

# Parsha Pearls

## V'zot HaBracha

"And this is the blessing"

Deuteronomy 33 - 34  
Katan Aleph



In This Edition:

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Deuteronomy 33-34



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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 2

Shalom children, and welcome to our story time! This is a very special time of the year for us because we have finally reached our last Torah portion! Remember, the first 5 books of the Bible are called the Torah. **(Place Torah scroll on board.)** Let's list the names of the books. First we have Bereishit, which means "in the beginning," and is also called Genesis. Then we have Shemot, which means "names," and is also called Exodus. Then Vayikra, which means "and He called," also known as Leviticus. Next is Bemidbar, which means "in the desert" or "in the wilderness." It is also called Numbers, because Yahweh did a lot of counting of the children of Yisra'el. And the 5<sup>th</sup> and final book of the Torah is Devarim, which means "words," or in English, Deuteronomy. Today's parsha story is the last one in Devarim.

We have been following along with the Yisra'elites and hearing stories of their journeys for a whole year now. In Genesis we learned about the creation of the world and the great flood. **(Place sun and moon and ark on board.)** We also heard of the travels of Abraham, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob. **(Place the 3 patriarchs on board.)** In Exodus we watched as Yahweh freed the Yisra'elites **(place slave scene on board)** and learned how they followed Mosheh **(place Mosheh on board)** through the wilderness in order to receive Yahweh's instructions at Mount Sinai. **(Place Mt. Sinai and tablets above mountain on board near Mosheh.)** In Leviticus we learned about the appointed times as well as the offerings that Yahweh wanted His people to observe. **(Place appointed times scene along with offerings scene on board.)** The book of Numbers is where we learned about the different censuses including the one for the Lewites and their duties for the Dwelling Place. **(Place Lewites on board.)** And in Deuteronomy we revisited many of the stories and lessons that Mosheh wanted the children of Yisra'el to remember. **(Place stories scenes on board.)**

And now the time has finally come for this generation of Yisra'elites to cross over the Yarden and enter into the land that Yahweh has promised to them. **(Remove all characters, and place land of Kena'an on board.)** Can you imagine how excited they must be? No more wandering around in the desert; they would finally be able to settle down and make homes for themselves!

Remember, Mosheh is very old now and will not be going into the land with the rest of the people. **(Place older Mosheh on board.)** But before he dies, he blesses the children of Yisra'el by speaking some special words about each tribe. Let's look at what he says about them and see how it compares with the blessings Ya'aqob had originally given to his sons. **(Remove all characters from board.)**



(Place each son of Ya'aqob with their banners on the board and their visual description next to them as you read about it. If your board is not large enough, then simply remove each character after their blessing.)

**Re'uben** - We'll start with Re'uben. Mosheh asked Yahweh to let Re'uben live, and not die, and for his men to be numbered. (Place group of men on board.) The very place that Mosheh was standing when he spoke this ended up being in Re'uben's territory. His father Ya'aqob had referred to him as boiling water. (Place pot of boiling water on board.)

**Yehudah** - Mosheh asked Yahweh to listen to Yehudah, to bring him to his people, and to help him fight against his enemies. (Place man chasing enemies on board.) This is the tribe that our Messiah Yeshua comes from. Ya'aqob had said that Yehudah was like a lion's cub. (Place lion cub on board.)

Now **Lewi** - The Tummim and the Urim belong to the tribe of Lewi. These are the 2 stones that went in a special pouch on the breastplate of the High Priest and helped them to determine Yahweh's will at certain times. (Place stones on board.) The tribe of Lewi was faithful in watching over and guarding Yahweh's covenant. (Place Lewites on board.) Many years earlier, when Ya'aqob had blessed the sons, he had not been very happy with Lewi because of their violence. (Place sword and sad emoji on board.)

**Binyamin** - This tribe is called Yahweh's beloved, and lives in safety, protected by Yahweh. Binyamin's land was located between Ephrayim and Yehudah, and this is where the wilderness tabernacle, and later on, the temple, was located. (Place Dwelling Place on board.) Ya'aqob had said that Binyamin was like a wolf. (Place wolf on board.)

**Yoseph** - Yoseph's land was especially blessed by Yahweh. There was wonderful fruit, and there were beautiful mountains and hills. (Point to land of Kena'an.) Yoseph was separate from his brothers. The effects of this blessing would be felt to the ends of the earth, with ten thousands of people from Ephrayim and thousands of people from Menashsheh. Remember how Ya'aqob adopted Ephrayim and Menashsheh as his own earlier in our stories? (Place Ephrayim and Menashsheh on board.) Well, when we talk about Yoseph, or when we talk about Ephrayim and Menashsheh, we are talking about the same group. Yoseph also got double the wealth when Ya'aqob split the blessing, and he was compared to part of a fruit-bearing tree. (Place fig tree on board.)

**Zebulun** and **Yissaskar** - These tribes would rejoice as they went out to be merchants and as they stayed home to study Torah or work on their ranches. (Place Zebulun and Yissaskar studying Torah scene on board.) They worked together to help each other out. This is what we call a partnership. Mosheh says that they would call people to the mountain and have treasures from the sand and the seas. Ya'aqob had described Zebulun as living at the seashore and Yissaskar as a strong donkey. (Place seaside scene and donkey on board.)

