

Parsha Pearls

Devarim

"Words"

Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22
Katan Aleph



In This Edition:

44.1 - Recounting Events - Part 1
Deuteronomy 1



DEVARIM OVERVIEW

'Words'...Devarim

Today, we are starting the fifth and final book of the Torah, called Devarim. The parsha begins with "These are the words"; therefore Devarim means 'words'. In English, however, the 5th book of the Torah is called Deuteronomy, which has a different meaning from the Hebrew. Deuteronomy means a reiteration of the law, which is the main theme of the book of Devarim.

The 4th book of the Torah, Bemidbar/Numbers, ends with the 12 tribes of Yisra'el having received instruction regarding land inheritance that they are to divide amongst the tribes before they enter into Kena'an.

Because each parsha is so rich in information, we will only be able to examine certain parts of each parsha per lesson. We do encourage parents and their children to do their own studies. In future years, we will fill in the pieces from each parsha that we did not cover previously.

We start off the book of Devarim with the next generation of Yisra'elites prepared to enter in and conquer the land of Kena'an. But they won't enter in until Mosheh finishes taking a long, backward look at the main events and ways that Yahweh has dealt with the young nation up to this point. Mosheh's speech will impress some crucial lessons upon this next generation, and also reiterate the commands, laws, and right-rulings Yahweh has given them so that they may be successful and blessed. As he prepares to transfer the leadership over to Yehoshua, who is anointed to lead the children of Yisra'el over the Yarden, we will hear the wonderful blessings that Mosheh pronounces over Yisra'el before his death at the age of 120.

Here is a breakdown of the 11 parashot in the book of Devarim:

- Devarim (Words) - Ch. 1-3
- Va'etchanan (I pleaded) - Ch. 3-7
- Eikev (Because or Consequence) - Ch. 7-11
- Re'eh (Look or See) - Ch. 11-16
- Shoftim (Right rulers or Judges) - Ch. 16-21
- Ki Teitzei (When you go out) - Ch. 21-25
- Ki Tavo (When you come in) - Ch. 26-29
- Nitzavim (You are standing) - Ch. 29-30
- Vayeilech (And he went) - Ch. 31
- Ha'azinu (Give ear or Listen) - Ch. 32
- V'zot HaBracha (And this is the blessing) - Ch. 33-34

We pray that you will be blessed as we begin our study in the final book of the Torah. Let's dig in!

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If you are new to Parsha Pearls, we have created an [Introduction](#) document outlining how to use our lessons, as well as a [Scriptural Inspiration](#) document, which explains our titles and the Scriptural inspiration for them. We pray that Parsha Pearls blesses your home and that your children will grow to love the Word and to never depart from keeping Torah. As always, feel free to email us at parshapearls@mtoi.org if you have any questions.

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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.

Recounting Events – Part 1

Shalom children! Today we are starting the 5th book of the Torah, Devarim. There are 5 books that make up the Torah, so that means we have reached the last book! In English, this book is called Deuteronomy, but in Hebrew, Devarim means 'words.' By this time, Mosheh was very old, and the first generation had died in the wilderness. Now the next generation of Yisra'elites were getting ready to go into the land of Kena'an to live there. **(Place map of Yisra'el on board.)** But before they could go in, Mosheh gave them a long speech describing all the events that had taken place since their fathers and mothers first left Mitsrayim 40 years earlier. He reminded them of all the commands, laws, and right-rulings that Yahweh had given them, so that they would remember how to be obedient and prosper in their new land, just as Yahweh promised.

(Place older Mosheh and group of Yisra'elites on board.)

Mosheh began his speech by announcing to the people that they had been at Mount Horeb long enough, and it was time for them to go and live in the land that Yahweh had promised to Abraham, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob. Well, by this time, there were lots and lots of Yisra'elites, and Mosheh explained that he would not be able to take care of that many people all by himself. He said if you could count the stars in the sky, there were just as many Yisra'elites, and that was a lot. **(Place night sky with stars on board.)** And Yahweh had said He was still going to add a thousand times more people than that!

Now, to make the job a little easier on Mosheh, he was told to choose wise men out of the tribes who would become the tribal leaders. **(Place leaders on board next to Mosheh.)** Mosheh put these men in charge of many things. Some were made leaders over 1,000's of people, some over 100's of people, and some over 50 or even 10 people. **(Point to each leader of the different groups.)** There were also judges, who had the job of listening to people who disagreed about something and telling them how to handle the situation. **(Place judge scene on board next to Mosheh.)** Mosheh told these men to judge fairly and not to treat one person better than another, no matter how big or small the issue was.

He also told them not to be afraid of anyone, because Elohim was the One who was really in charge of everything. If they had a hard time judging a case, Mosheh told them they could come to him for help.

(Remove all characters from board except Mosheh.)



Mosheh went on to describe how, after hearing these instructions, the people left Horeb and traveled through the wilderness until they got to a place called Qadesh Barnea.

Then, Mosheh recounted to the people the story of the 12 spies who were sent out to scout out the land of Kena'an and 10 of them returned with a bad report. **(Place 12 spies scene on board.)** You remember that their parents had been told to enter into the land, and Mosheh had sent out 12 men - one from each tribe - to go see the land before they went in. Only Yehoshua and Kaleb came back with a good report. **(Place Yehoshua and Kaleb on board.)**

The scouts went to the wadi Eshkol and found some delicious fruit there. They brought some of this amazing fruit back with them and reported that the land was good. **(Place fruit on pole between Yehoshua and Kaleb on board.)** But then they disturbed the people by talking about the huge people living there in big cities with very high walls. **(Place giant and buildings with tall wall on board.)** The people were afraid and grumbled, saying bad things about Yahweh. **(Place murmuring Yisra'elites on board.)** They didn't think He would protect them when they went into the land, so they refused to go in. They said, "There's no way we're going in there! We would never make it past those big people! It's too scary!"

(Remove all characters from board except Mosheh, Yehoshua and Kaleb.)

Well, Mosheh reminded them that they should not be afraid, because Yahweh their Elohim would go before them and would fight for them, just as He had done when they were in Mitsrayim. He reminded them of how Yahweh had taken care of them in the wilderness too, just the way a father would take care of a son. **(Place father and son on board.)** Mosheh pointed out that by acting like that, they were showing that they did not trust in Yahweh, who had guided and protected them for all those years, with a cloud by day and with fire by night. **(Place pillar of cloud and fire on board.)**

Because of the evil things the people said, Yahweh pronounced to that generation that none of them except Kaleb and Yehoshua would get to see the good land. **(Point to Yehoshua and Kaleb on board.)** Not even Mosheh would get to go in because he disobeyed Yahweh in the incident at the rock **(place water from rock on board)**, but Yahweh would allow him to at least see it. Mosheh said, their little ones would be the ones who would go and live in the land. **(Place group of children on board.)**

Mosheh went on to tell about what happened after the incident with the spies. The people were told to go back to the wilderness, but instead they decided that they would try to obey Yahweh's first command after all. They put on their battle gear and got ready to go. **(Place 3 men wearing battle clothes on board.)** Mosheh warned them that going up to fight was not a good idea, because Yahweh would not be with them anymore. But the people didn't listen and went up the mountain anyway. **(Place mountain on board.)** Just as Mosheh had said, the Amorites beat them in battle and chased them away. The people were sad, but Yahweh paid no more attention to them because they had disobeyed Him so much. **(Place sad Yisra'elites on board.)**



Sometimes we need to hear a story repeated so that we can learn a lesson. I think Mosheh told this story so that the next generation would remember to always follow and obey Yahweh to receive the blessings He promised them. Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. Next week, we will hear Mosheh continue his speech with more of the story of the Yisra'elites and their travels in the wilderness.

