

Parsha Pearls

Chukat

“Laws or Statutes”

Numbers 19:1 - 22:1
Katan Aleph



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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.

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 High Priest garment 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. **(Place fruit on board and point to each one.)** There was no grain, either, and no water for them to drink. **(Place wheat stalk and water pitcher on board.)** 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 next 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. **(Remove Mosheh from board and replace with Mosheh with rod.)**

(Place rock on board and move Mosheh, Aharon, and Yisra'elites beside the rock.)

Now Mosheh was very angry with the Yisra'elites because of all their grumbling. **(Place angry emoji on board.)** 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. **(Remove rock from board and place rock with water coming out on board.)** But Yahweh was not happy with the way that Mosheh had handled the situation. **(Point to angry emoji.)** 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 all characters from board except for Mosheh and Aharon.)

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 Mt. Hor 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. **(Remove Aharon in High Priest garment from board and place Mosheh and Aharon in regular clothing, and El'azar in High Priest garment on the 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 regular clothing from board and bring Mosheh and El'azar in High Priest garments down the mountain.)** When the Yisra'elites heard this, they were sad and missed Aharon. **(Place sad Yisra'elites on board.)** 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!





Messengers



Mosheh with rod



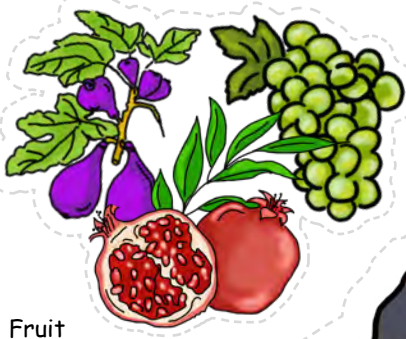
El'azar in High Priest garment



King



Mosheh



Fruit

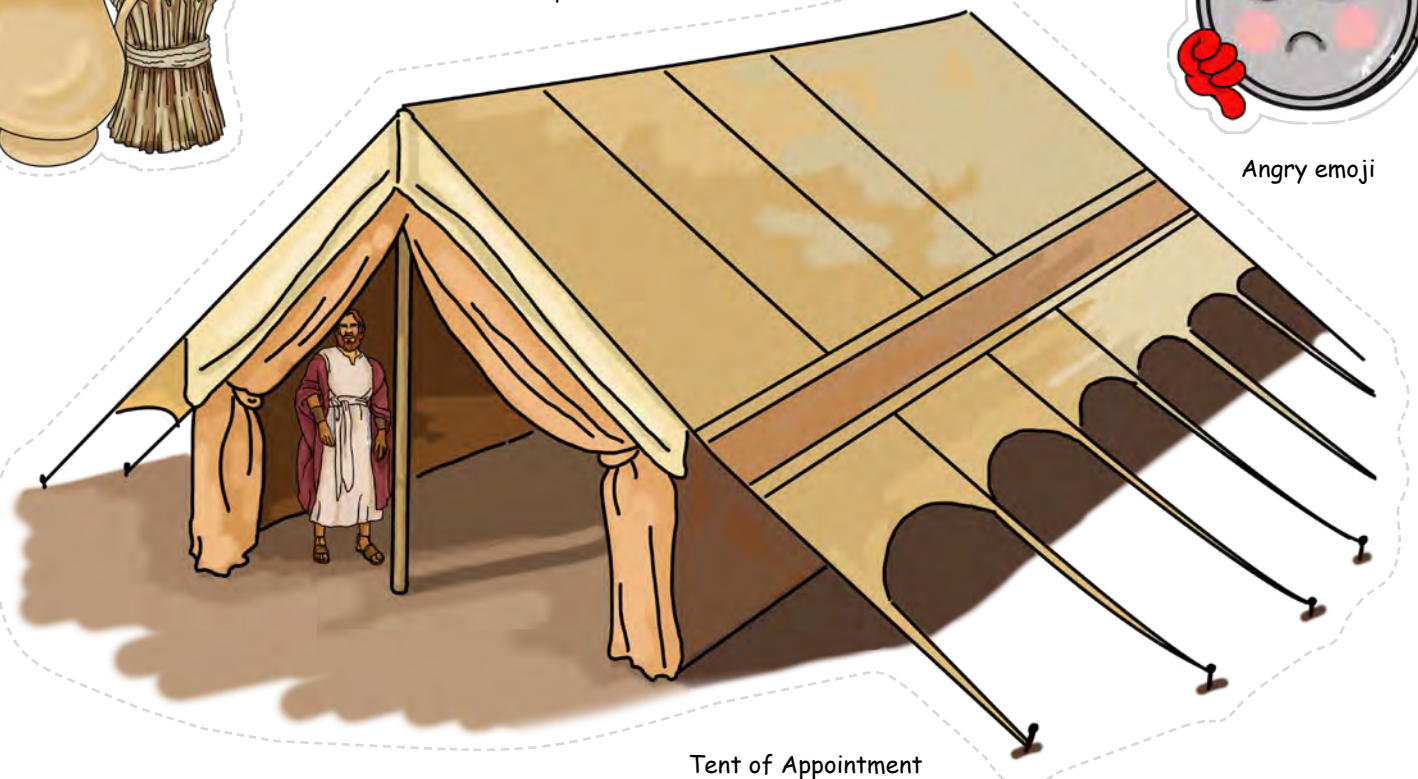
Mt. Hor



Wheat stalk and water pitcher



Angry emoji



Tent of Appointment



Group of Yisra'elites



Aharon in regular clothing

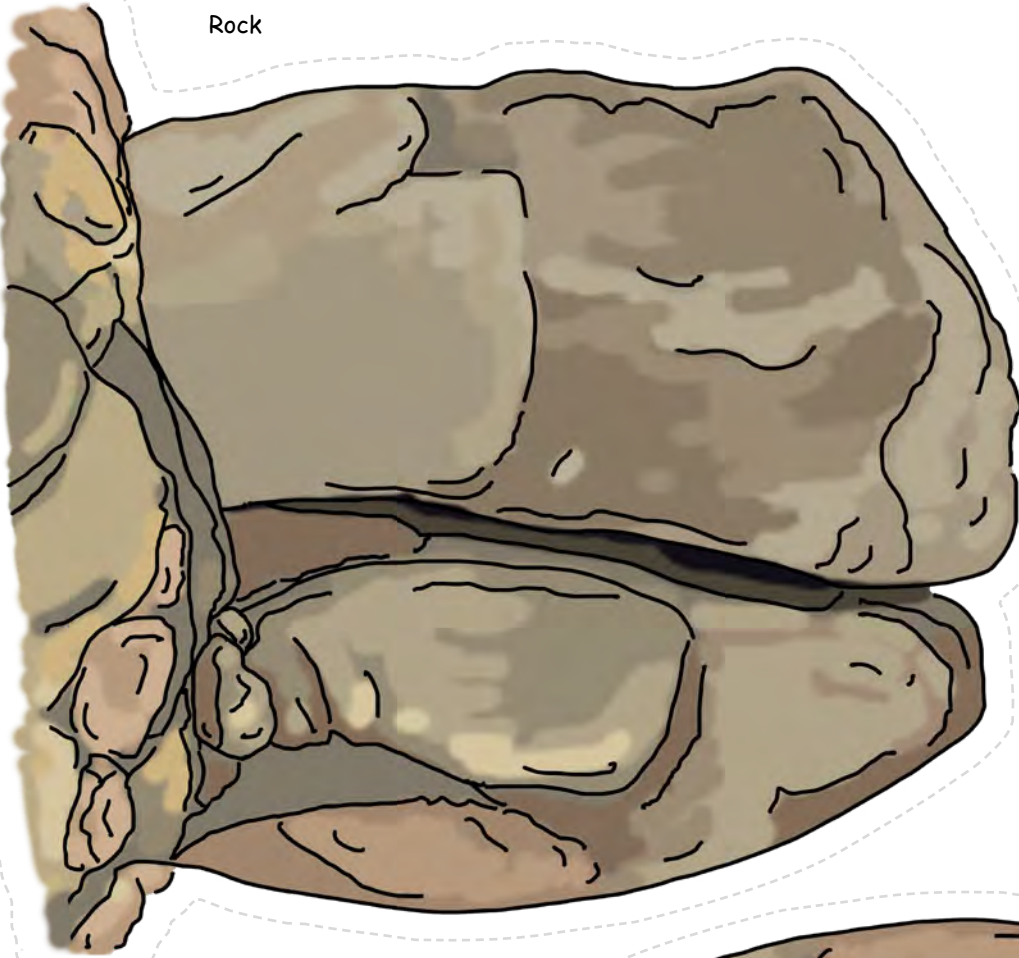


Sad Yisra'elites

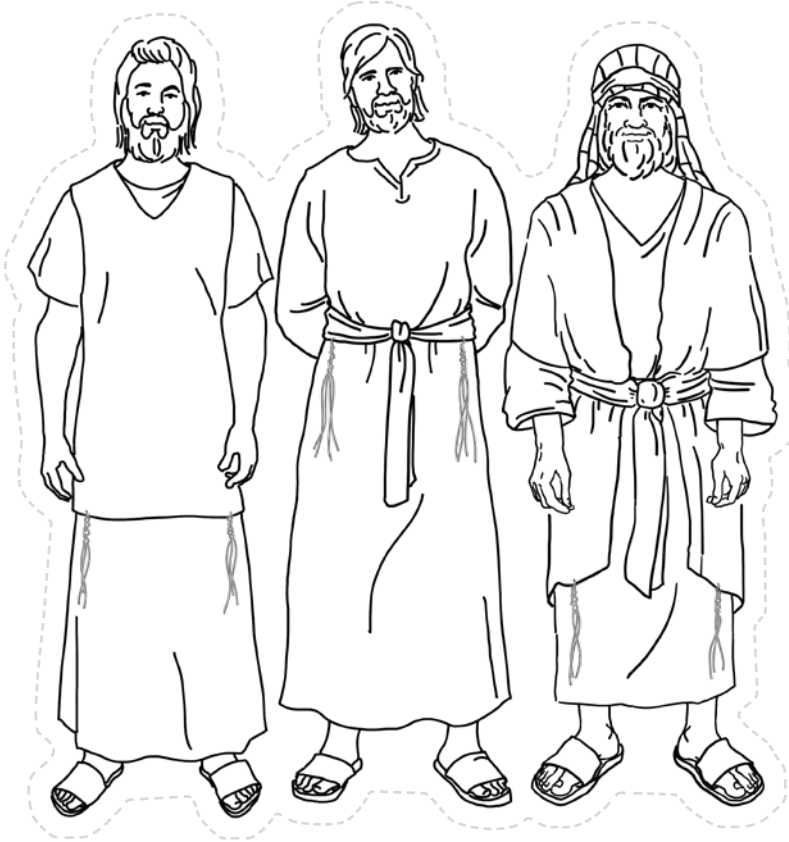


Aharon in High Priest garment

Rock



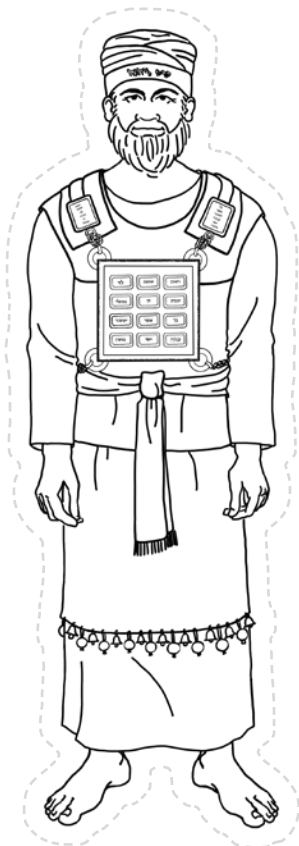
Rock with water coming out



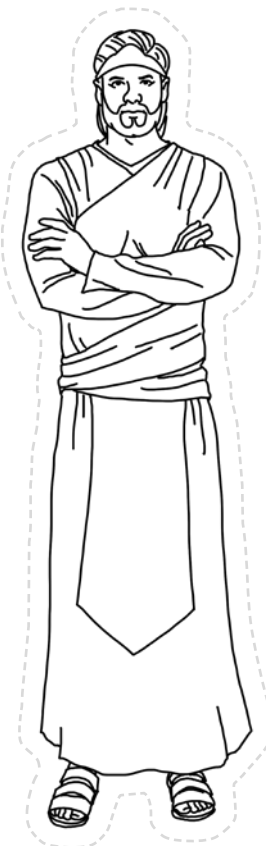
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Mosheh with rod



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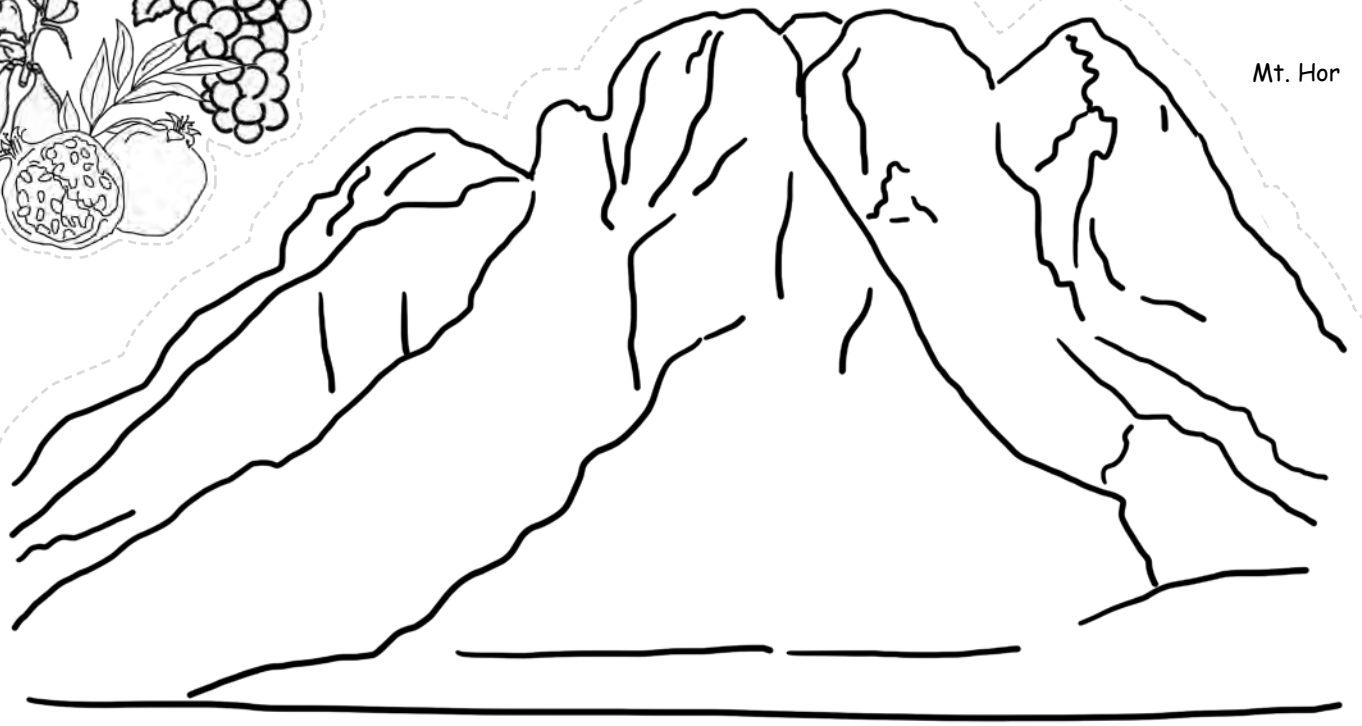