**Gad** - The tribe of Gad would be like a lion and have strong soldiers. (Place lion on board.) Their land was located outside of Kena'an and was some of the best crop land that there was. It was also close to the place where Mosheh died. Ya'aqob had said that Gad would raid the heel of those who raid him. (Place Yisra'elite chasing Mitsrite on board.)



**Dan** - Mosheh says that Dan was like a leaping lion cub. **(Place leaping cub on board.)** They would also be strong soldiers and live near the border, like Gad. Ya'aqob had said that Dan was like a serpent and a good leader. **(Place serpent and equal scales on board.)**

**Naphtali** - This tribe would have beautiful land that was good for growing things. **(Point to land of Kena'an.)** They would be satisfied and have lots of blessings. Ya'aqob had said that Naphtali was like a deer running loose. **(Place deer on board.)**

**Asher** - Asher would have land good for growing crops, especially olives, which were used to make olive oil. **(Place olive branch on board.)** They would also receive lots of blessings. They lived in an area known as Galilee. Mosheh said that they would have sandals of iron and bronze **(place sandals on board)**, and Ya'aqob had said that Asher would be wealthy. **(Place money bags on board.)**

Did you notice which brother is missing in the blessing? **(Give children a chance to answer.) (Place Shim'on on board off to the side.)** I wonder why Mosheh left Shimon out. I'm sure one day we will find out all about it.

After Mosheh gets done giving them these blessings, he reminds them that there is no one like Yahweh, who helps them and protects them. Yahweh is the one who saves them and provides for them. At last Mosheh goes up to Mount Nebo and looks over at the land where the Yisra'elites are going. **(Place Mt. Nebo on board, and place older Mosheh on top of the mountain.)** Can you imagine what he might have been thinking? After traveling all that way from Mitsrayim and witnessing Yahweh's miracles, he was finally looking at the land with his own eyes, the land that Yahweh had promised to the children of Abraham, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob. **(Place 3 patriarchs on board.)** Do you think he was sad that he would not get to go in with them? Or do you think he was just glad that they had finally made it? He was 120 years old at that time; that's older than anybody that I know, and he still had brightness in his eyes! **(Point to older Mosheh.)**

The children of Yisra'el were very sad when Mosheh died. **(Point to sad emoji.)** He was a great prophet who had spoken with Yahweh face to face. But now the people were ready to start looking to Yehoshua as their leader. **(Place older Yehoshua on board.)** Yehoshua was filled with Yahweh's wisdom, which means he was able to make good decisions about what was right. **(Place group of Yisra'elites on board next to older Yehoshua.)**

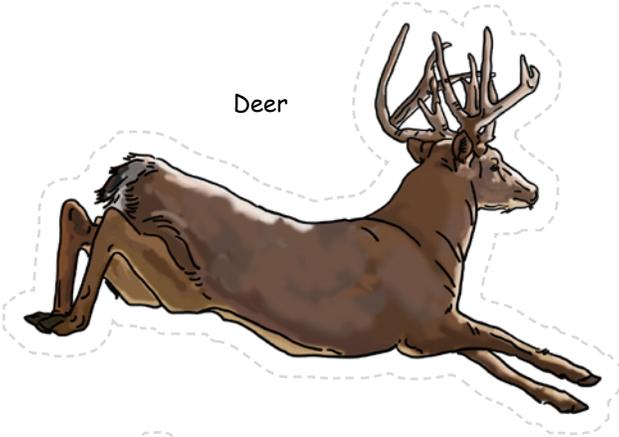
I know the Yisra'elites will have many more adventures with Yehoshua as their leader. As they enter into the land and begin to settle there, do you think they will remember to trust Yahweh and follow all of the instructions that He gave them? The answer to that question can be found in the other books of the Scriptures. But remember, the Torah is not just for them. It is for us too! And as we go through another cycle of Torah readings and feasts over the next year, we can reflect on all of these stories and on how far Yahweh has brought our people. There is truly no one like Him!

Now that we have finished an entire year of Torah readings we say, "Chazak, chazak, v'nit chazek" which means, "Be brave and be strong!" **(Have children repeat and say this phrase with you.)**

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next time for another exciting Little Gems story when we start the parsha cycle all over again!