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!



Fruit on pole between Yehoshua and Kaleb



Older Mosheh



Map of Yisra'el



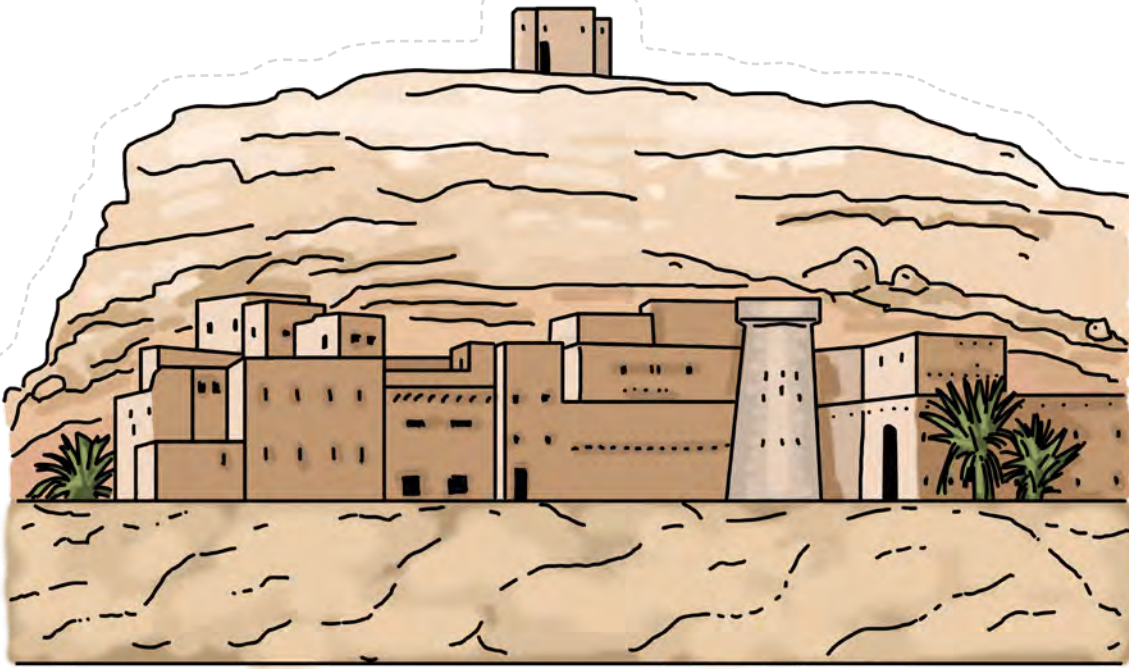
Yehoshua



Kaleb



Giant

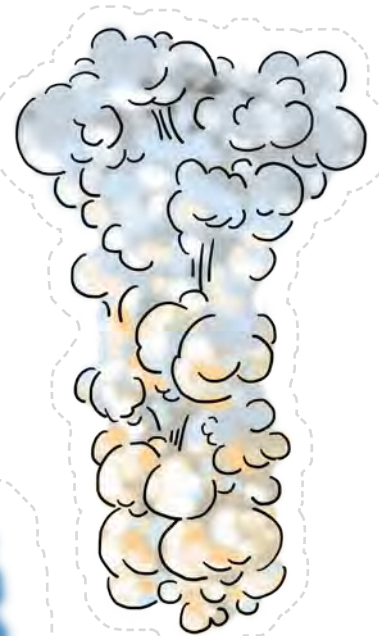


Buildings with tall wall



Pillar of fire

Mountain

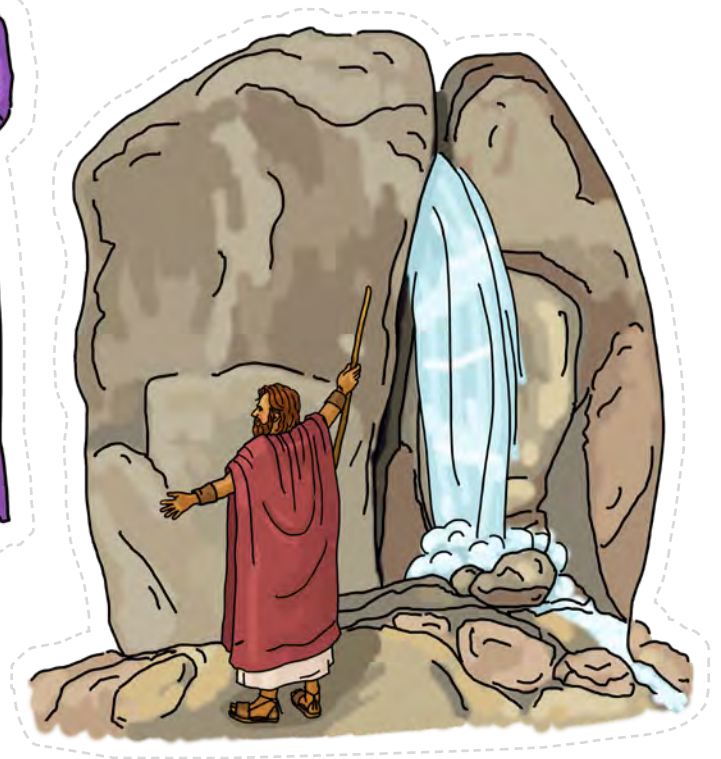


Pillar of cloud



Sad Yisra'elites

Water from rock



Murmuring Yisra'elites



Judge scene



Night sky with stars