Mosheh



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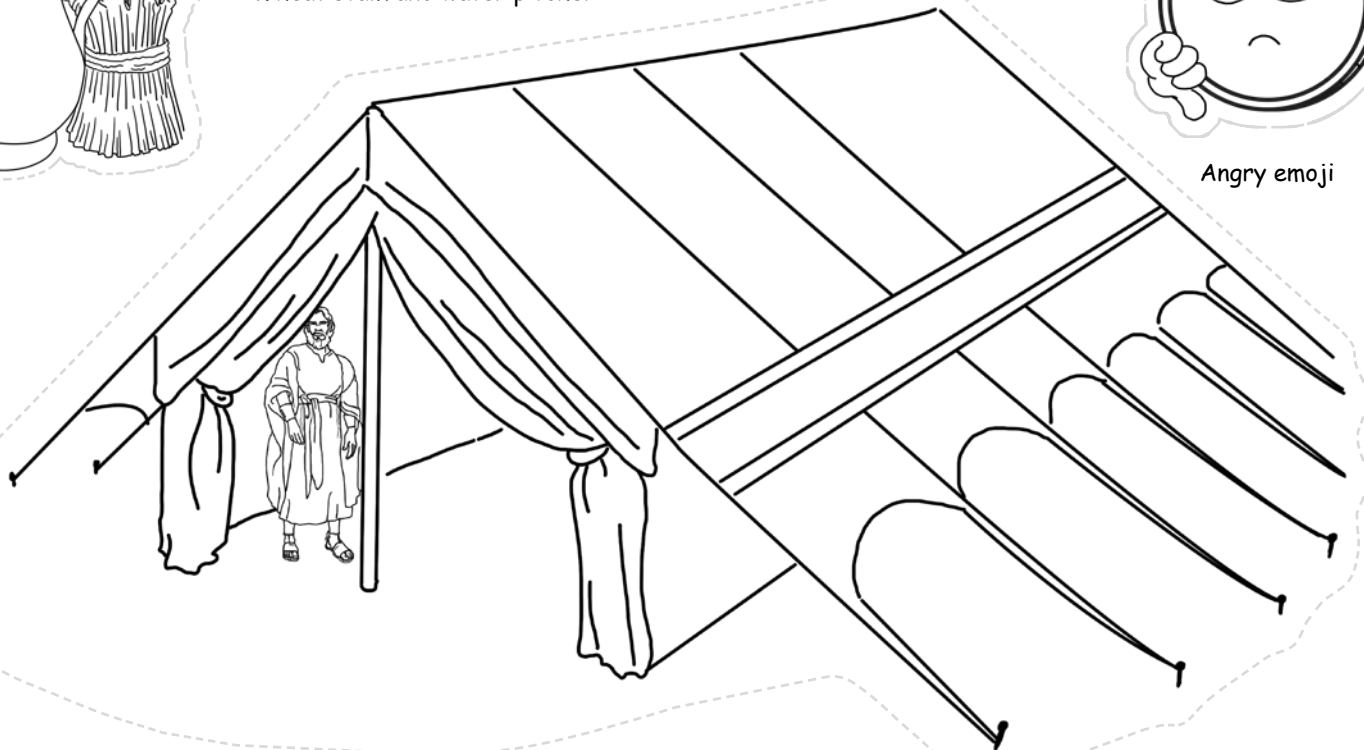
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Wheat stalk and water pitcher