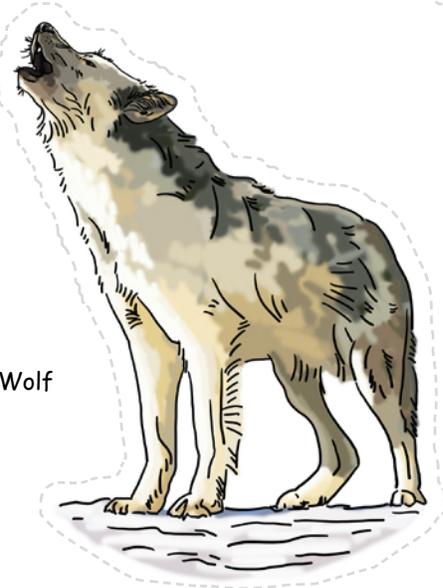
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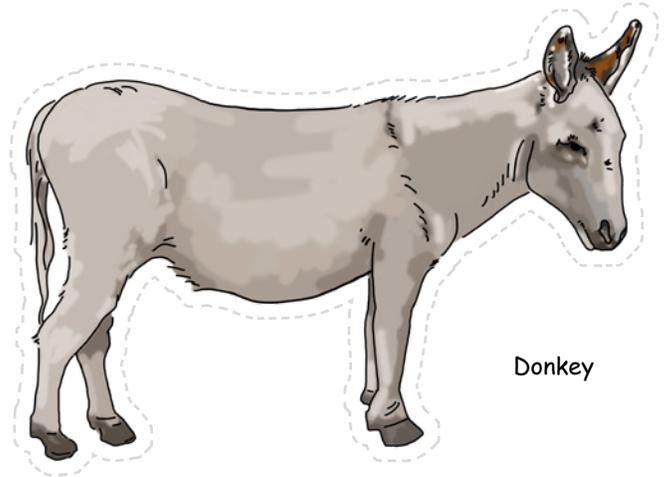
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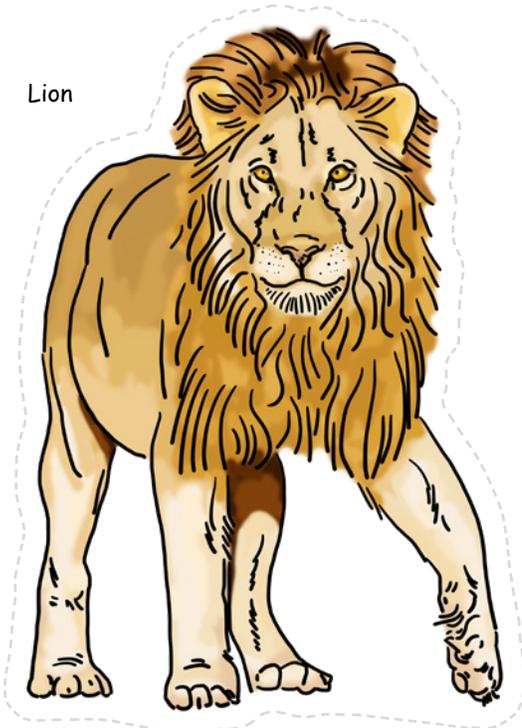
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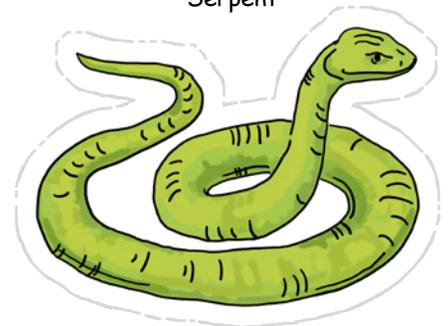
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Leaping cub



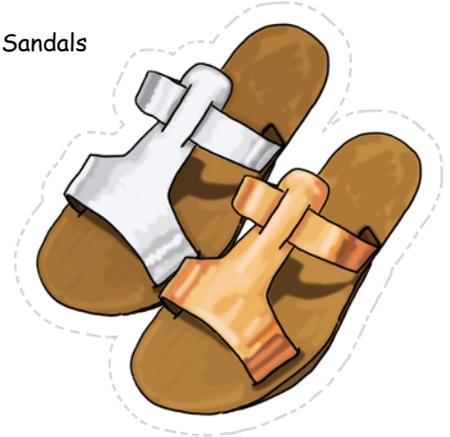
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Pot of boiling water



Sandals



Money bags

ארים

Stones

תמים

Sun and moon

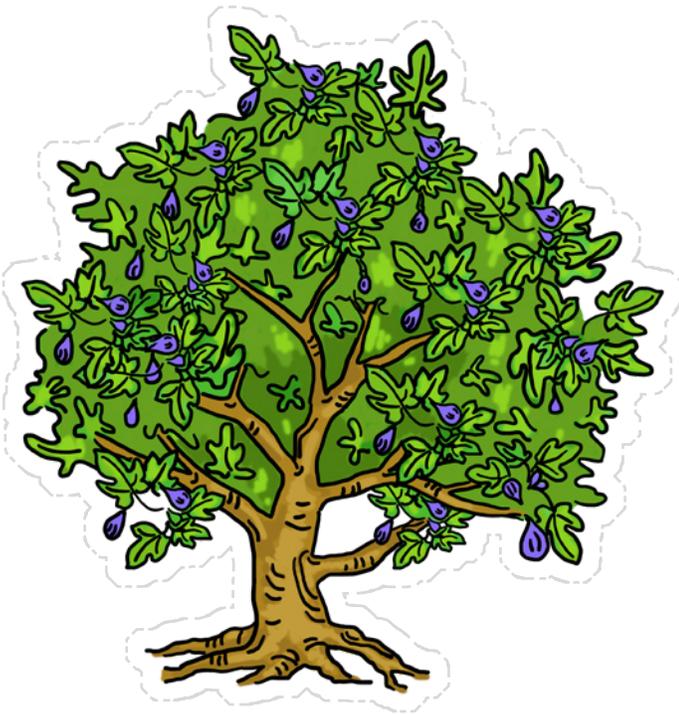
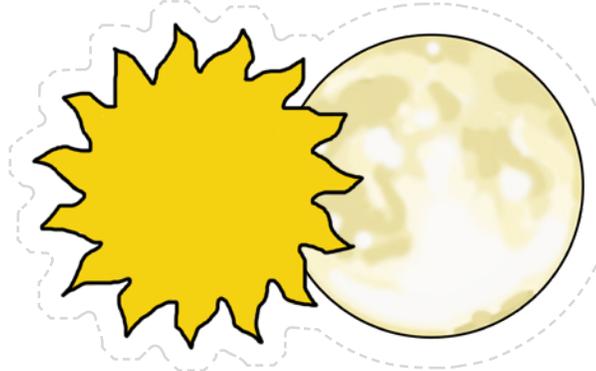


