waters of Strife

Shalom children! Last week, we talked about how the Yisra'elites complained against having Mosheh and Aharon as their leaders, and the sad events that happened because of that. This week, we're going to talk about some more things that the Yisra'elites were not happy about. Let's see if they have learned to trust Yahweh yet.

The Yisra'elites had been led by Yahweh to the Wilderness of Tsin, to stay at Qadesh. **(Place group of Yisra'elites on board.)** Miryam had died, so they buried her there. But then the trouble started. You see, there was no water to drink, so the people came to Mosheh and Aharon again, full of complaints. **(Place Mosheh and Aharon in priestly garments on board next to Yisra'elites.)** The people felt sure that they would not make it through the harsh wilderness, and wished they had just stayed in Mitsrayim, where they used to have figs and grapes and pomegranates to eat. There was no grain, either, and no water for them to drink. So once again, Mosheh and Aharon went back to the Tent of Appointment to pray to Yahweh.

**(Place Tent of Appointment on board, and move Mosheh and Aharon to the tent.)**

Yahweh told Mosheh exactly what to do. He was to take his rod and have Aharon help him gather all the people together near a big rock. Yahweh said that Mosheh was to stand in front of all the people and speak to the rock, and water would gush out of the rock for them to drink. So Mosheh took the rod, and they gathered all the Yisra'elites together.

**(Place rock on board in front of Yisra'elites. Move Mosheh and Aharon to the rock. Place rod in Mosheh's hand.)**



# PARSHA POINTS

## LITTLE GEMS

Now Mosheh was very angry with the Yisra'elites because of all their grumbling. He stood before the people and asked if he should bring water out of the rock for them. Then he hit the rock twice with his rod. But wait a minute—didn't Yahweh ask him to SPEAK to the rock this time? He didn't tell Mosheh to hit it! Well, sure enough, lots of water came out, and all the people and animals drank. **(Replace rock with water coming out on board.)** But Yahweh was not happy with the way that Mosheh had handled the situation. He told Mosheh that because he had not believed and obeyed His instructions, Yahweh had not been set apart in the eyes of the Yisra'elites. Now Mosheh would not be allowed to go with the Yisra'elites into the good land that Yahweh had given them. Those waters were called Meribah, because they had argued there.

**(Remove rock with water coming out and Tent of Appointment from board.)**

Well, it so happened that the Yisra'elites were camped right next to the land of Edom, so after the rock incident, Mosheh sent some messengers to go talk to the king there. **(Place king and messengers on other side of board.)** The messengers explained to the king that Yisra'el had faced some hard times. After all, they had been trapped in Mitsrayim for many years, and they had not been treated nicely there. But the people had called upon Yahweh for help, and He heard them and led them out of Mitsrayim. And now, here they were in Qadesh, right next to Edom, so they wanted the king's permission to pass through his land. They promised not to walk through the farmland, or even drink their water. They would stay on the road until they were all the way across. But the king said no, he would not give them permission to walk through the land. They asked again, but the king still would not let them come into his land.

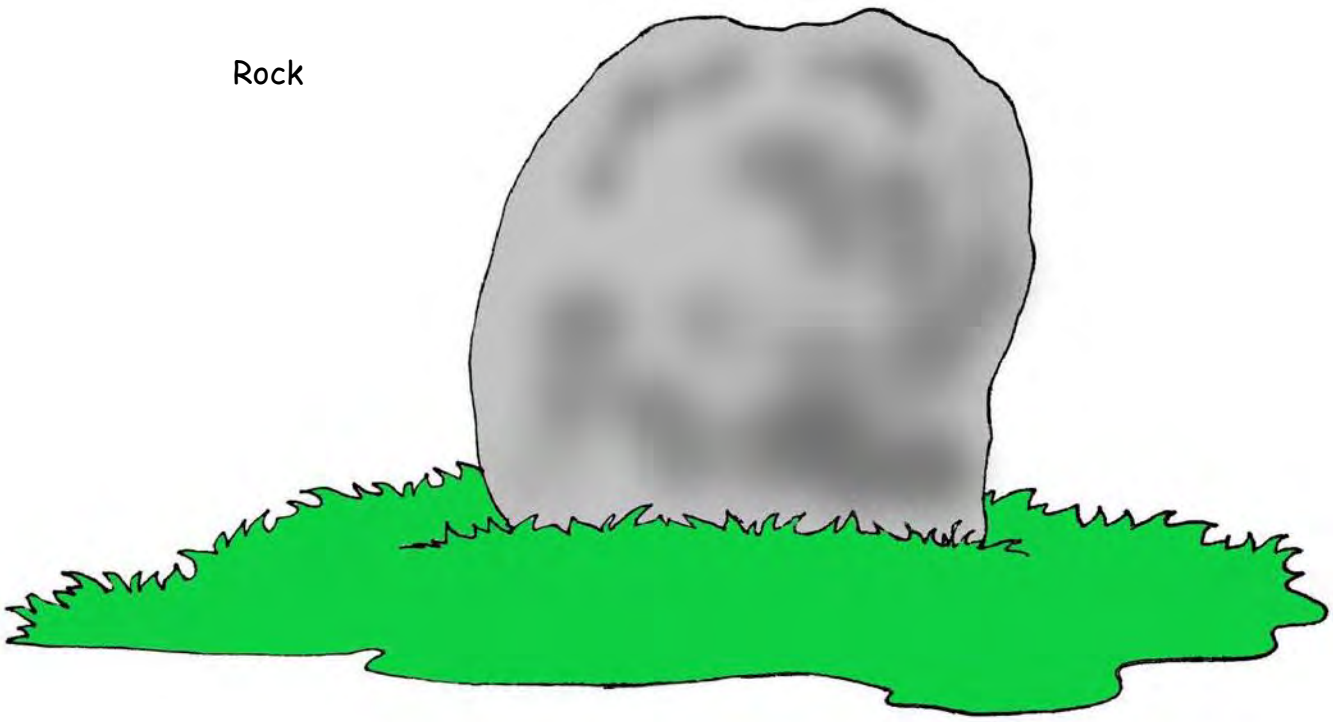
**(Remove king and messengers from board.)**

So instead, Yahweh led the Yisra'elites away from Qadesh to camp at Mount Hor. **(Place mountain on board.)** There Yahweh told Mosheh that it was time for Aharon to be gathered to his people, and that he would not be entering the land because of what happened at Meribah. Mosheh, Aharon, and his son El'azar went up to Mount Hor, and the priest's clothing that Aharon was wearing was put onto El'azar. **(Place Mosheh, Aharon in priestly garments, and El'azar on mountain.)** Then Mosheh and El'azar came down from the mountain, but Aharon did not come down with them, because he had died there. **(Remove Aharon in priestly garments and El'azar from board and bring Mosheh and El'azar in priestly garments down from the mountain.)** When the Yisra'elites heard this, they were sad and missed Aharon. Before continuing on their journey, they spent 30 days remembering him.