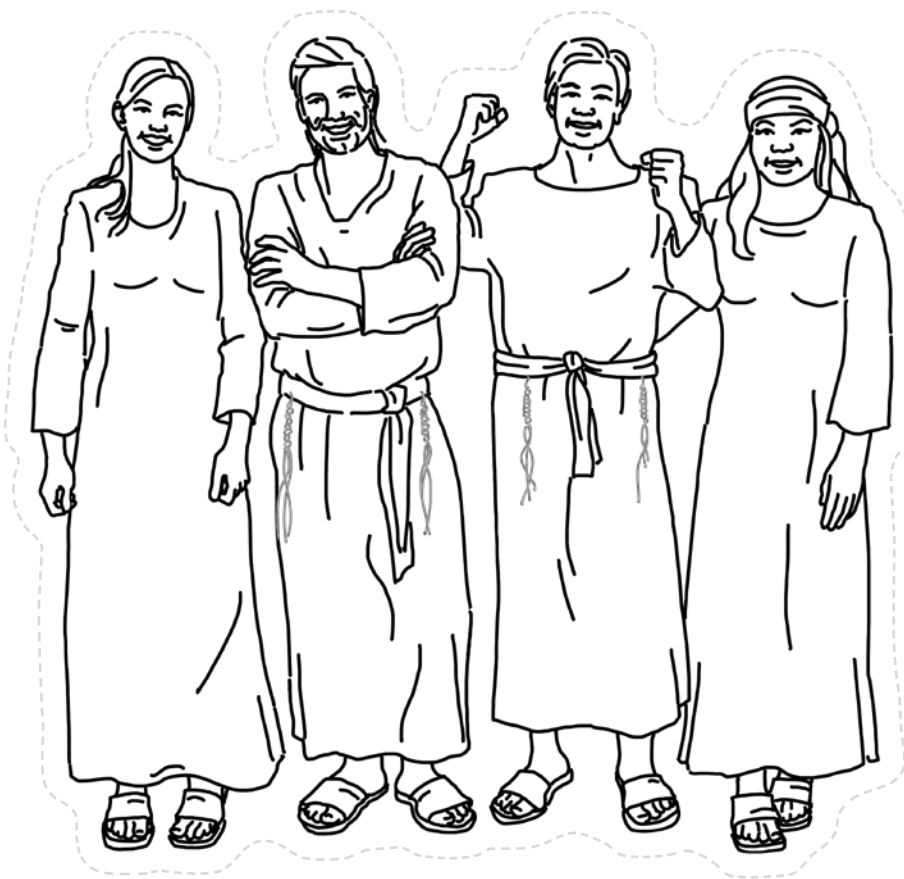


Angry emoji



Tent of Appointment

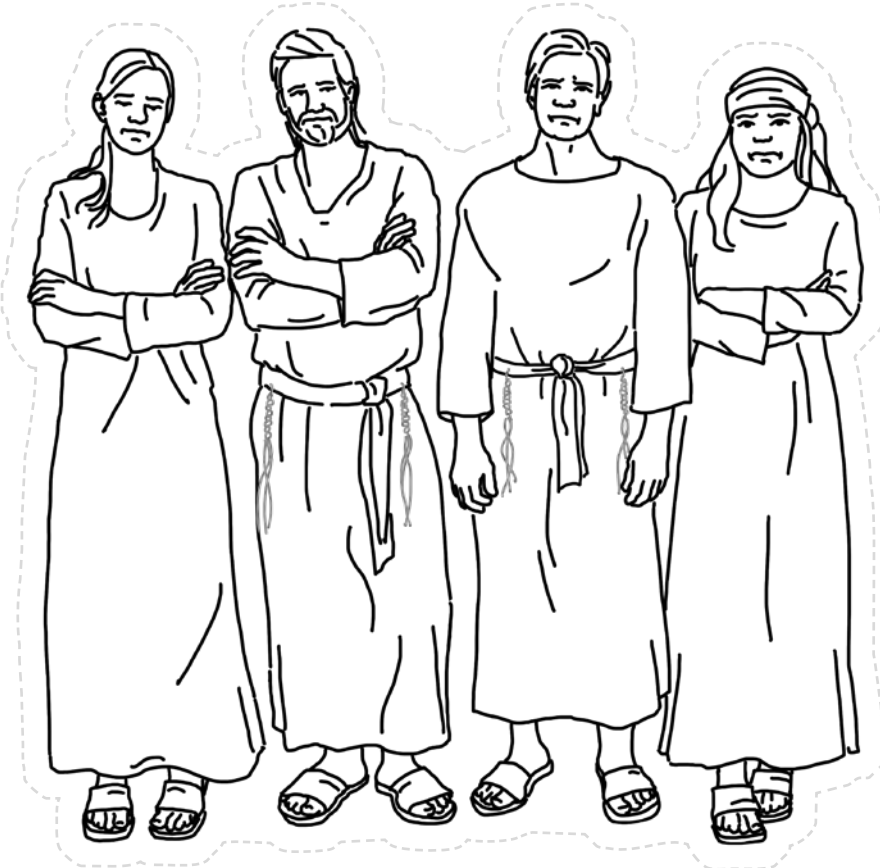




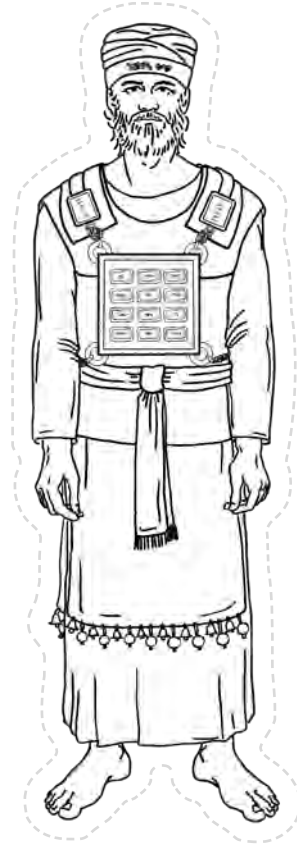
Group of Yisra'elites



Aharon in regular clothing

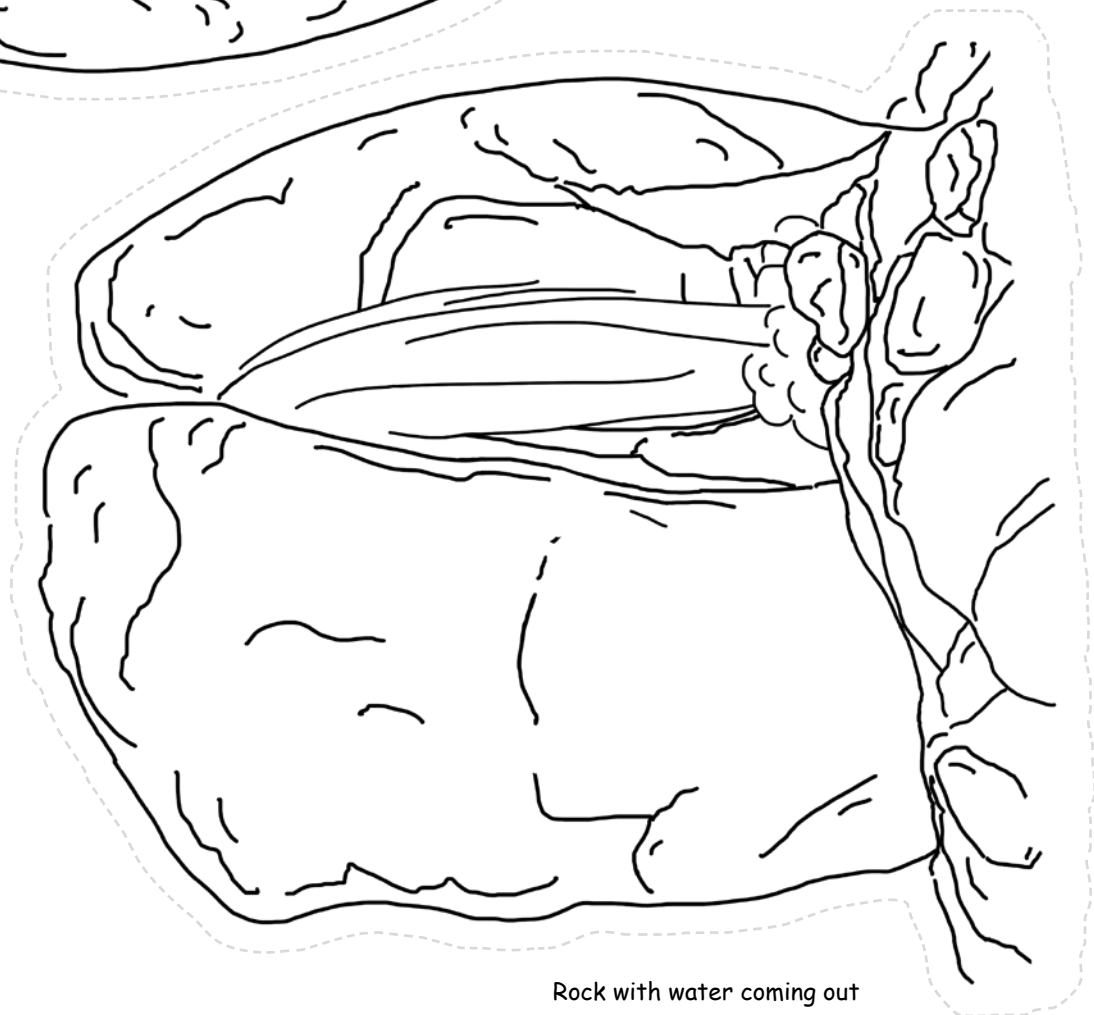
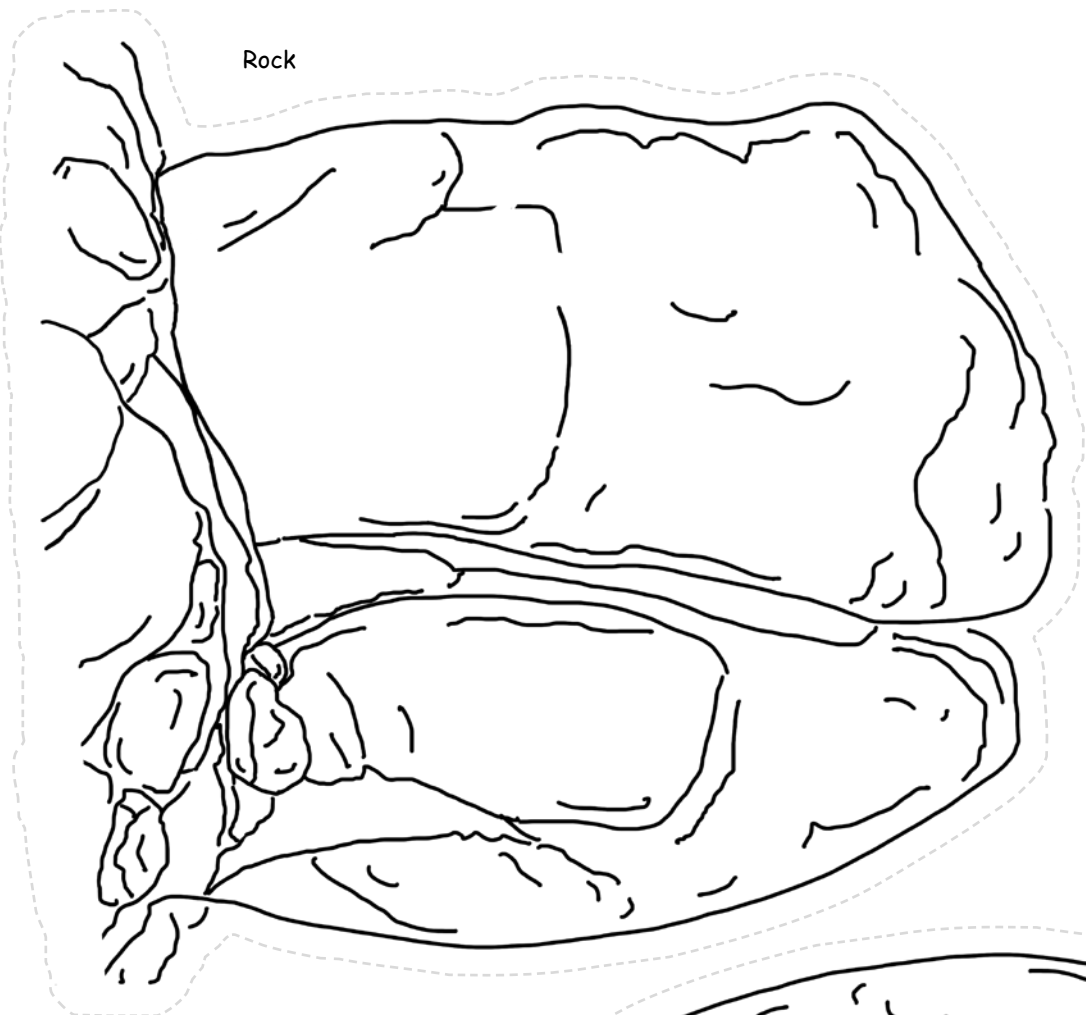