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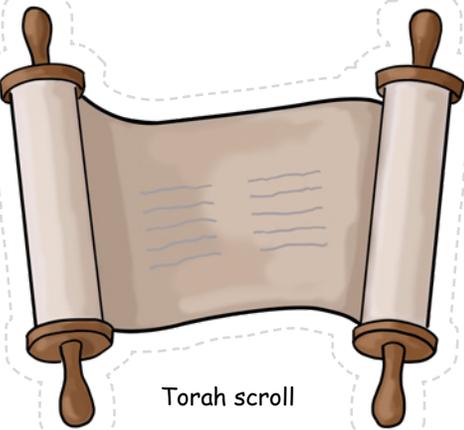
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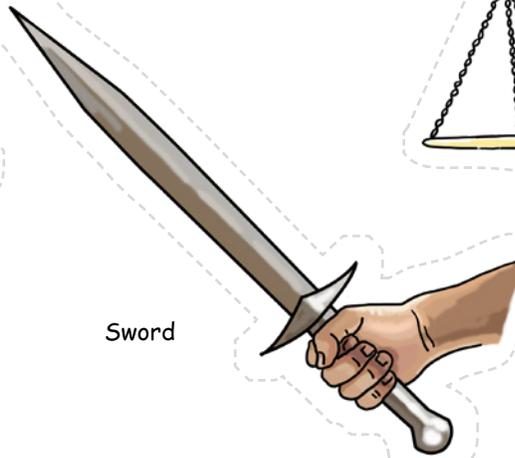
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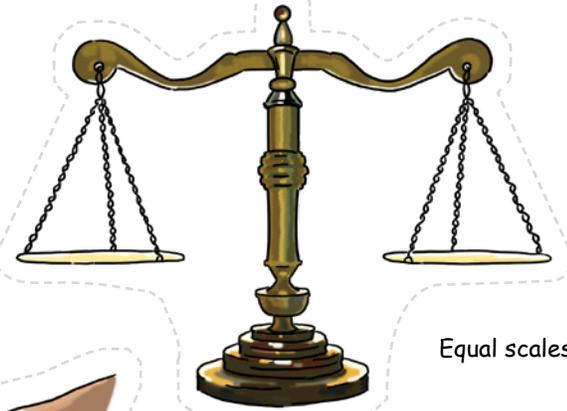
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Torah scroll



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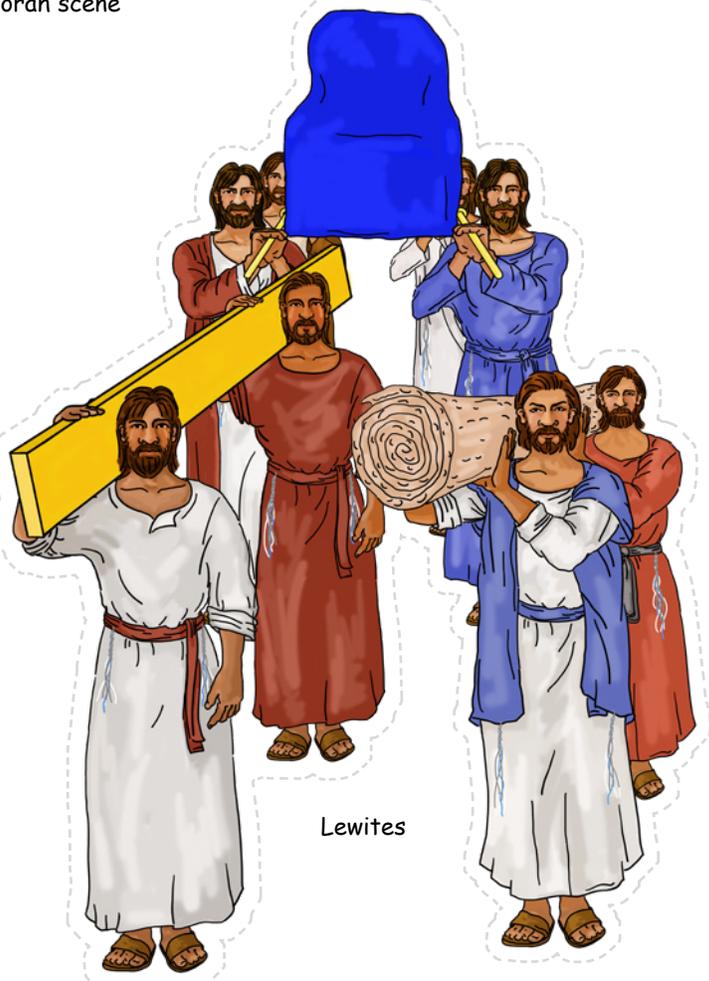