Father and son



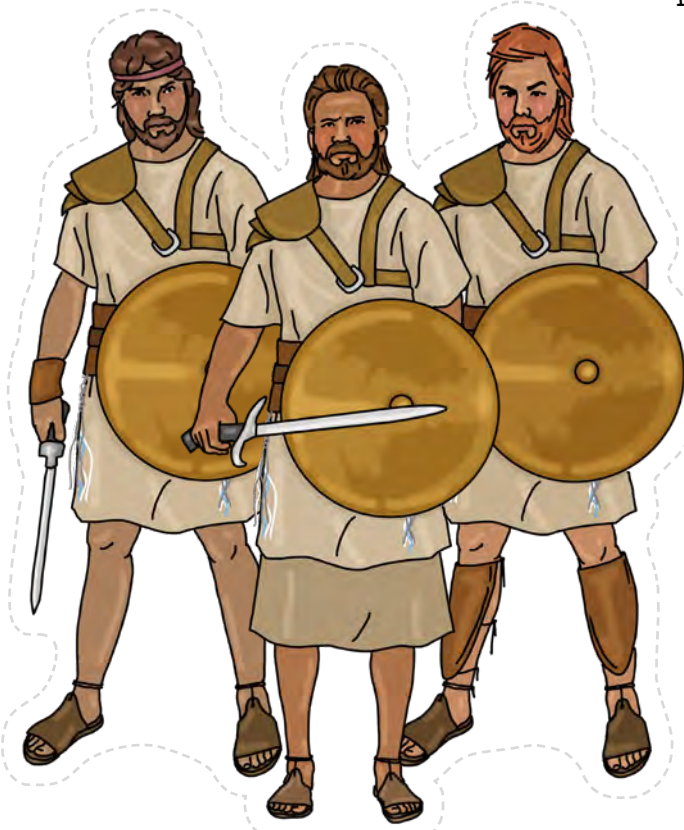
Group of Yisra'elites



Group of children



12 Spies scene



3 Men wearing battle clothes



Leaders

Fruit on pole between Yehoshua and Kaleb



Older Mosheh



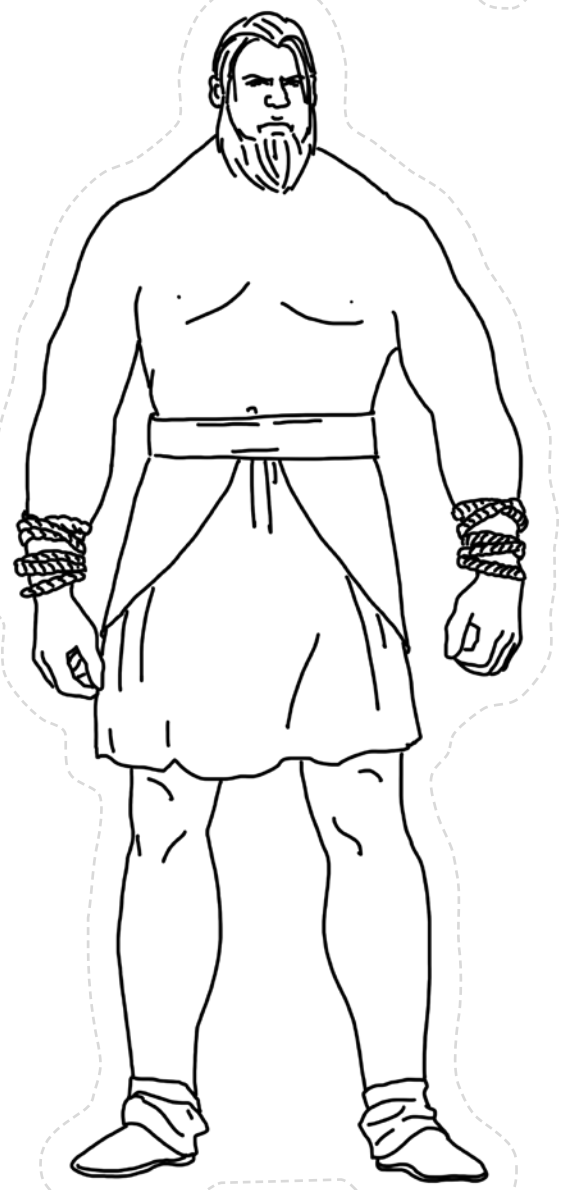
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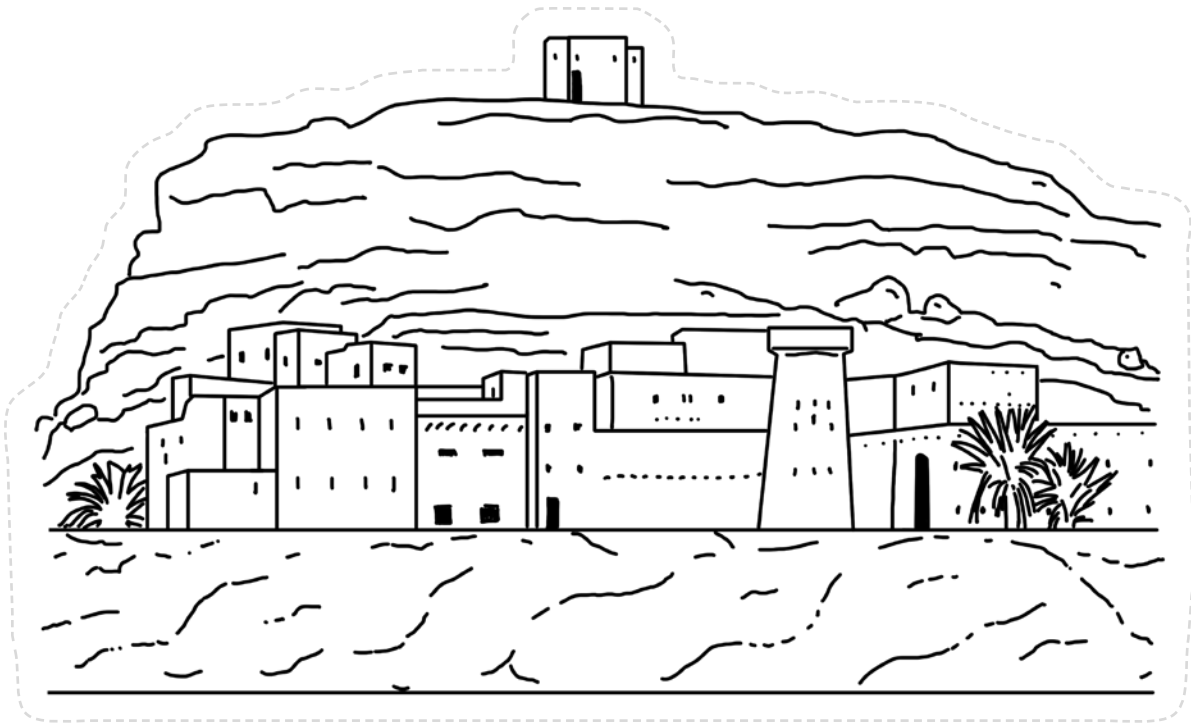
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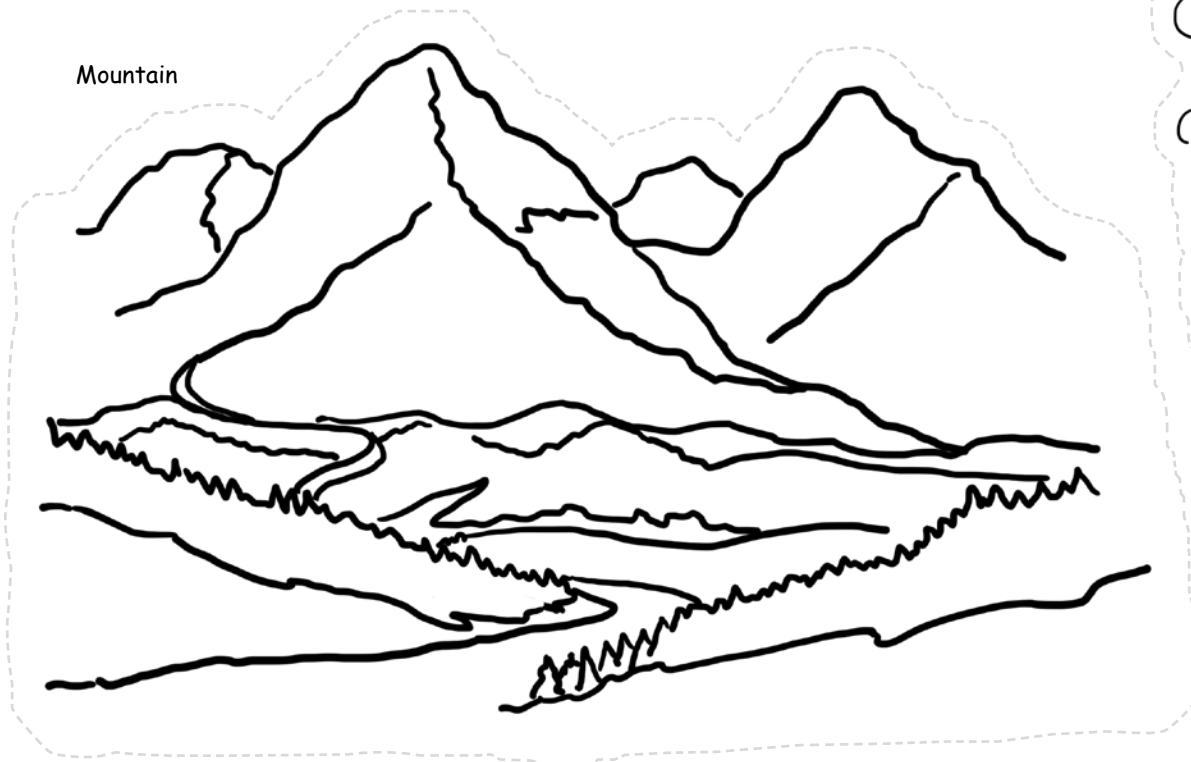