Sad Yisra'elites



Aharon in High Priest garment

Rock



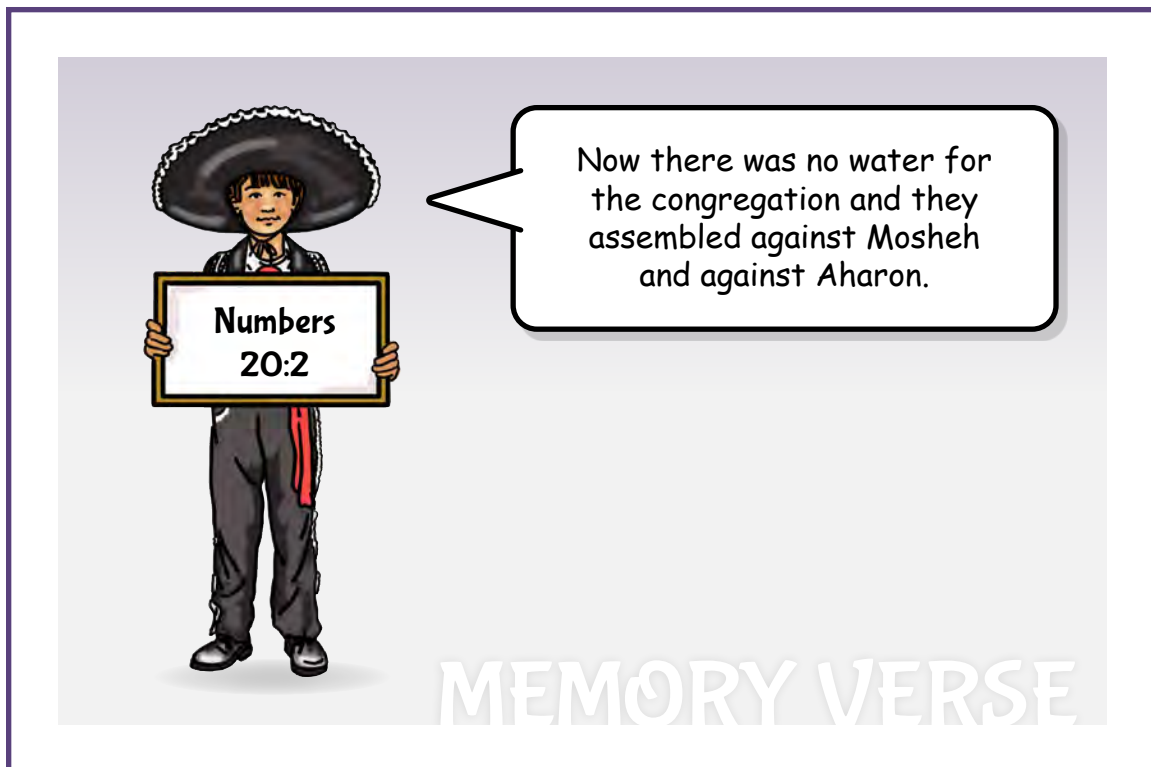
Rock with water coming out

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 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)

