

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.

Mosheh's Song

Shalom children! In our parsha story this week, Yahweh wants Mosheh to teach the Yisrae'lites a song. **(Place music notes and older Mosheh on board.)** It's a pretty long song, so we are not going to try to memorize the whole thing, but we will talk about what it says.

Yahweh is about to bring the Yisra'elites into the land that He promised to their fathers, the land that is said to be flowing with milk and honey. **(Place happy Yisra'elites and land of Kena'an on board.)** But He knows what is awaiting them once they have been there for a while, and it's not all good. The land is pretty awesome, but the Yisra'elites are going to start doing some things that they are not supposed to be doing.

Have you ever started doing something new and been really excited about it, but then after a while started to get tired of it? **(Let children answer.)** Well, Yahweh knows that this is what the Yisra'elites are eventually going to do once they have been in the land for a while. They are going to have so many good things, like plenty of food to eat, that they are going to get spoiled and forget who gave them all that food and abundance. **(Place baskets of food on board.)** And then they are going to decide to do that thing they promised they would NOT do; they will turn to other mighty ones and break their covenant with Yahweh. Oh no! **(Place golden calf on board.)**

Remember how we taught that obeying Yahweh's instructions would bring blessing; **(place BLESSINGS word on board)**, but if the people did not trust Yahweh and obey Him, there would be some unpleasant consequences. **(Place CURSES word on board.)** This song that Mosheh wrote down tells how the people will forget about Yahweh. But when they do, they will always have the song with them so that they can read it and be able to see why all these awful things called the curses are happening to them. Then maybe they will realize that they should turn back to Him and start listening to Him again!

So Mosheh taught the song that Yahweh gave him to the Yisra'elites. **(Point to music notes on board.)** It starts out telling how Yahweh's instruction is good and falls down as the blessing of rain. **(Place blessings rain scene on board under BLESSINGS.)** His ways are right and perfect. **(Place RIGHTEOUSNESS on board.)** The song tells us that, "He is our Rock! His work is perfect." **(Place rock on board.)** But people who are unwise act in ways that His children would not act. The song says that Yahweh chose the people of Yisra'el, the children of Ya'aqob, to be His people. **(Place Ya'aqob on board.)** Yahweh watched over them as an eagle watches over her nest and gave them everything they needed. **(Place eagle on board.)**



But they would still forget about Yahweh. They would start worshiping other mighty ones, and this would upset Yahweh very much. **(Point to golden calf and have children discuss what mighty ones existed back then and ones that can exist in their lives nowadays.)**

So He would decide to hide His face from them. This means that He would stop allowing them to see and understand things. **(Place sad Yisra'elites on board.)** Since they would no longer be under Yahweh's protection, they would start experiencing what it was like to not have enough food to eat, to experience violence, and to witness other bad things happening. **(Place curses drought scene on board under CURSES.)**

Yahweh could just leave them like that, but He doesn't want people to come to the conclusion that He is not really in control of things, where they might say, "Yahweh has not done all this." Now let me ask you a question. Does everything belong to Yahweh? **(Let children answer.)** Yes, it does. And everything that happens takes place because Yahweh either allows it to happen or causes it to happen. So even though Yahweh knows the people are going turn away from Him **(place murmuring Yisra'elites on board)**, in the future He will cause His people to start seeking Him and return to worship Him once again **(place man holding Torah scroll on board)**. He says, "See now that I, I am He, and there is no Elohim besides Me. I put to death and I make alive. I have wounded, and I heal." And so He will pardon His land and His people. **(Remove murmuring and sad Yisra'elites from board and point to happy Yisra'elites near land of Kena'an.)**

Children, it is important that we also remember to guard the Torah and do the things in it that we have been instructed to do. **(Place Torah scroll on board.)** Mosheh tells the Yisra'elites, "Set your heart on all the words with which I warn you today, so that you command your children to guard to do all the Words of this Torah. For it is not a worthless Word for you, because it is your life, and by this Word you prolong your days on the soil which you pass over the Yardēn to possess."

After Mosheh and Yehoshua tell the song to the people, Mosheh goes up to Mount Nebo so that he can view the land that Yahweh is giving to the Yisra'elites. **(Place mountain on board, and place older Mosheh on the mountain.)** Mosheh has been with the Yisra'elites all of this time, from when they were slaves in Mitsrayim up until now. But now he is at the end of his life, and he will not get to go into the land because he trespassed against Yahweh back when they were in the Wilderness of Tsin. **(Place Mosheh striking rock on board.)** Yahweh takes His rules seriously, and even the person that He used to lead the Yisra'elites out of Mitsrayim will be held responsible for his actions.

Of course, it's sad that after traveling all that way, Mosheh won't get to go into the land. **(Remove older Mosheh from board.)** But I'm so happy that the other Yisra'elites are getting to go in with Yehoshua their new leader. **(Place older Yehoshua on board and move happy Yisra'elites near him.)** And in the future, when they stop listening to Yahweh and get scattered away from the land, they will have this song to show them that Yahweh's ways are good and that they should return to following His Torah. **(Point to music notes and Torah scroll.)**

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!