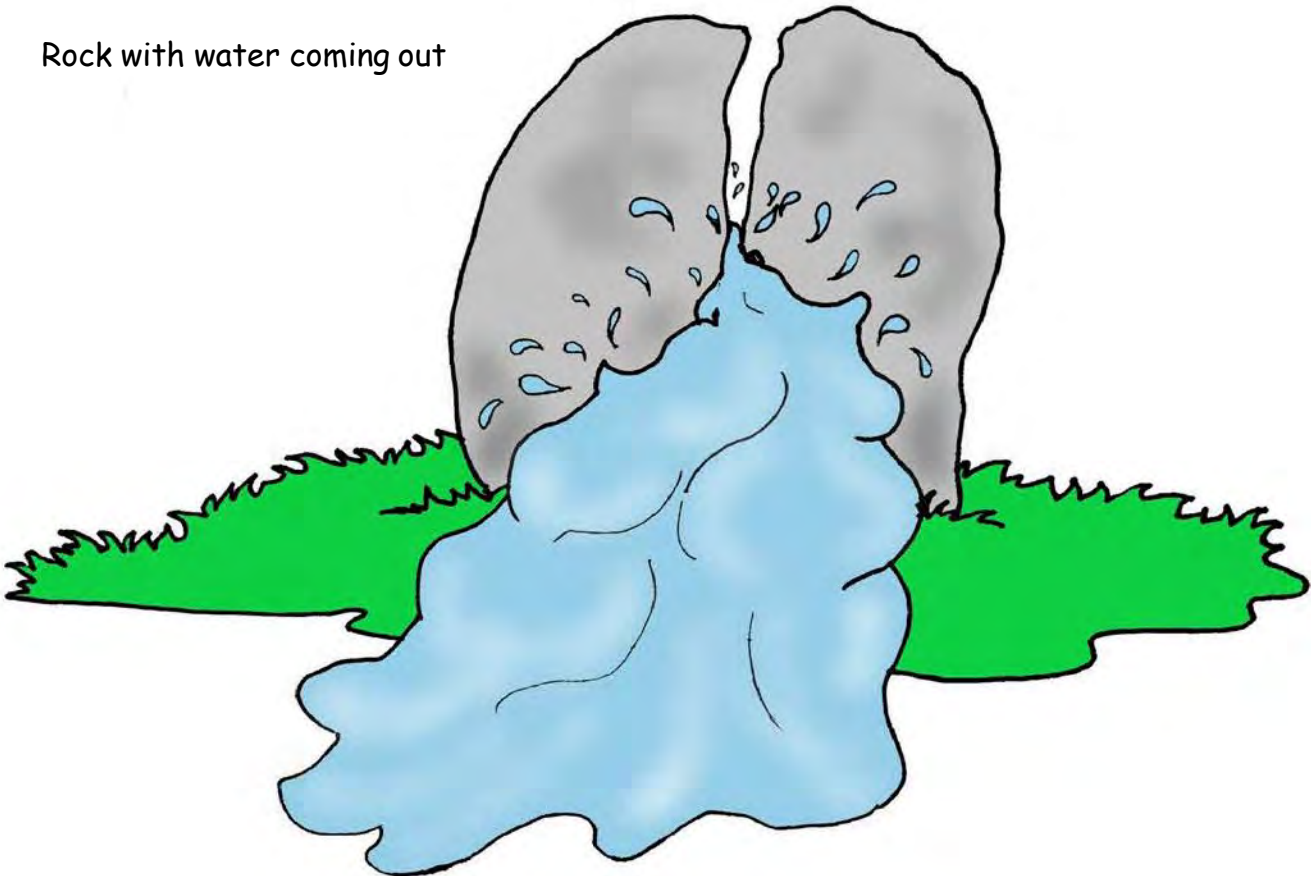
Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!