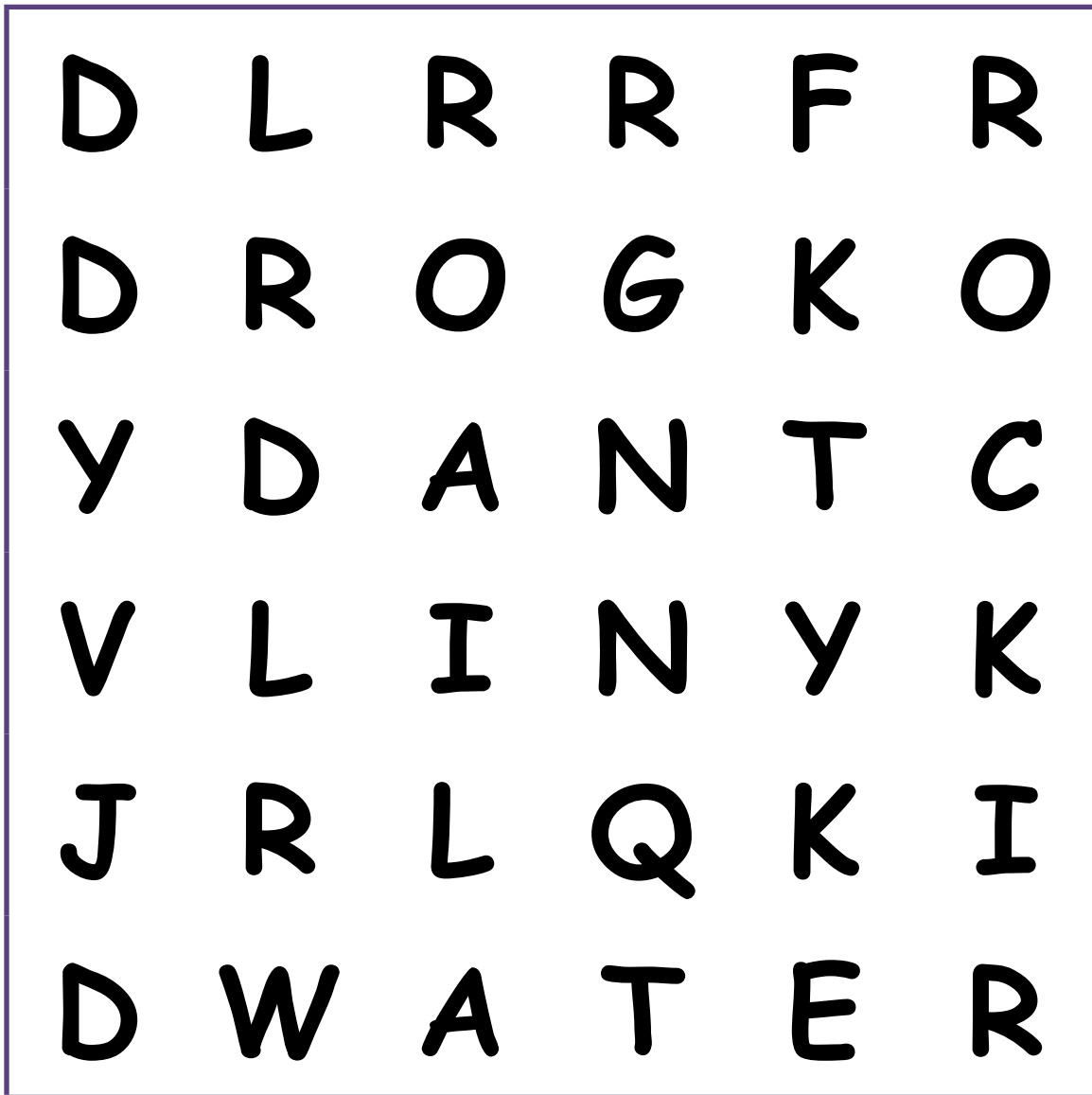


5. Instead of speaking to the rock, Mosheh hit it how many times with his rod? (20:11)



WORD SEARCH

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



DRINK

WATER

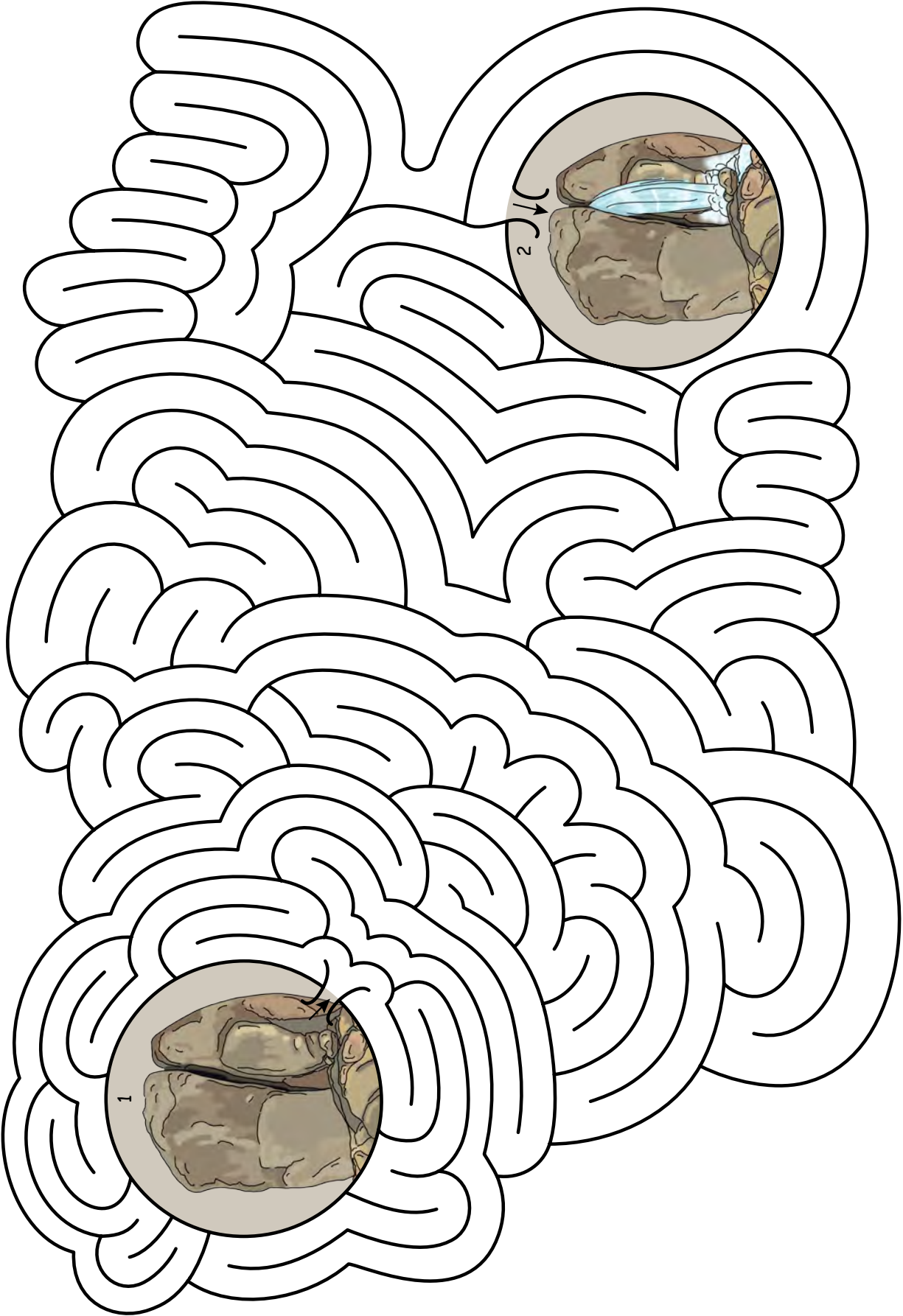
ROD

ROCK

DRANK



MAZE



Precious Possessions

CRAFT

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Puffy paint - blue
- Double-sided foam dimensional
- Puncturing tool
- Brad
- Ruler (to assist in folding)
- Craft Templates: Main Page & A (BW) or Main Page & B (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Templates of choice on white cardstock.

Mosheh Hits the Rock

Numbers 20:11

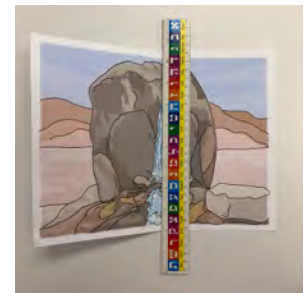


Instructions for the Craft:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all character pieces. (P1)
- Using a ruler, fold the Main Page on the dotted lines. (P2)
- Take the right side of the Main Page and bring to the left side to close the rock. (P3a, P3b)
- Using a puncturing tool, make a hole in Mosheh's body, as well as his arm where the black dots are. (P4a, P4b)



P1



P2



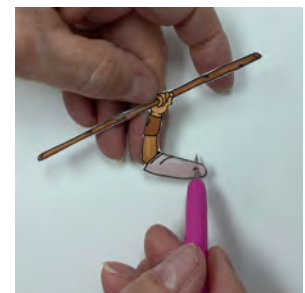
P3a



P3b



P4a



P4b

Instructions for the Craft Cont'd:

- Connect Mosheh's arm to his body using a small brad. (P5)
- Adhere a double-sided foam dimensional to the back of Mosheh's torso. (P6)
- Embellish the water coming from the rock with blue puffy paint. (P7)
- Once the puffy paint dries, open and close the Main Page revealing the water coming from the rock. (P8a, P8b)

You now have a visual representation of Mosheh striking the rock and water coming forth from it.