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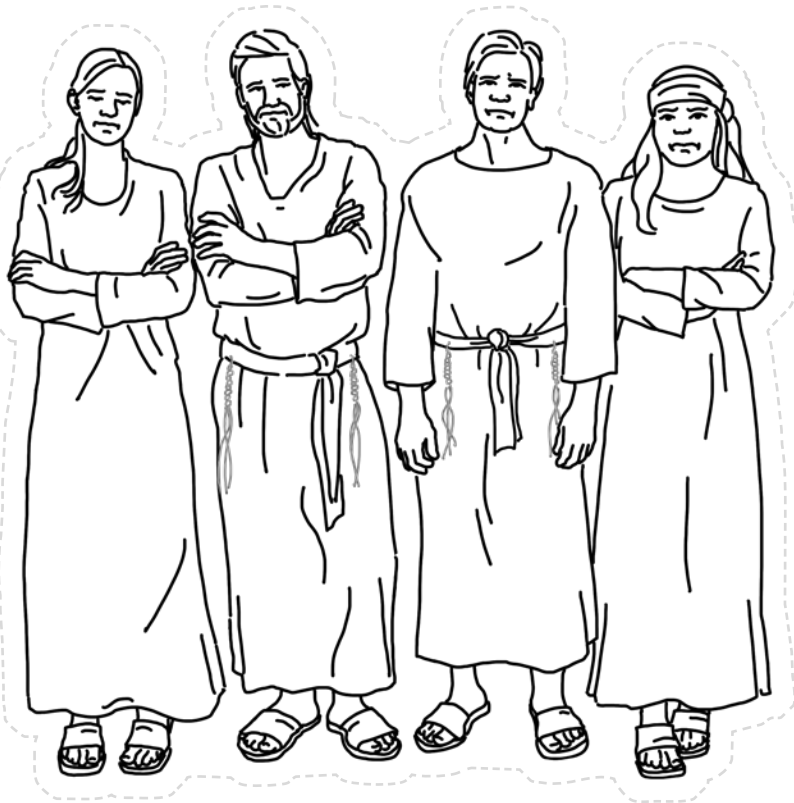
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Mountain