Rock



Rock with water coming out



Mountain



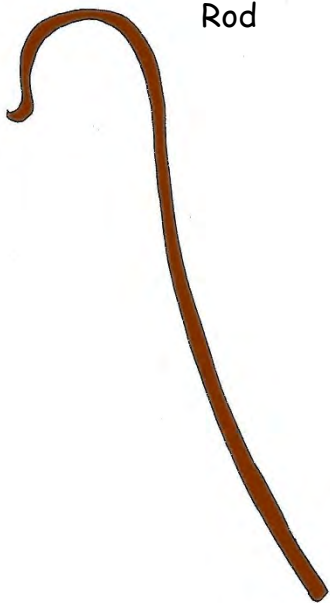
## King and messengers



## El'azar in priestly garments



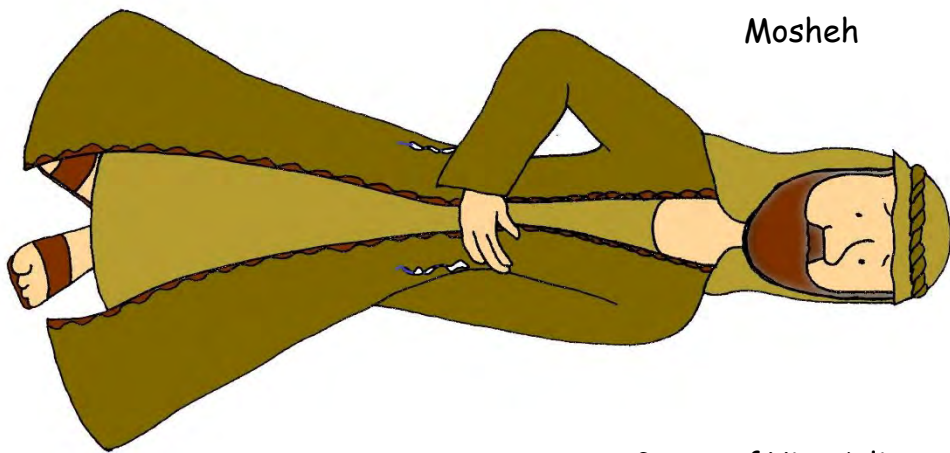
Rod



El'azar



Mosheh



Aharon in priestly garments

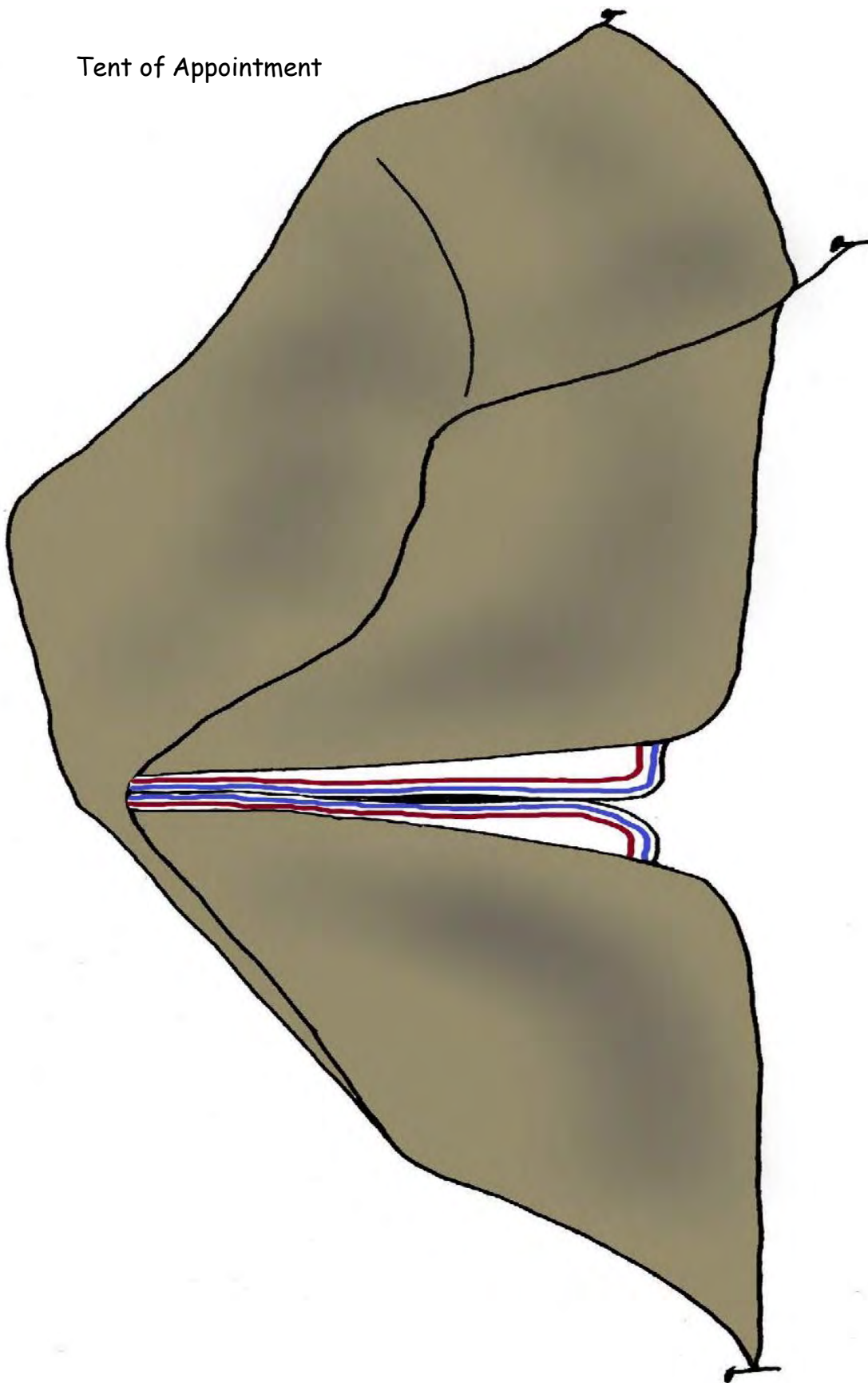