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Group of Yisra'elites

Zebulun and Yissaskar studying Torah scene



Sad emoji

Lewites



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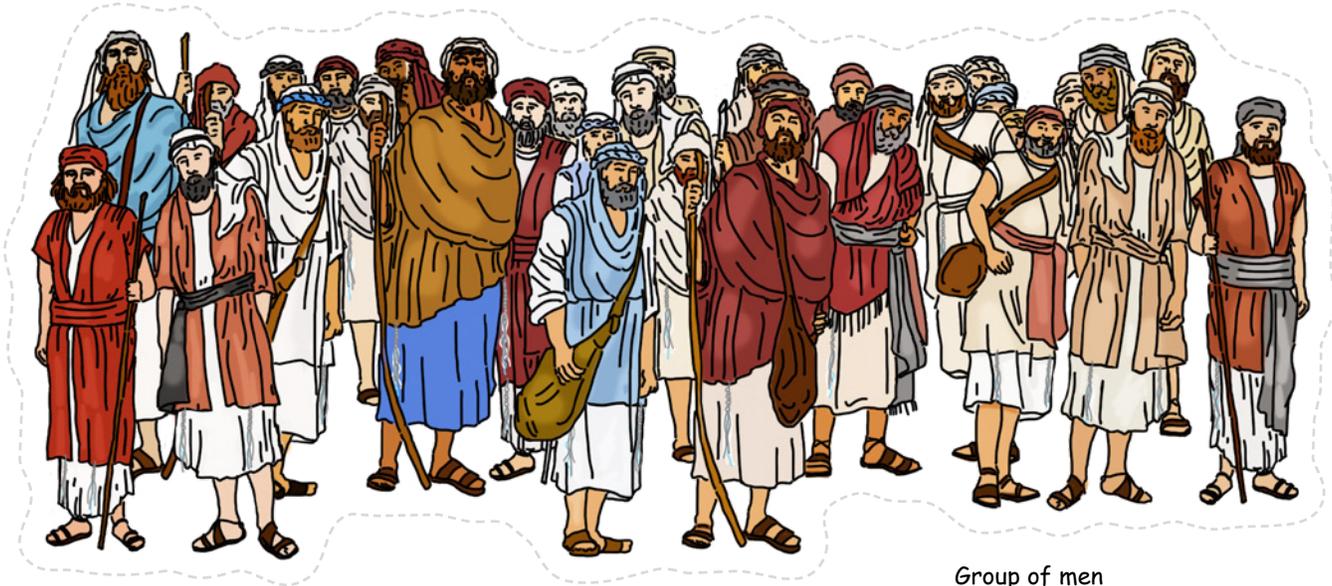


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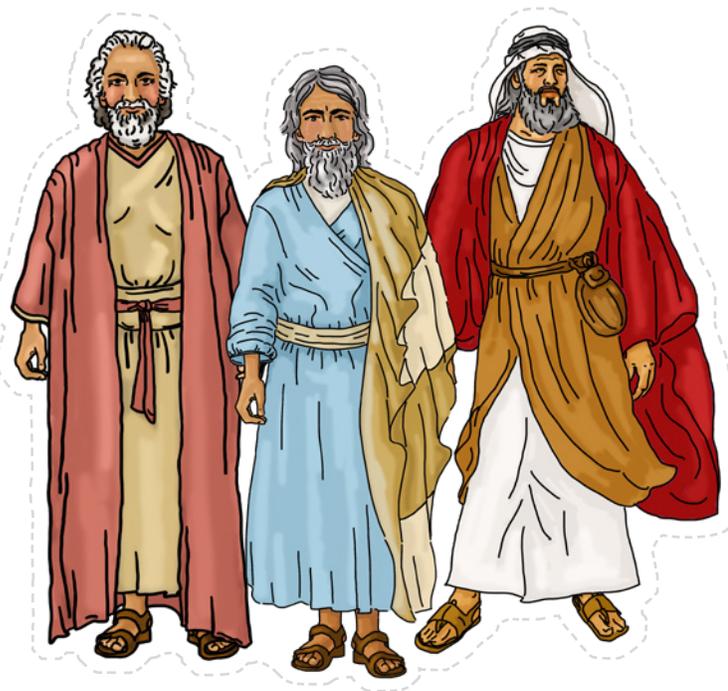