Pillar of cloud





Sad Yisra'elites

Water from rock

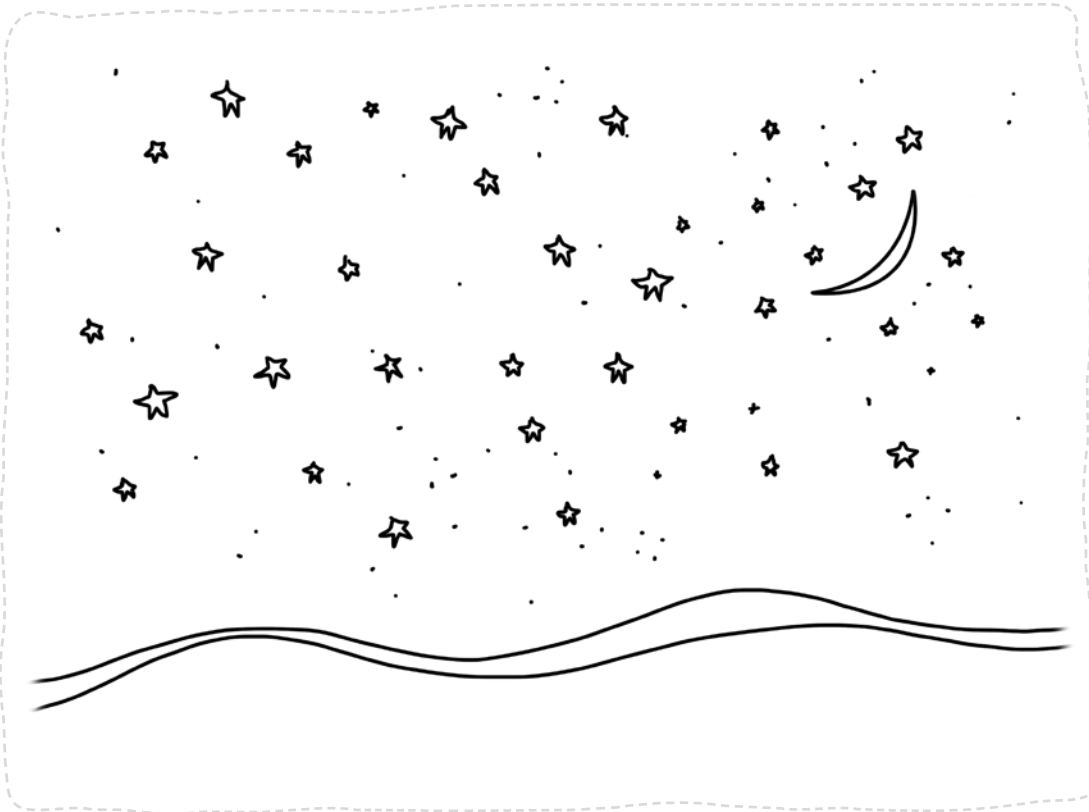


Murmuring Yisra'elites



Judge scene

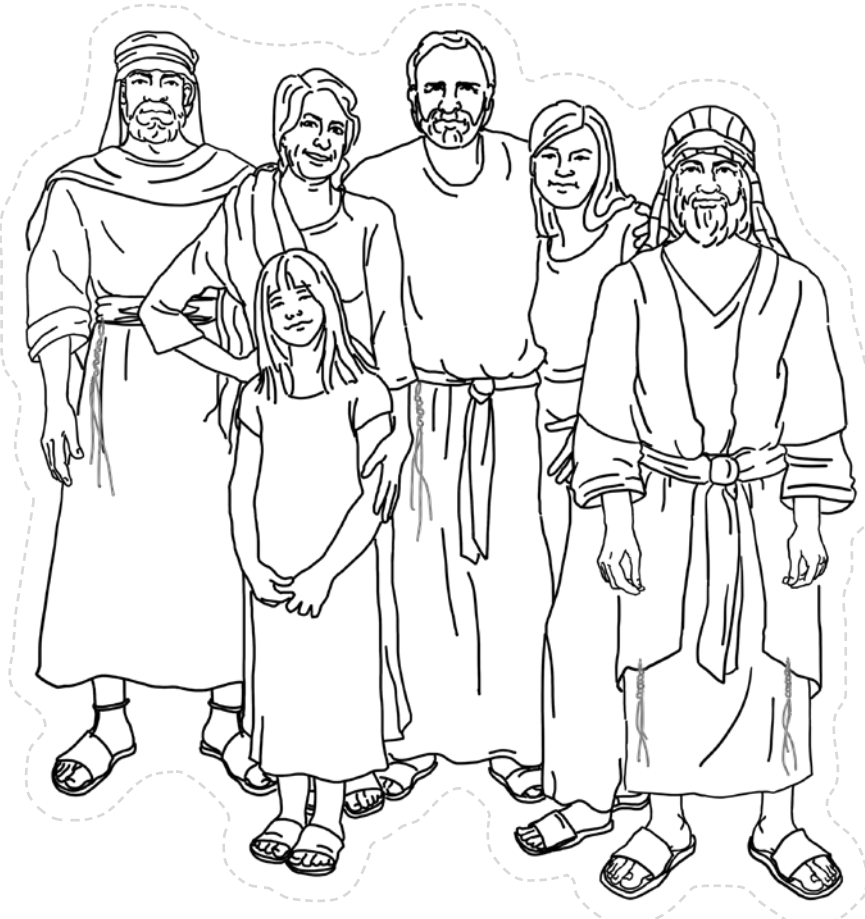




Night sky with stars



Father and son



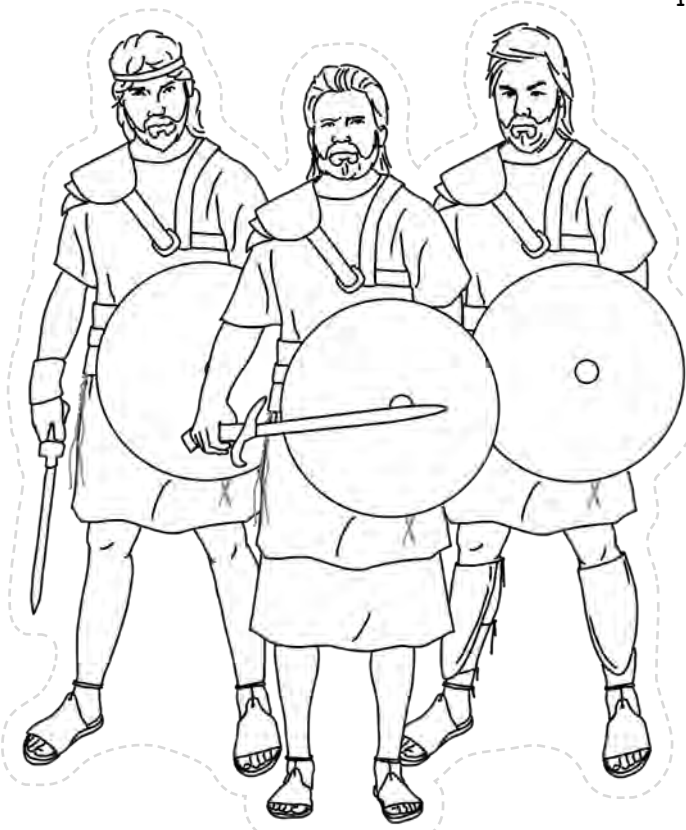
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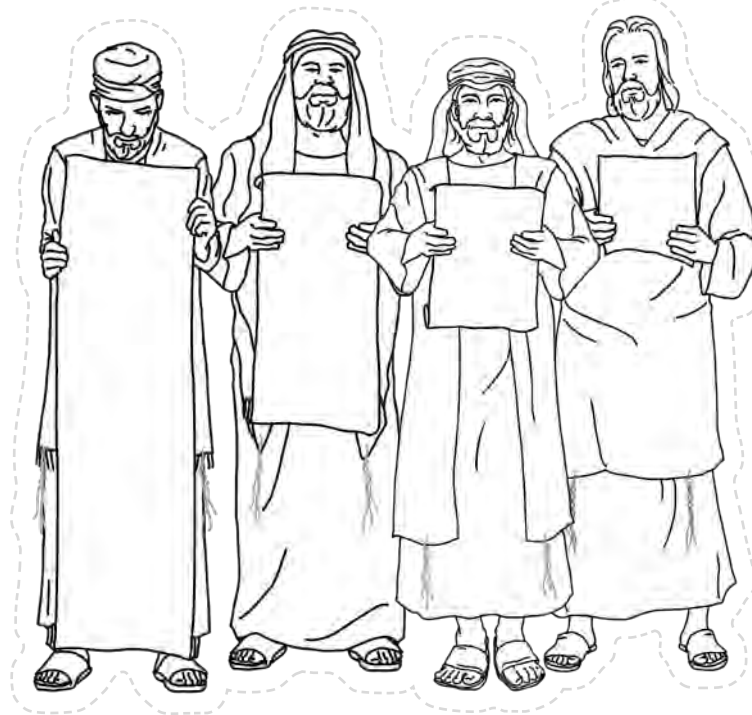
Group of children



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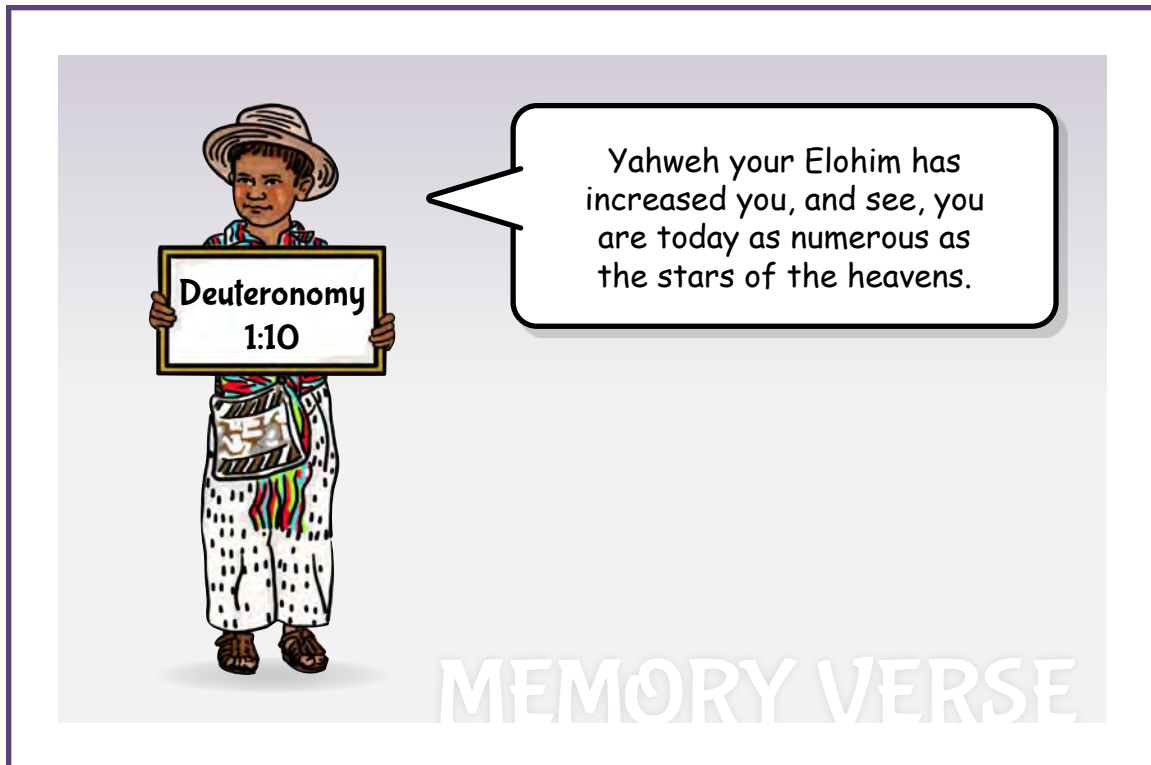
Leaders