Group of Yisra'elites

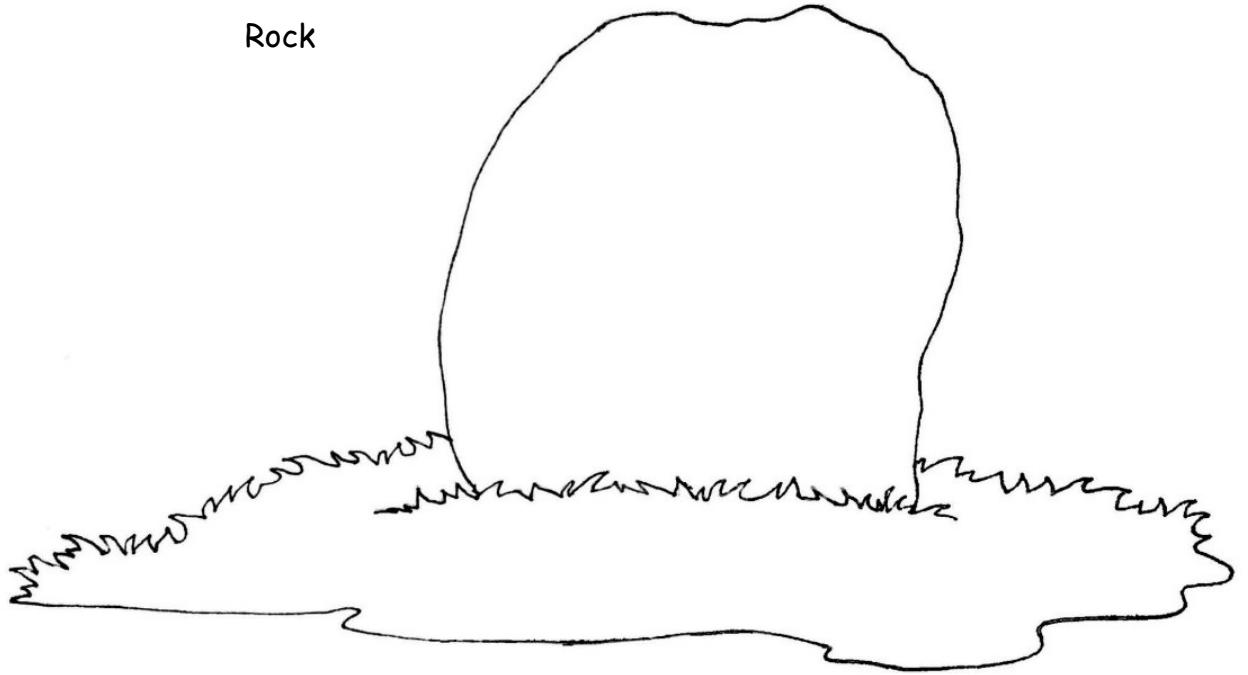




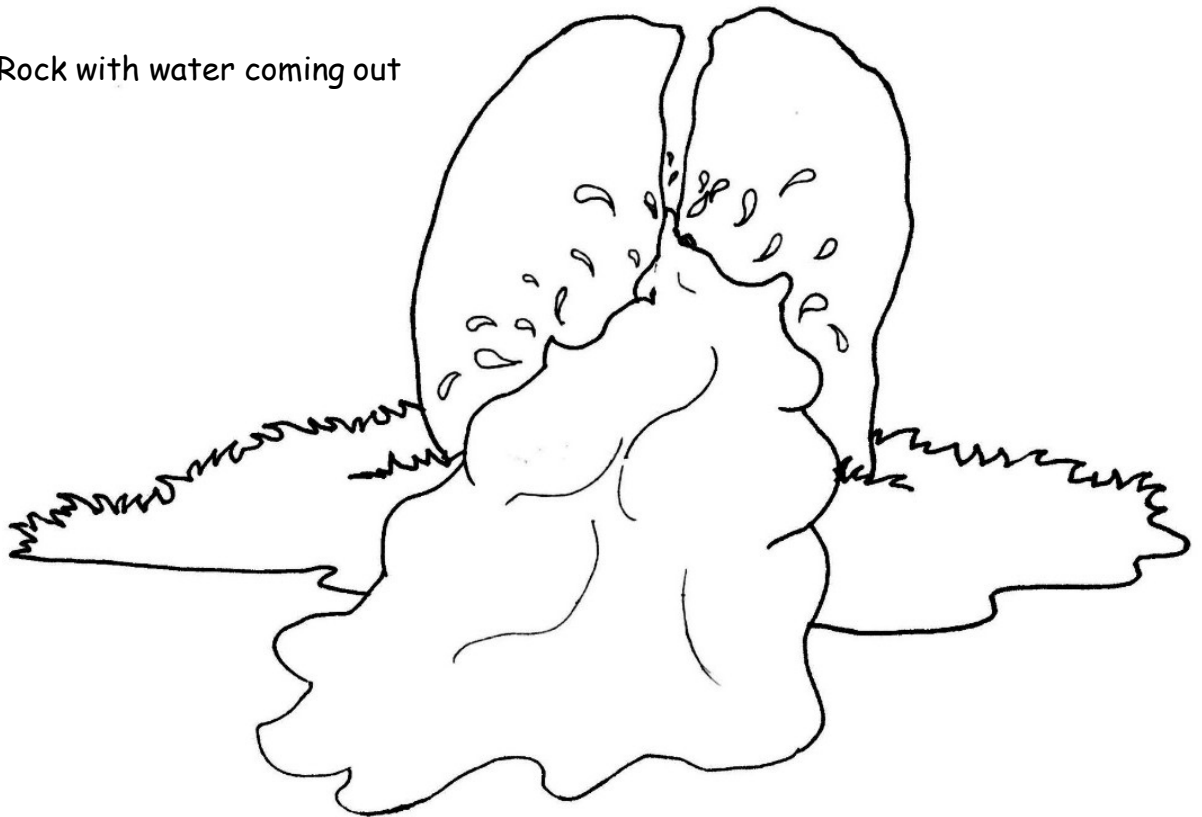
# Tent of Appointment



Rock



Rock with water coming out



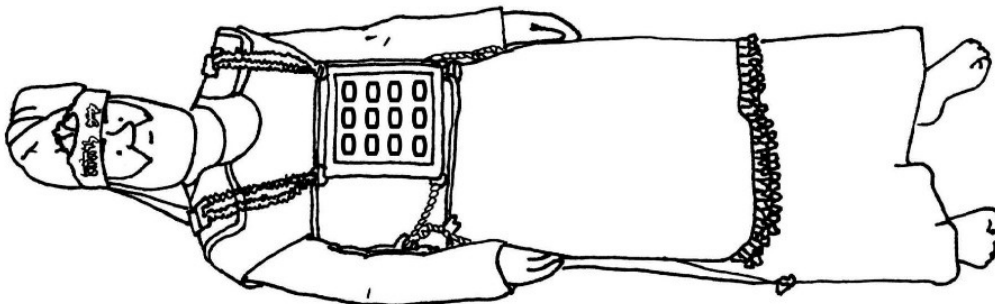
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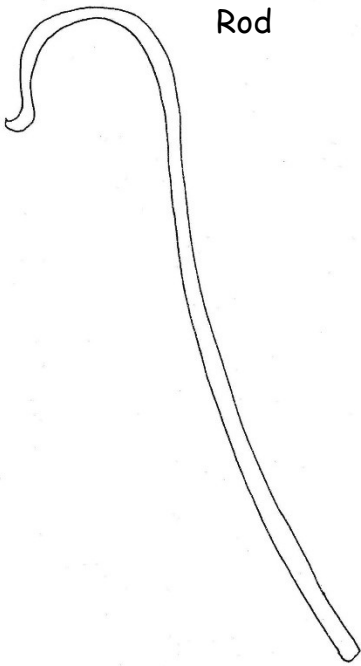