P5



P6



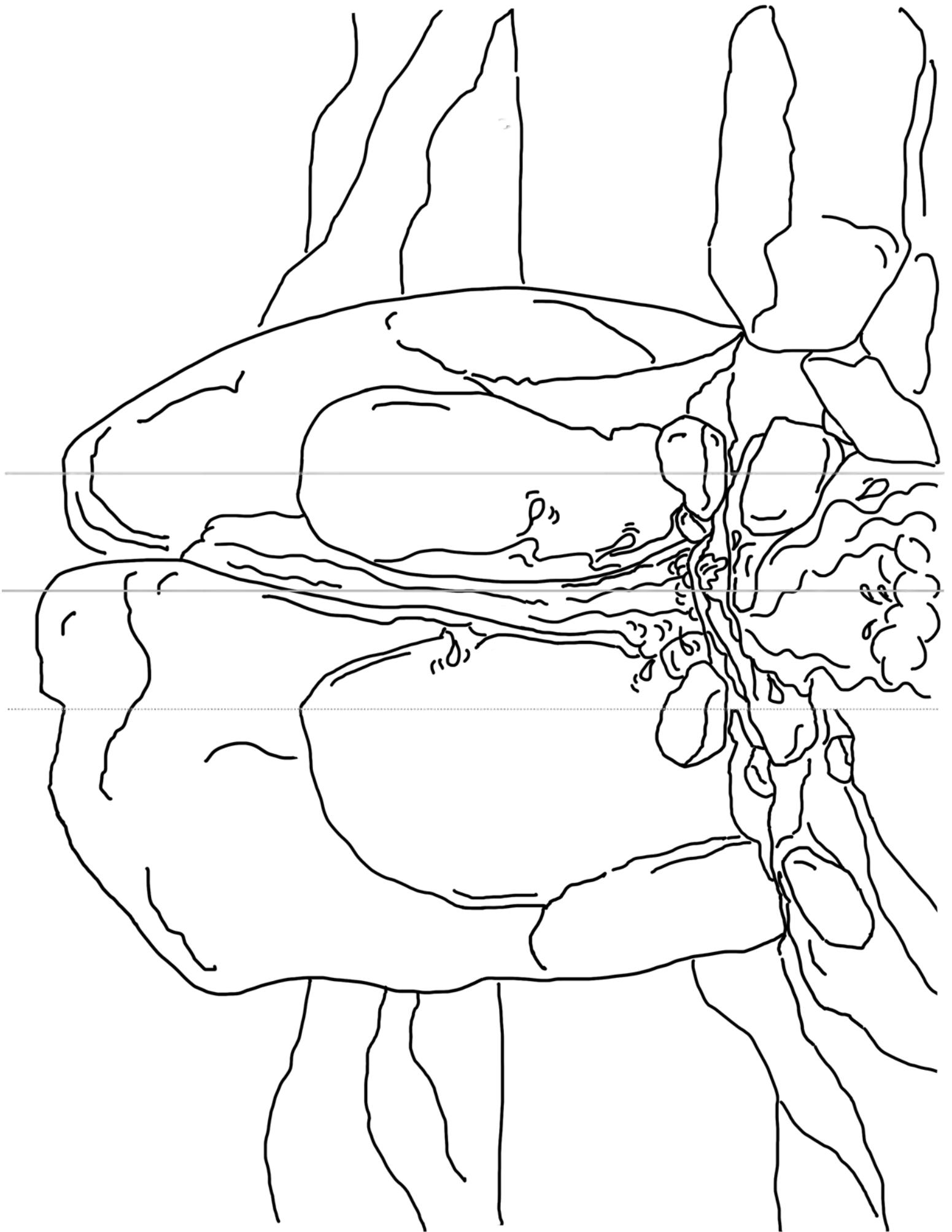
P7



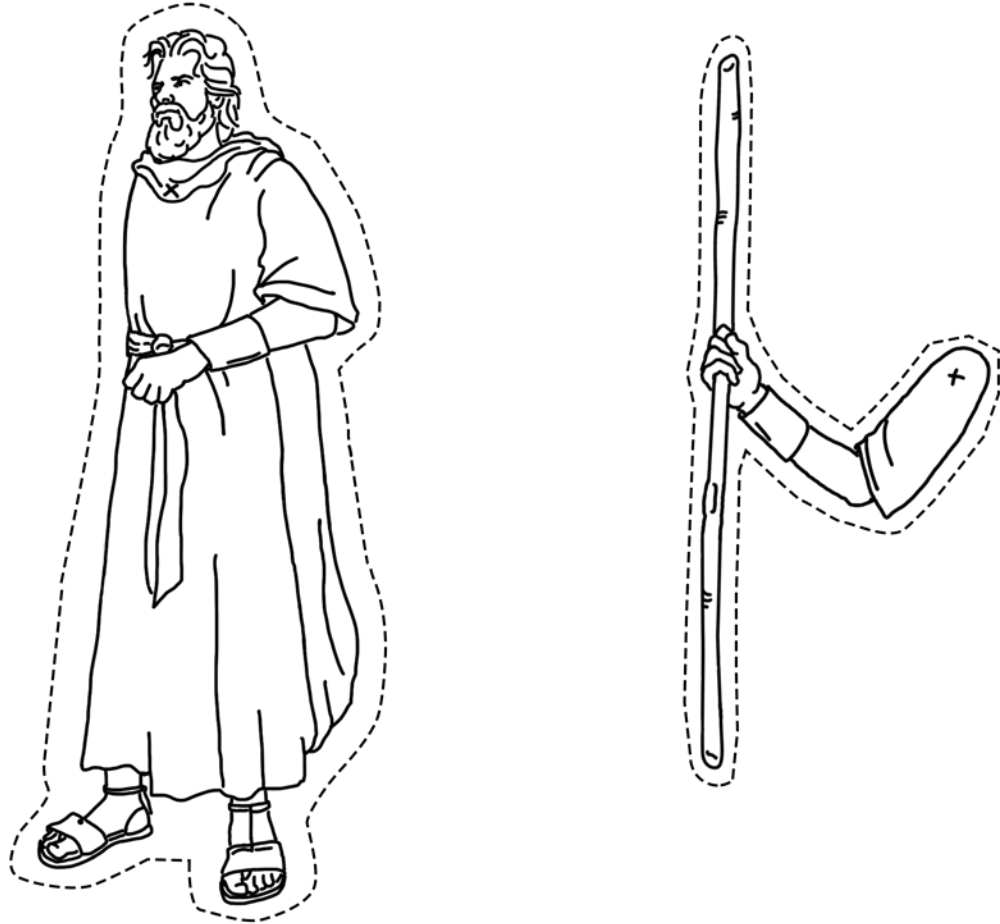
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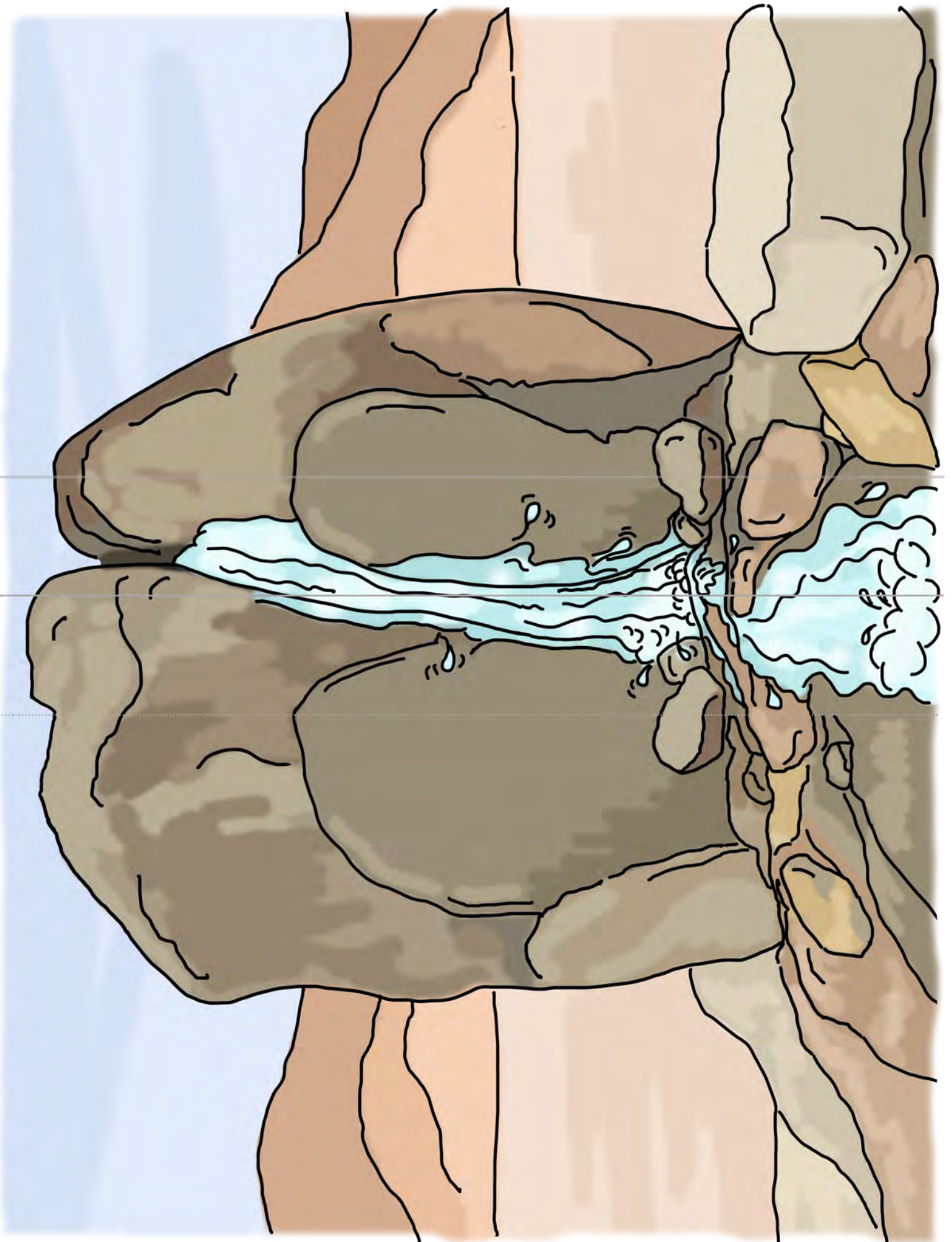