Counting What You Gained

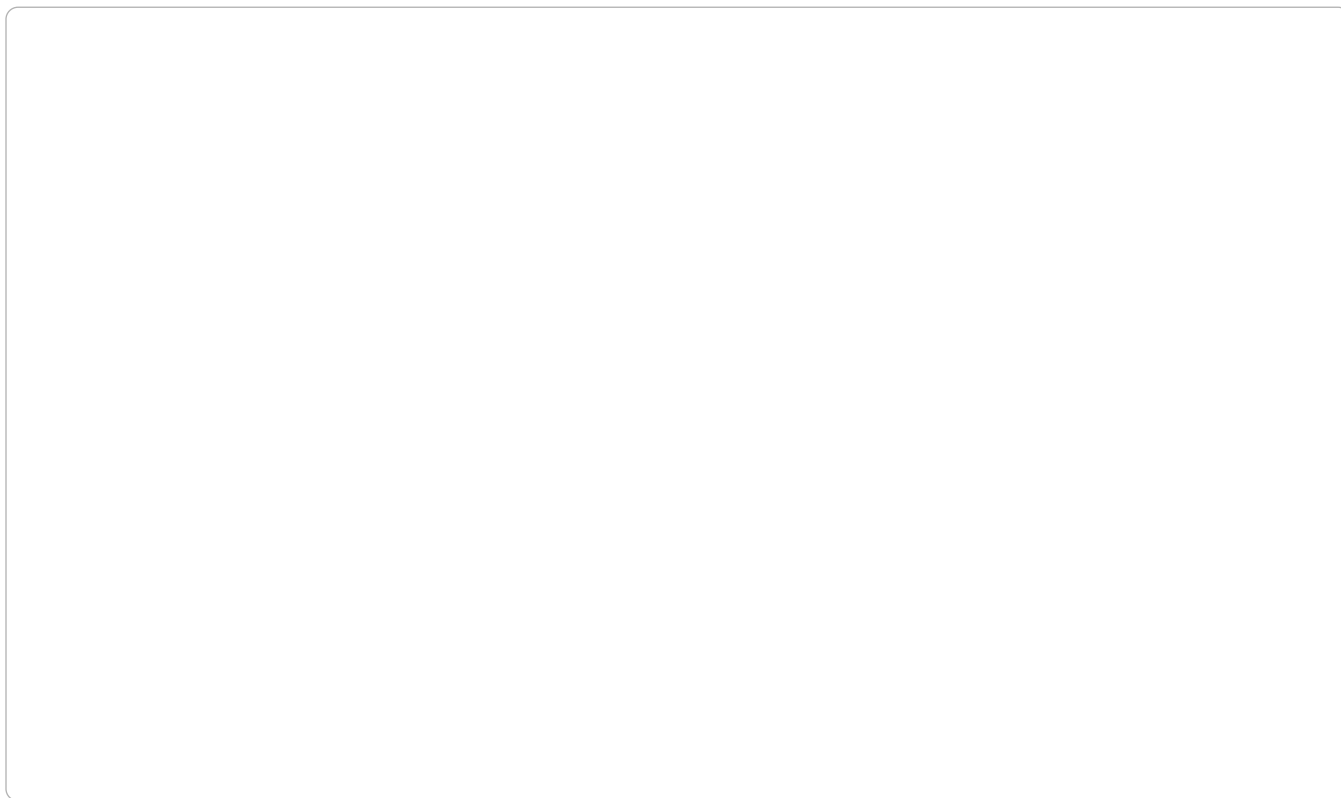
This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this parsha. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan Aleph memory verse for this Torah portion is Deuteronomy 1:10. 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.



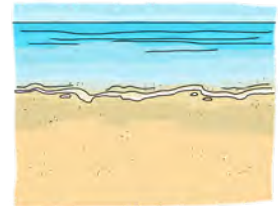
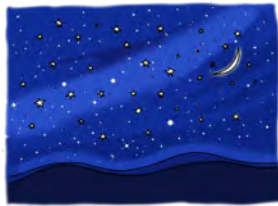
SEEKING TREASURE

Circle the correct choices.