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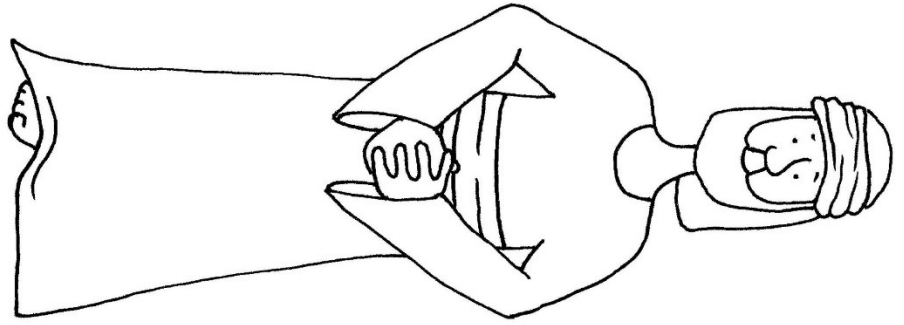
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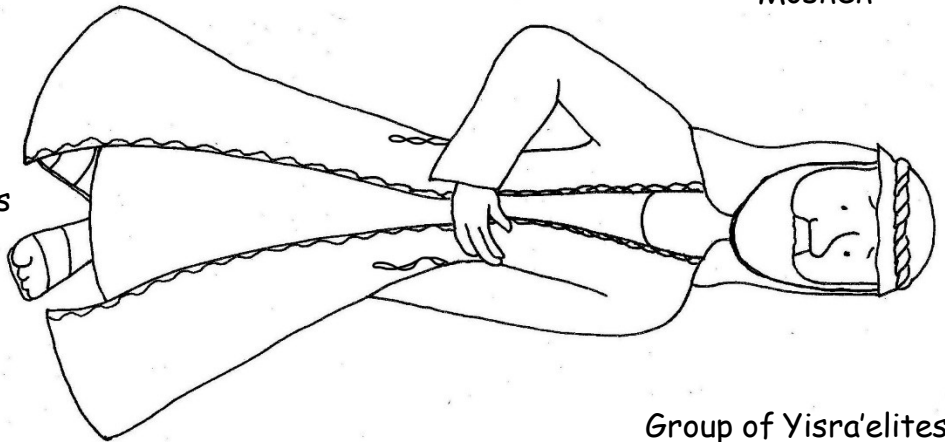
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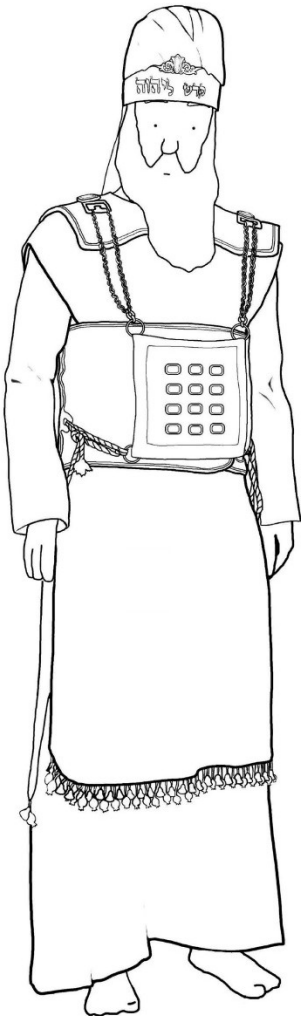
El'azar