Older Yehoshua





Group of men



3 Patriarchs

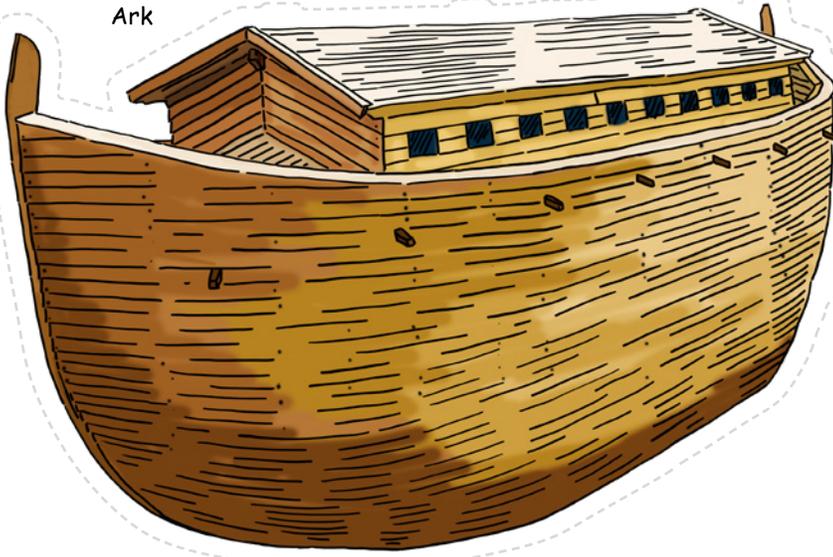


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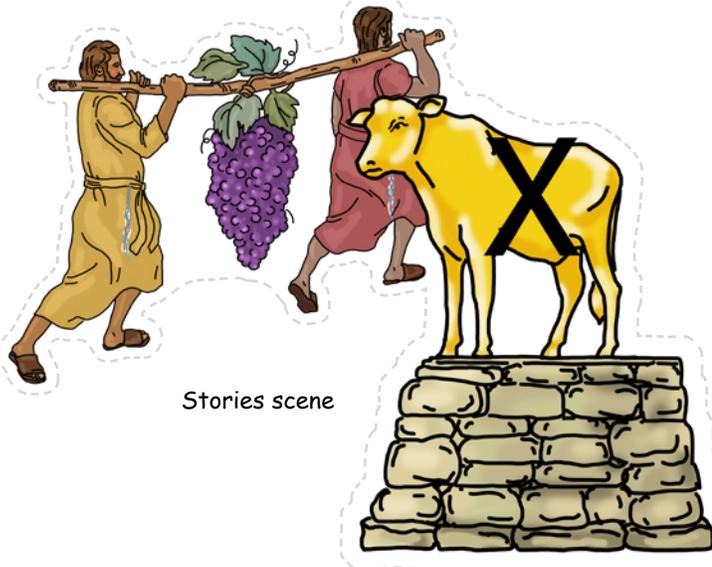
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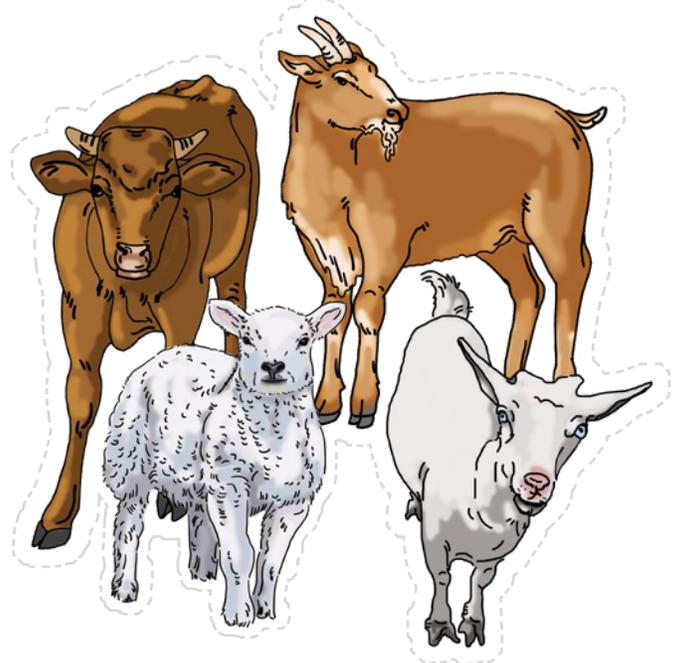
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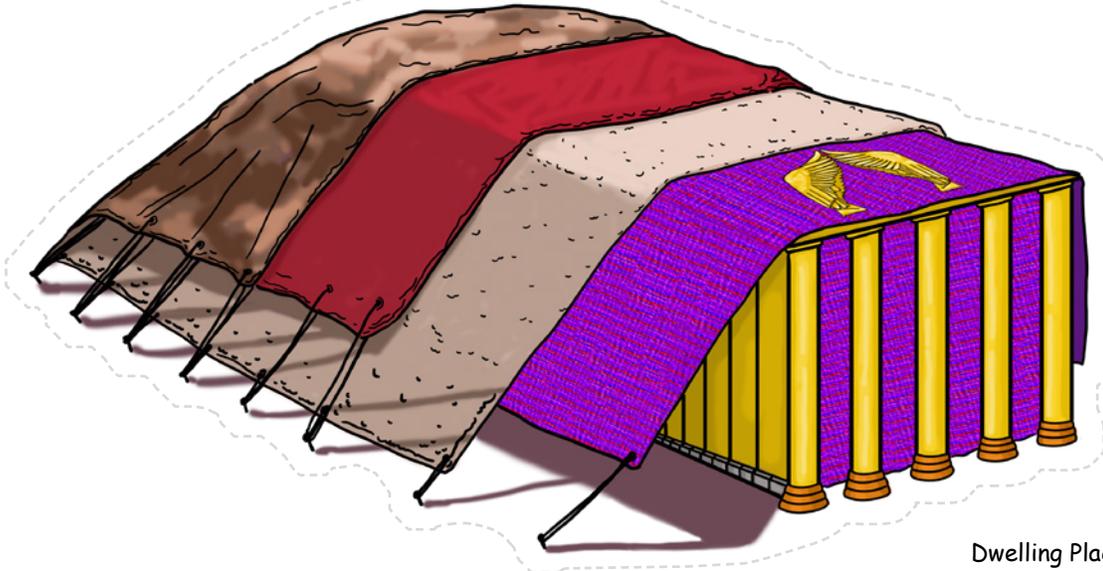
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Dwelling Place