1. How many years did the Yisra'elites wander in the wilderness? (1:3)



2. Mosheh told them that they were as numerous as this. (1:10)



3. Which story was recounted in this parsha? (1:22)



4. What did Mosheh say led their way in the wilderness? (1:33)



5. Who did Yahweh say was going to enter the land? (1:36, 38)



Mosheh



Kaleb



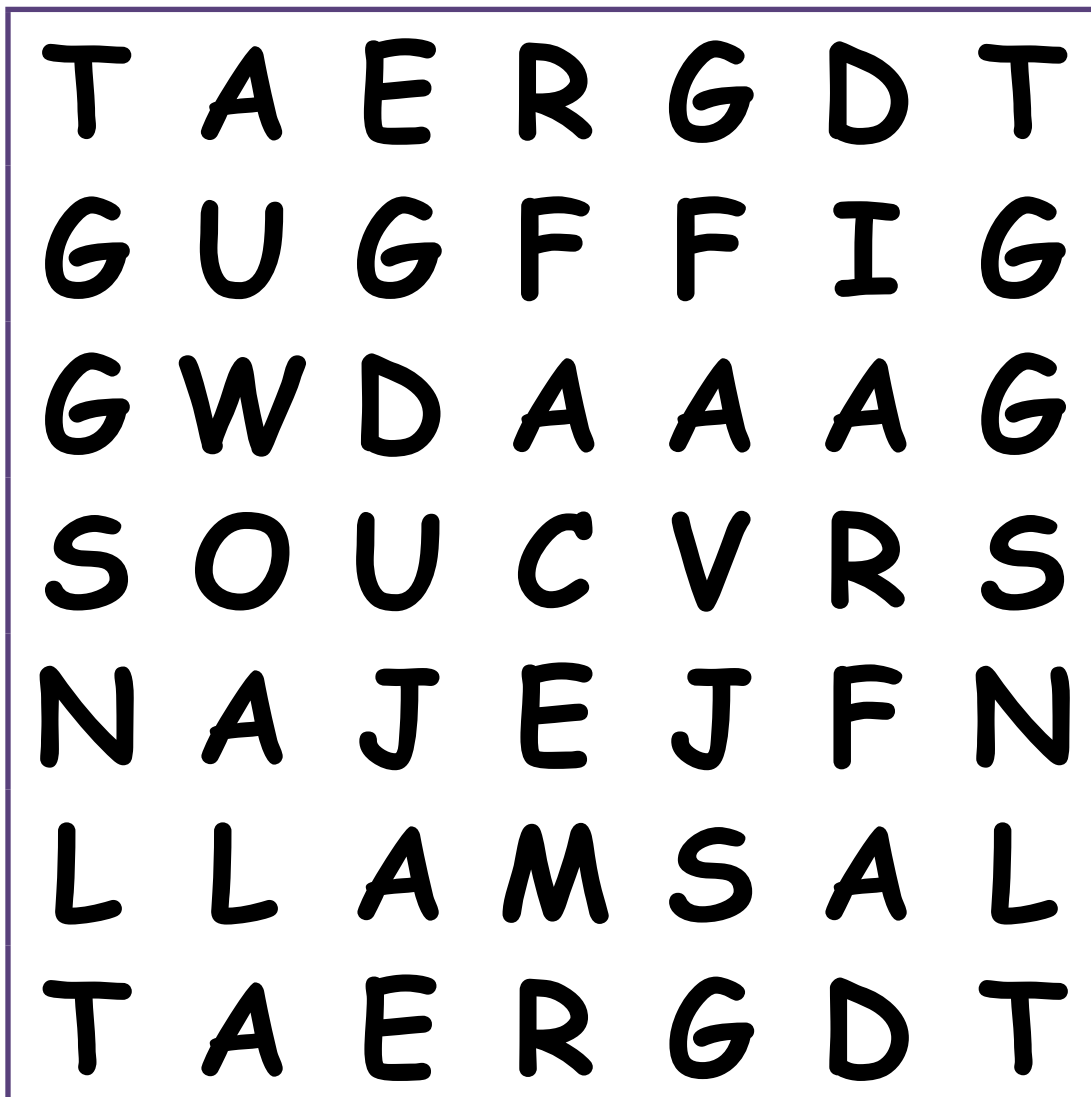
Aharon



Yehoshua

WORD SEARCH

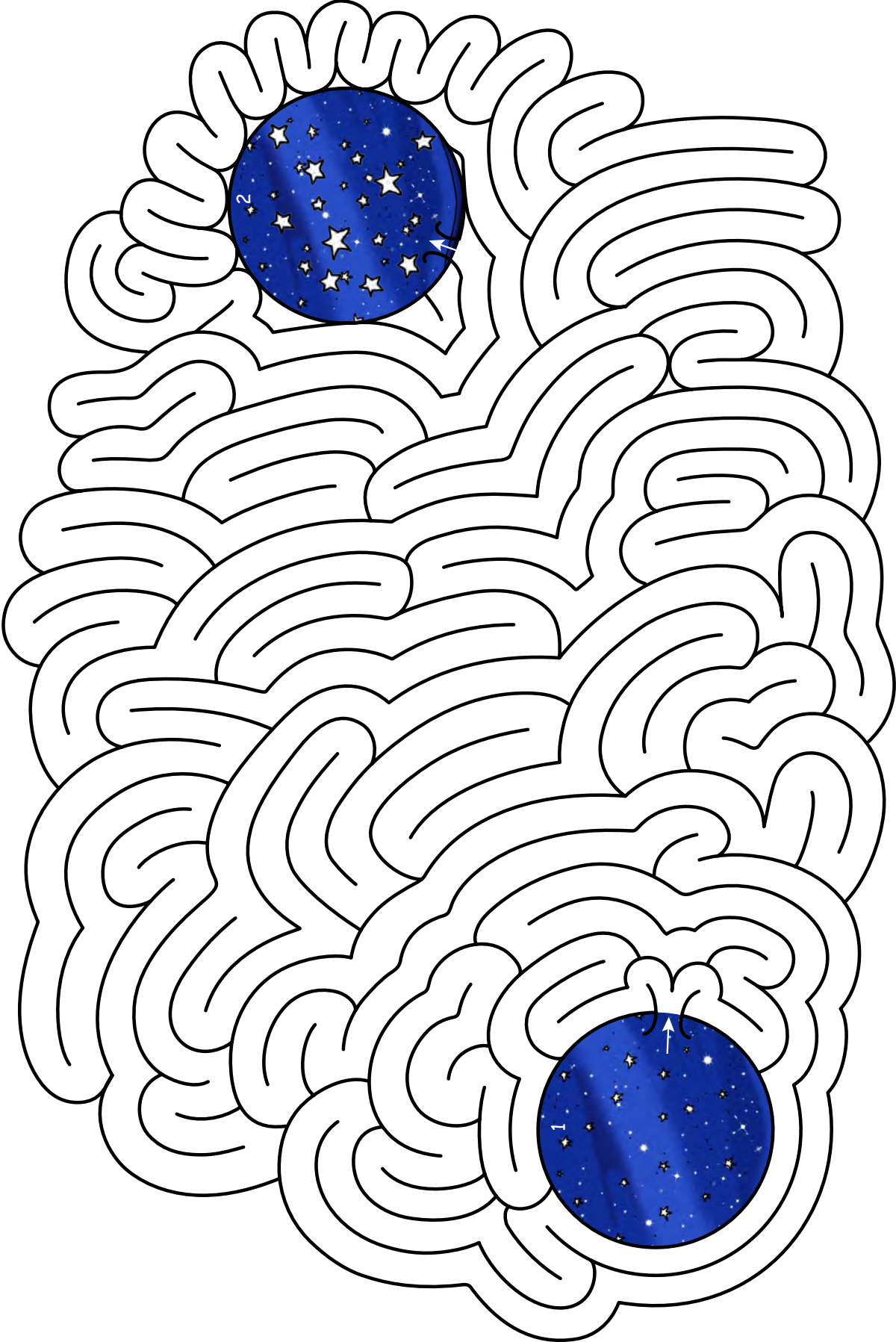
Search for the hidden words from this week's parsha.



JUDGE
SMALL
GREAT
AFRAID
FACE



MAZE



Precious Possessions

CRAFT

Yisra'elites as Numerous as Stars

Deuteronomy 1:10

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- A jar no smaller than 5" tall with a 2" mouth
- Glow in the dark adhesive star stickers
- Ruler
- Double-sided tape
- Scissors
- Craft Templates: A (BW) or B (colored)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template of choice on white cardstock.

Instructions for the Craft:

- If using BW Template, color using black permanent marker.
- Cut out Template piece. (P1)
- Using a ruler, fold the tab on Abraham. (P2a, P2b)
- Roll double-sided tape on the bottom of the tab. (P3)
- Place the tab on the bottom of the lid from the jar. (P4a, P4b)
- Put the lid on the jar and flip the jar upside down so that Abraham is standing upright. (P5)
- Apply adhesive stars as desired onto the jar. (P6a, P6b)
- Turn off the lights and see the stars light up. (P7)

You now have a visual representation of Abraham's descendants being as numerous as the stars in the sky.