Mosheh



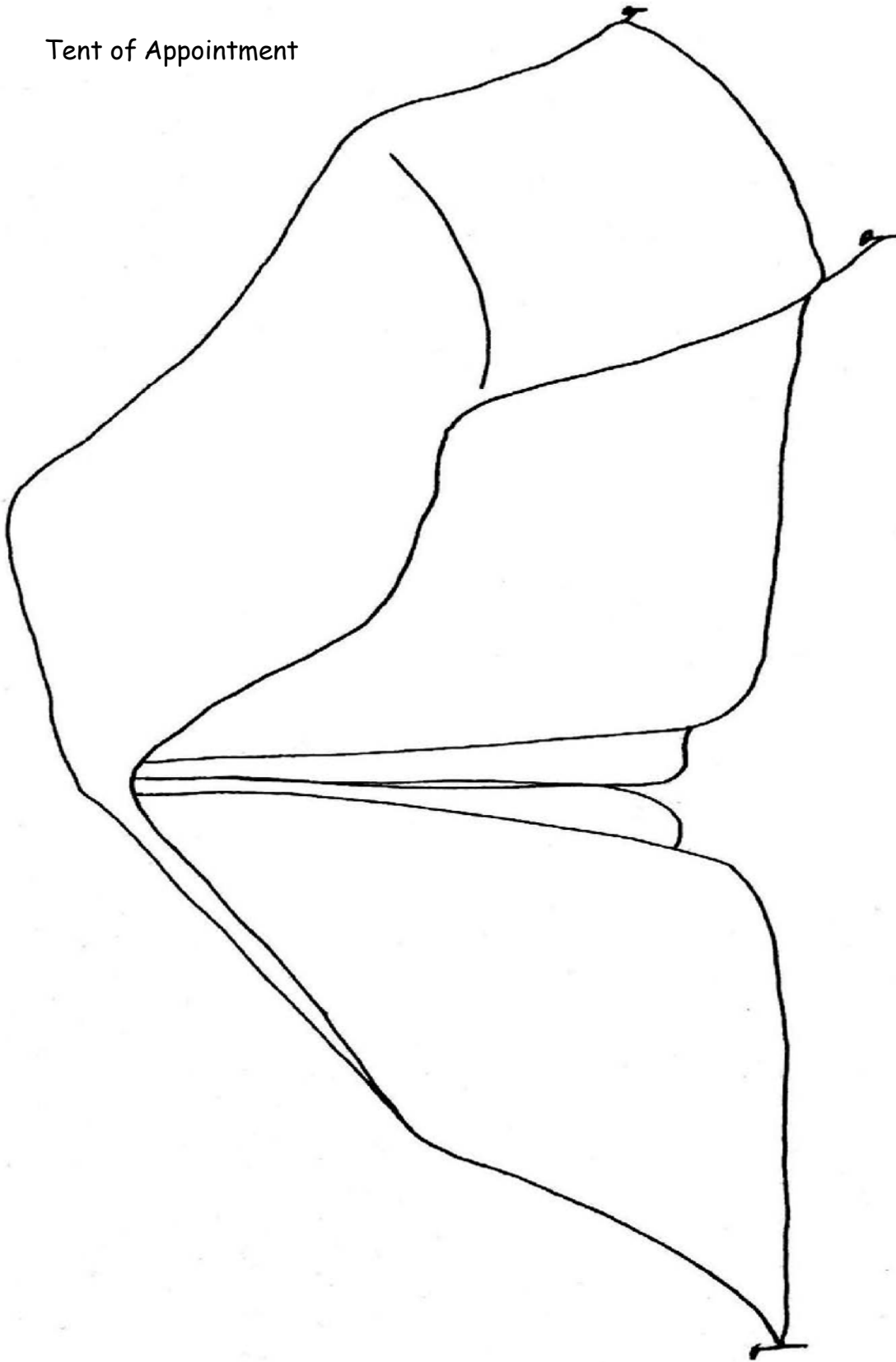
Aharon in priestly garments



Group of Yisra'elites



# Tent of Appointment



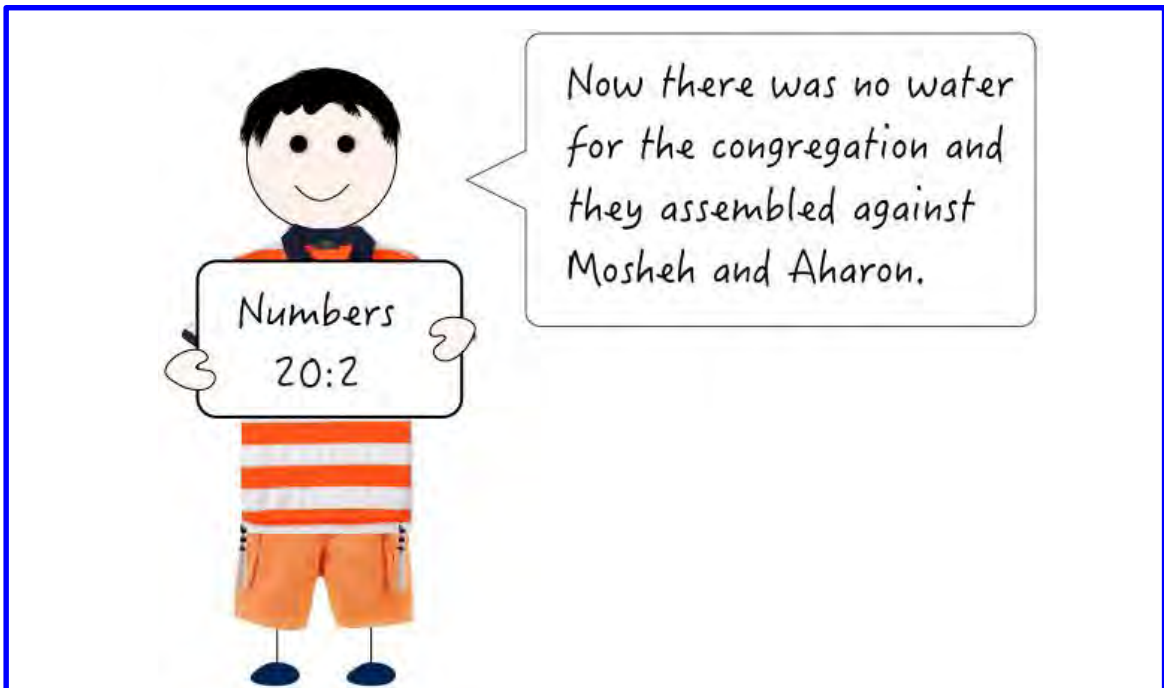
# COUNTING WHAT YOU GAINED

This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this parsha. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

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## STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan A memory verse for this Torah portion is Numbers 20:2. 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.



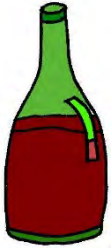




# SEEKING TREASURE

Circle the correct choices.

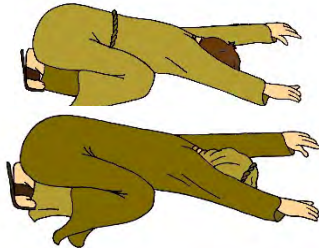
1. What were the people murmuring about in this parsha? (20:2)



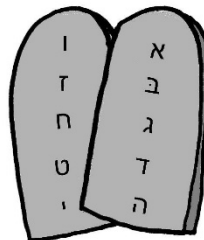
2. What did the congregation say that they were missing? (20:5)



3. What did Mosheh and Aharon do after the people complained? (20:6)



4. Yahweh told Mosheh to bring what item with him to get water? (20:8)



5. Instead of speaking to the rock, Mosheh hit it how many times with his rod? (20:11)



# WORD SEARCH

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

## Waters of Meribah

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D	R	O	G	K	O
Y	D	A	N	T	C
V	L	I	N	Y	K
J	R	L	Q	K	I
D	W	A	T	E	R