P8b

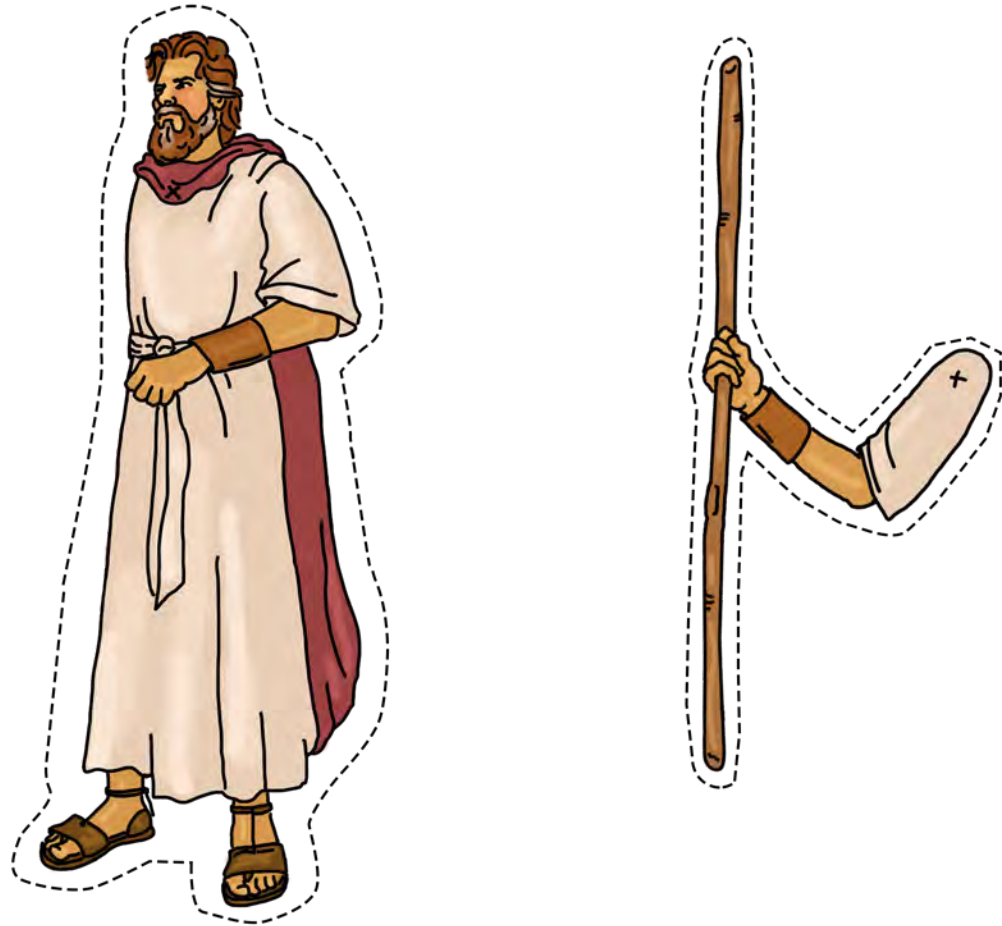


Craft Template A (BW)





Craft Template B (color)





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/2017-06-24T19_57_01-07_00

Sing to tune of "Eensy Weensy Spider"

The Waters of Meribah

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!



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:

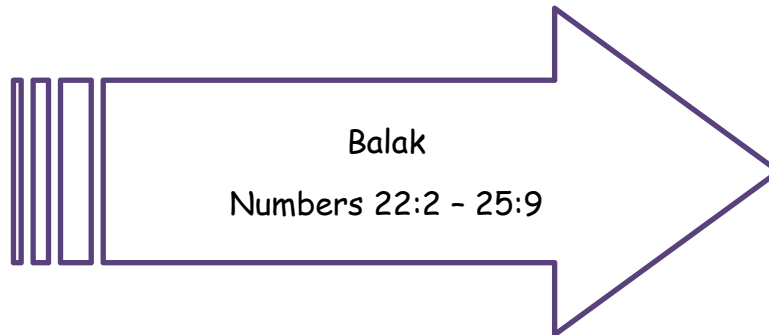
- Pretzel Rods (represents rod Mosheh used to strike the rock)

Instructions:

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

Next Week's Treasure Hunt

Next Week's Torah Portion



Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Num. 22:2-20	King Balak 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