P1



P2a



P2b



P3



P4a



P4b



P5



P6a

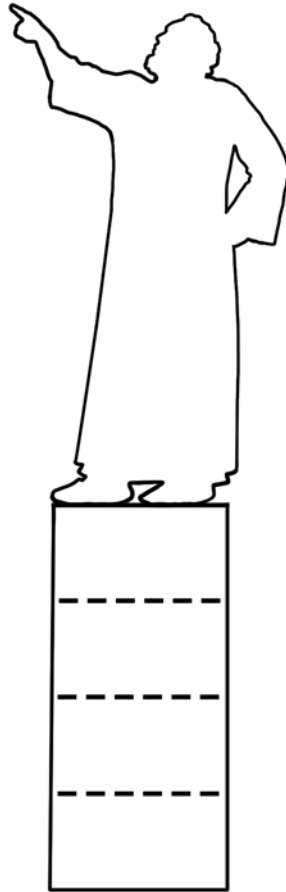


P6b

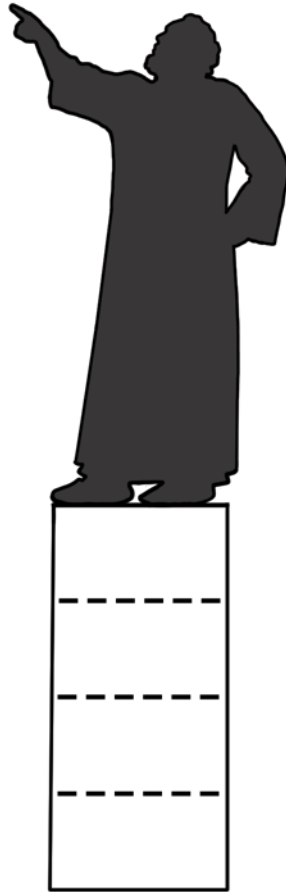


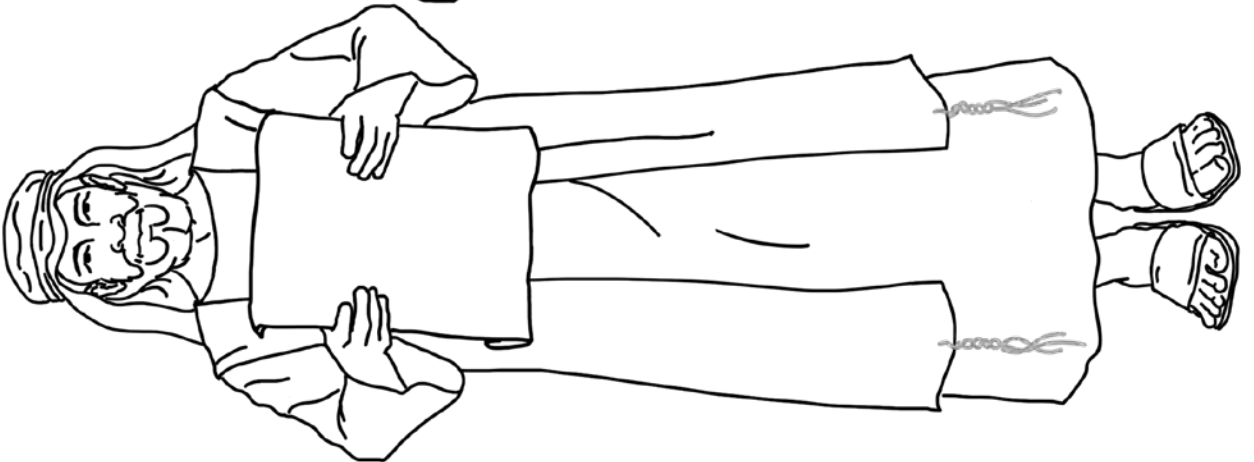
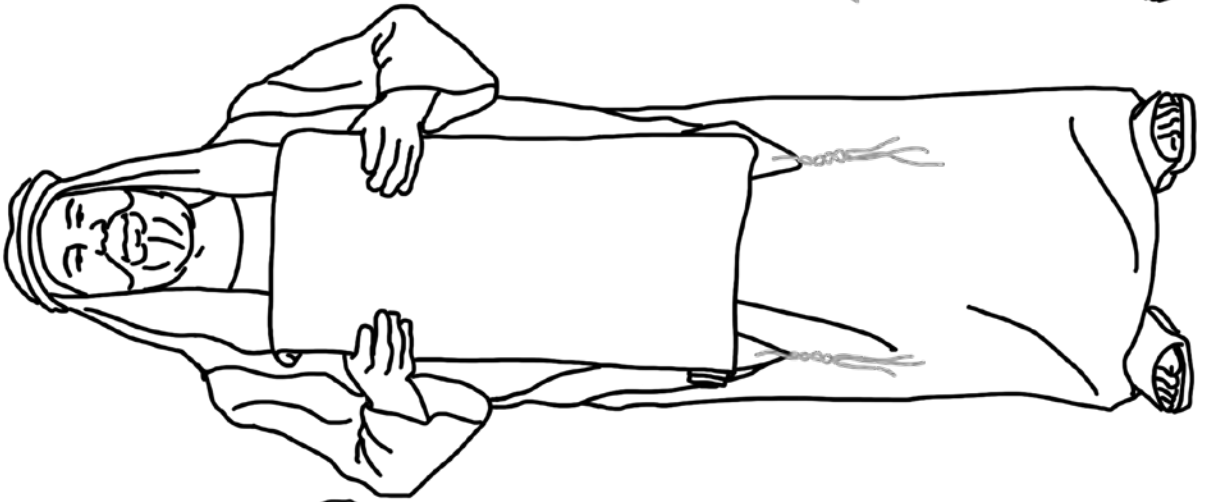
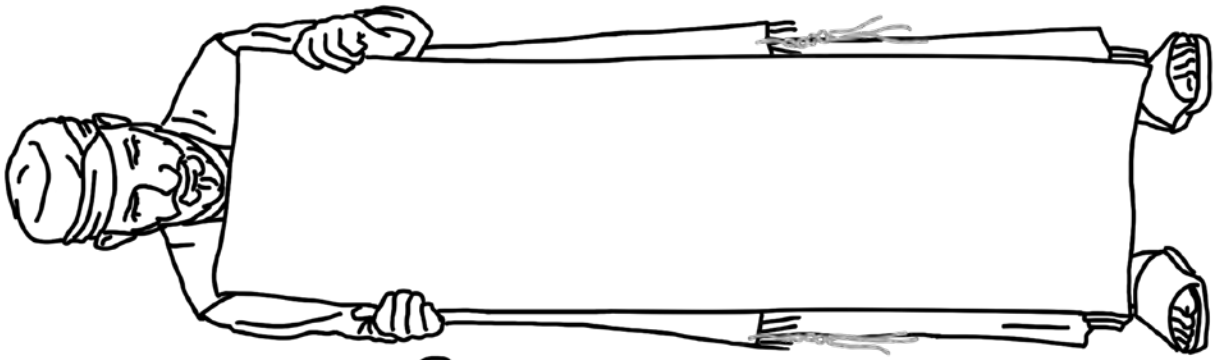
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Craft Template A (BW)



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/2017-07-23T04_05_03-07_00

Sing to tune of "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da"

Devarim Song

Time is nearing for the tribes to enter their land
As their leader Mosheh knows his death is close at hand
In Devarim Yisra'el's travels are reviewed
The years of wandering have ended for the tribes

With Yahweh's help we will fight, for the land which
will be our own Eretz Yisra'el, is for us alone

They continued on their travels, till they reached their goal
This land will become Yisra'el's home
Then they reached the land of Ammon and Mo'ab
Don't harm my sons Yahweh said from above

If we keep our faith in Yahweh, doing what He commands
Let others have their armies, but we'll capture our land

One side of the Yarden was in Yisra'el's hands
Two and a half tribes left their cattle in those lands
They promised Mosheh that they'd help their brothers settle in
They crossed the Yarden, and they helped them win

If we keep our faith in Yahweh, doing what He commands
Let others have their armies, but we'll capture our land



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.

Star Cookies

Deuteronomy 1:10



Ingredients:

- 1 1/8 c. flour
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. vegetable shortening
- 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Instructions:

Mix the flour, baking soda and salt together. Cream the vegetable shortening and sugar together. Add egg and vanilla and beat thoroughly. Add the dry ingredients and mix well. Roll the dough flat and cut the cookies out with a star shaped cutter.

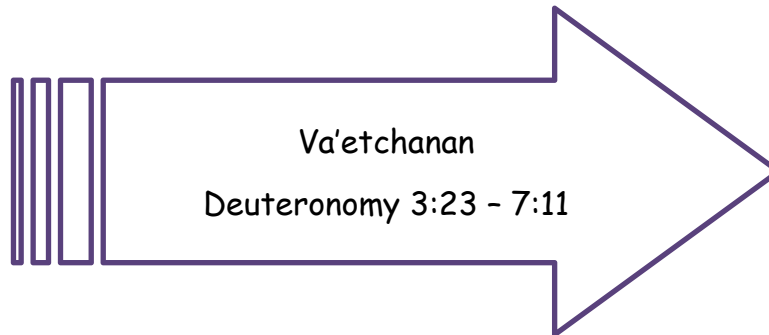
Lay the cookies on a cookie sheet and bake for about 10 minutes at 350°.

After they have cooled, apply vanilla frosting and dip in sugar crystals.

Serve these star shaped cookies to represent the children of Yisra'el.

Next Week's Treasure Hunt

Next Week's Torah Portion



Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Deut. 3:23-28	Mosheh recounts his plea to enter the land; Yahweh instructs Mosheh to pass leadership to Yehoshua
Tuesday:	Deut. 4:1-49	Yahweh gives Yisra'el His laws and right-rulings
Wednesday:	Deut. 5:1-33	The 10 Commandments reviewed
Thursday:	Deut. 6:1-25	Yahweh gives Yisra'el commands, laws and right-rulings
Friday:	Deut. 7:1-11	Yahweh instructs Yisra'el on their interaction with the nations