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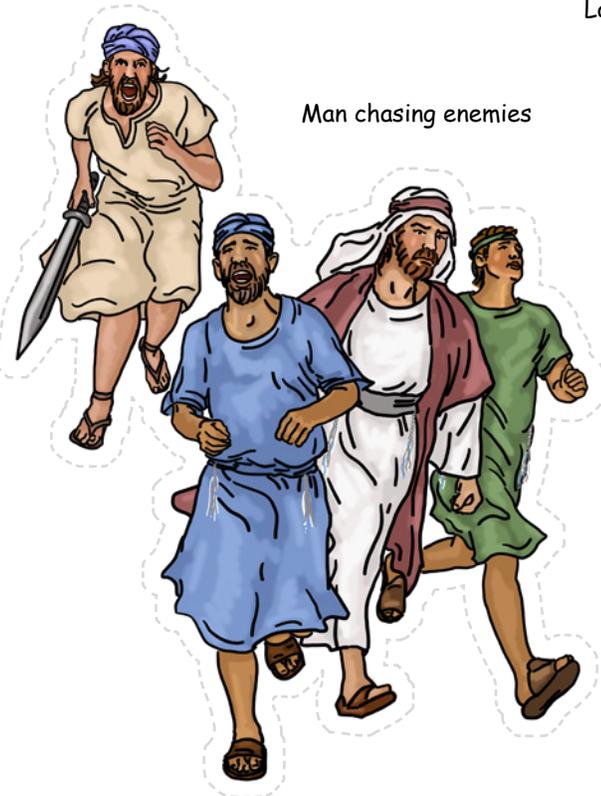