DRINK

WATER

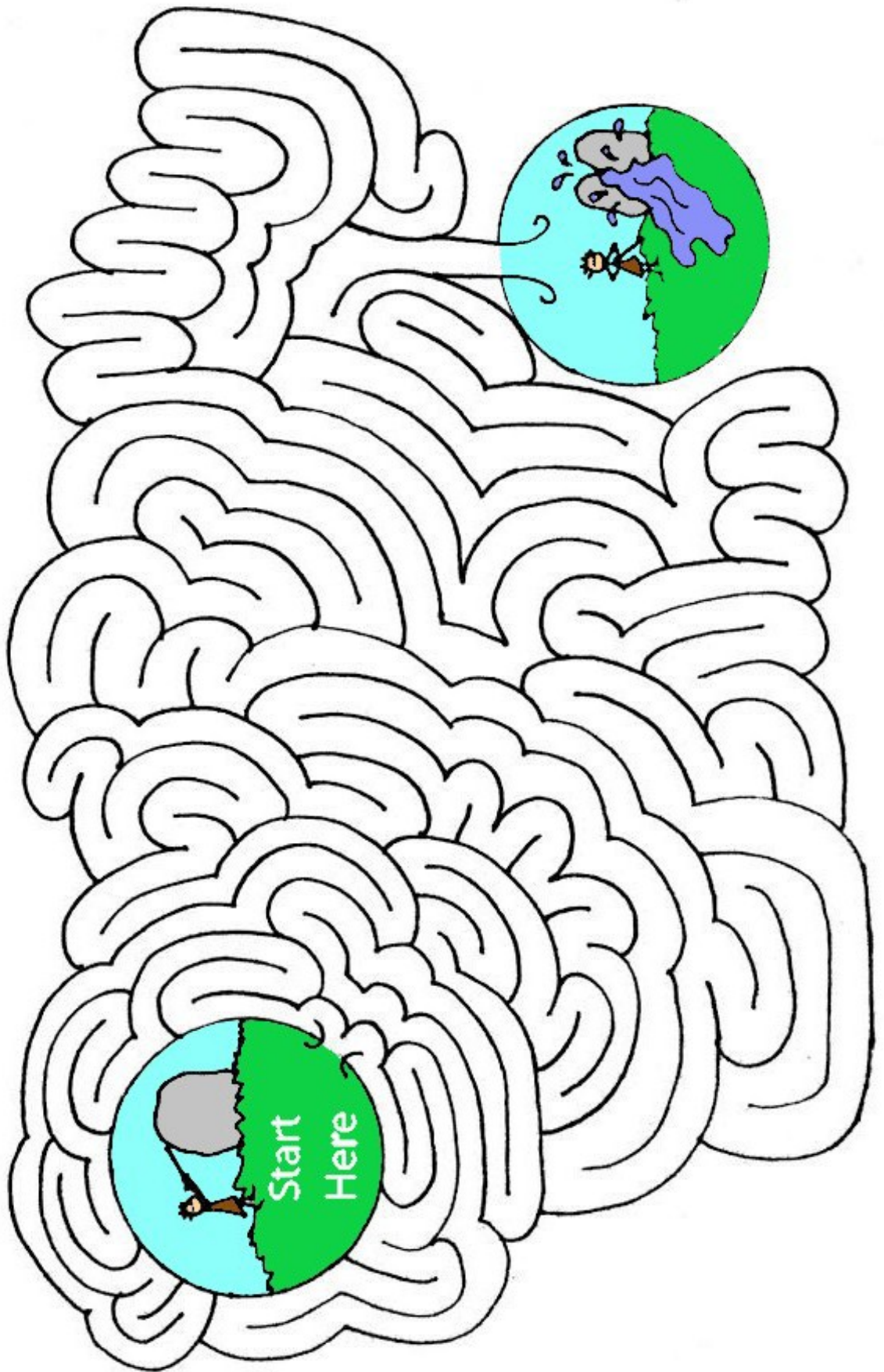
ROD

ROCK

DRANK



# MAZE



# PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

## Craft Instructions Water from the Rock Numbers 20:11

### Materials:

- Cardboard from a cereal box or any other box, big enough to make (10) circles
- Brown butcher paper or a grocery sack
- Hot glue
- White glue
- Rules
- Scissors
- Pen
- Hook and loop dots
- Small wooden dowel (1)

### For slime to represent water:

- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup clear school glue
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Tbsp. baking soda
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup warm water
- 1 tbsp. saline contact solution
- Bowls (2)
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Spoon or rubber spatula: to stir
- Napkins
- Clear plastic container with a lid or plastic re-sealable bag (to store slime)
- Clear tape
- Option 2: silver foil shreds



### Parent/Teacher preparation:

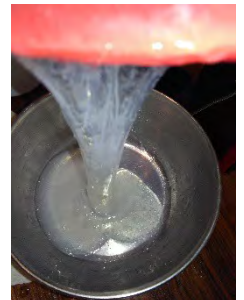
There are many recipes out there for slime, gack, etc. We conducted quite a bit of research as well as tests and trials to get this consistency and color so it will look like water. You may choose to use this recipe or one of your own. If you do not wish to make the slime, skip those steps and go to Option 2.

### Instructions for the craft:

#### For 'water' slime:

- In a bowl pour  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of clear school glue, then add  $\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoon of the contact solution and begin stirring. Make sure it is well mixed.
- In the second bowl, add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of warm water and  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon of baking soda. Mix well. It should look clear.
- Pour the water and baking soda mix into the glue and contact solution; mix and stir. (P1)

P1



# PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

## Craft - page 2:

### Instructions for the craft cont'd:

- Add the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoon of contact solution to the mix and keep stirring until the mixture comes away from the bowl. The feel should be like gelatin, but you should be able to pick it up and it should slide out of your hand like water, but not running wet. (P2)
- Put your 'water' into your re-sealable container and set aside. Note: the slime will get harder when it sits out, so for the effect of it running like water, it needs to be put away quickly.

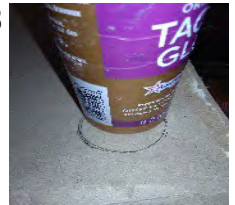
### For the 'rock':

- Find something circular that can be used as a template to trace onto the cardboard. Try to make sure it is small enough to get (10) circles out of your cardboard. (P3)
- Trace (10) circles on the cardboard and cut them out.
- Next, you will be drawing an equilateral triangle on the circle. (P4)  
The size depends on your circle. Use a ruler to draw the lines, making sure they go all the way to the edges of the circle. (P5)
- Repeat this process for all (10) circles.
- Fold along the lines you just drew.
- Next, glue (5) circles together at the tabs you made, so you form a half ball. (P6)
- Repeat with the other half. You now have (2) halves of a ball.
- Crumple up the butcher paper or paper sack; then smooth it again.
- Take the butcher paper or paper sack you just crumpled and get a large enough piece to cover all the sides of each half ball on the outside. (P7)
- Cut the pieces out.
- Carefully hot glue the new butcher paper piece along the outer edges of the ball half. It's fine if you have to bunch up the butcher paper so it will fit. (P8)
- Repeat these steps for the second half of the ball as well.
- Put some hook and loop pieces on the inside tabs of the ball halves; this way you can bring the halves together to make a full ball. This ball will be your rock to keep.

P2



P3



P4



P5



P6



P7



P8



# PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

## Craft - page 3:

### Instructions for the craft cont'd:

- Now, take a small amount of the 'water' and put it in one of the ball halves. (P9)
- Bring the ball halves together to enclose the slime in.

This can be used to pretend to strike the 'rock' and then let the 'water' come out of the rock, just like Mosheh did in this week's parsha, by pulling the halves apart, but not necessarily all the way open.

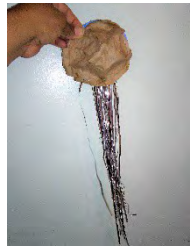
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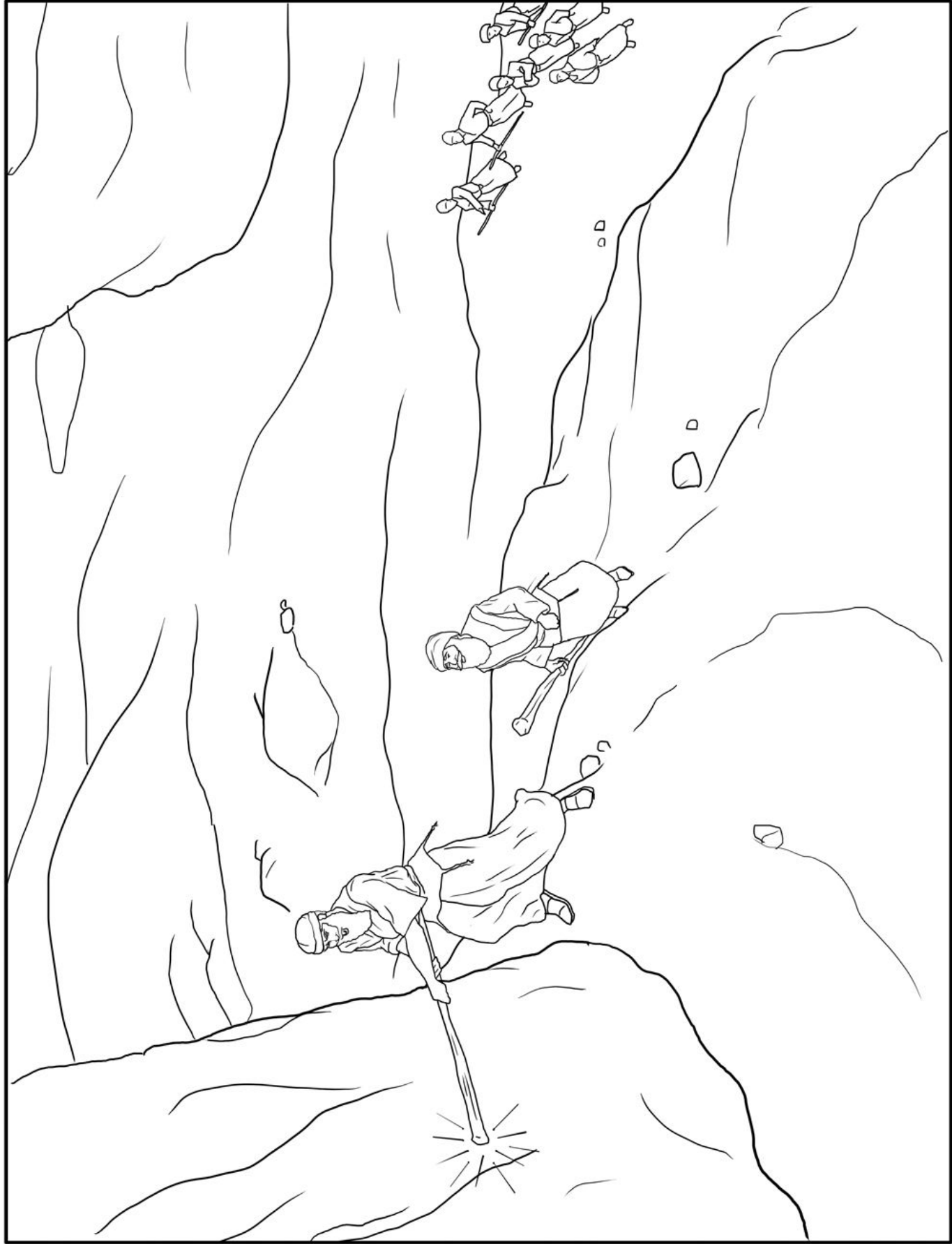
- Do NOT leave your slime in the 'rock.' It needs to be sealed in an airtight container when not in use.
- Option 2: Take a handful of the silver foil shreds and glue or tape them to the inside of one of the ball halves. (P10)

P9



P10





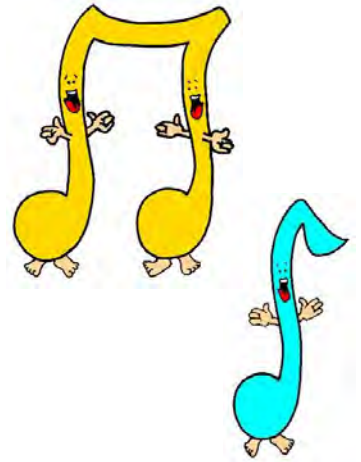
# SWEETNESS OF TORAH

## SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH (SING PRAISES TO HIS NAME)

### **The Waters of Meribah**

*Sing to tune of "Eensy Weensy Spider"*

The Yisra'elite people kvetched and moaned  
"We are thirsty, we were better off back home!"  
Speak to a rock, that's what you have to do  
But Mosheh hit the rock two times  
So, no Kena'an for you!



Here is the link for this song:

[https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2017-06-24T19\\_57\\_01-07\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2017-06-24T19_57_01-07_00)





# SWEETNESS OF TORAH

## 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.

### Decorated Pretzel Rods Numbers 20:8-9, 11



#### Ingredients:

- Pretzel Rods (represents the rod Mosheh used to strike the rock)

#### Instructions:

Buy decorated pretzel rods or make your own hand dipped rods with your children to have fun making this snack.

# NEXT WEEK'S TREASURE HUNT

Next week's Torah portion

Balaq  
Numbers 22:2 - 25:9

Suggested reading schedule

Monday:	Num. 22:2-20	King Balaq sends emissaries to Bil'am
Tuesday:	Num. 22:21-41	Bil'am's donkey and the Messenger of Yahweh speak
Wednesday:	Num. 23	Bil'am pronounces Yahweh's blessings
Thursday:	Num. 24	Bil'am continues to pronounce Yahweh's blessings
Friday:	Num. 25:1-9	Yisra'el falls into immorality and idolatry

Next week's memory verse

Katan A: Numbers 24:5