Binyamin





Land of Kena'an



Man chasing enemies

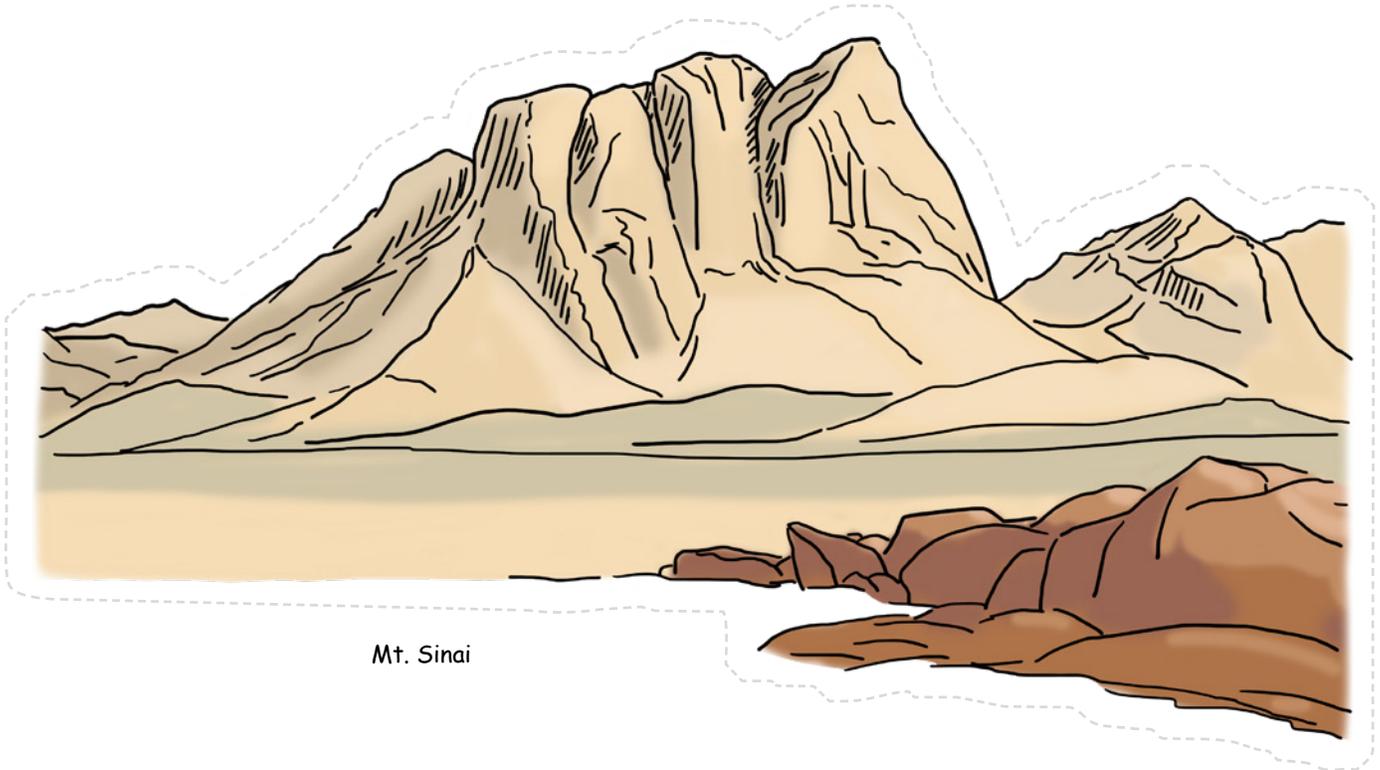


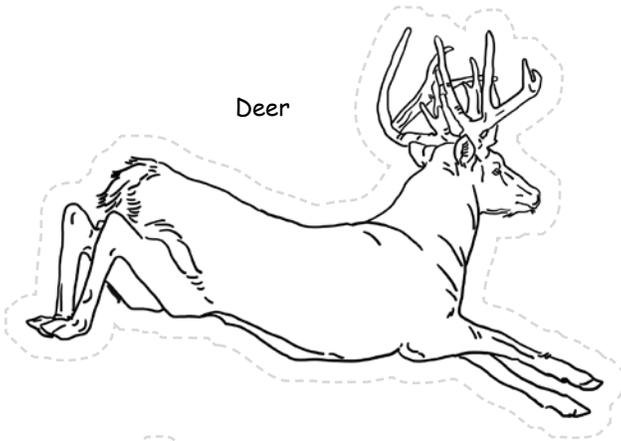
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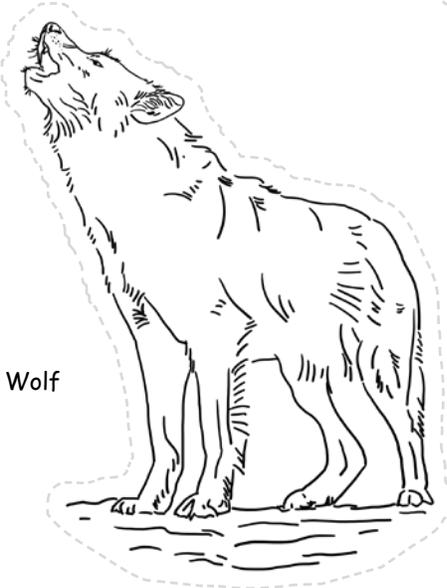




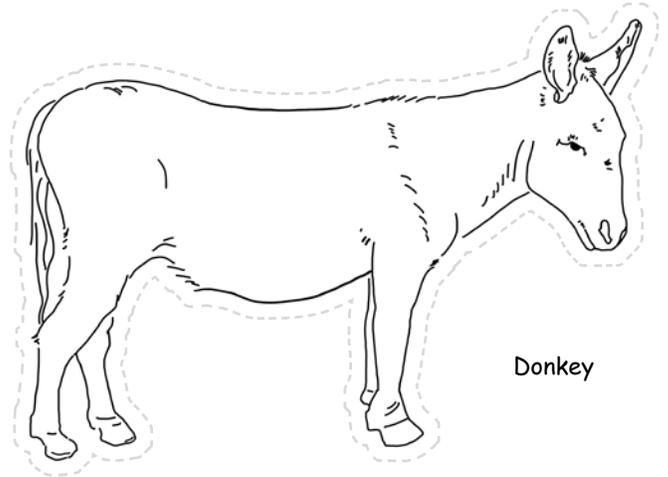
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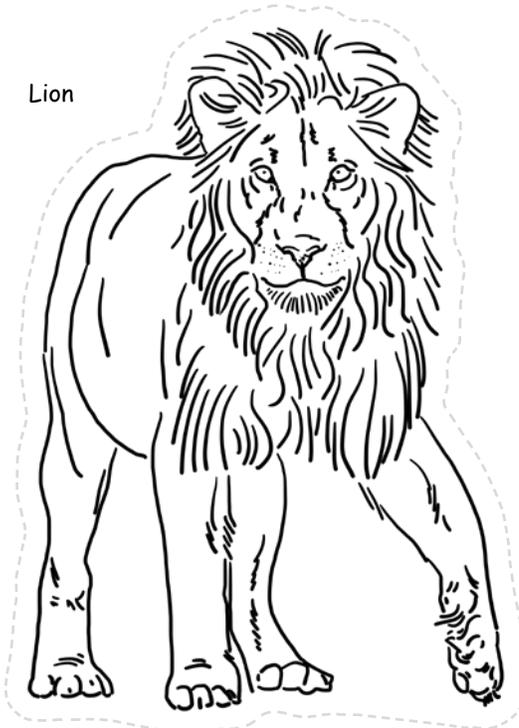
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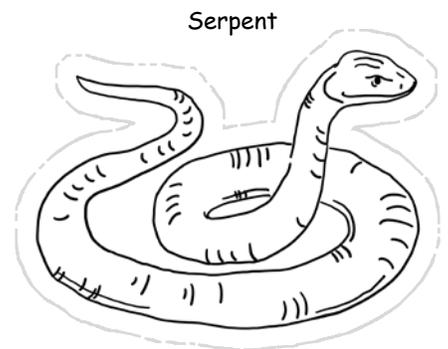
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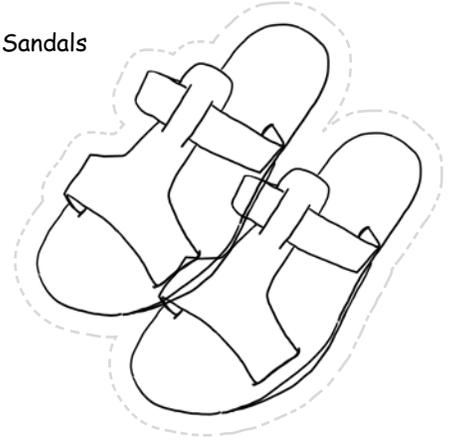


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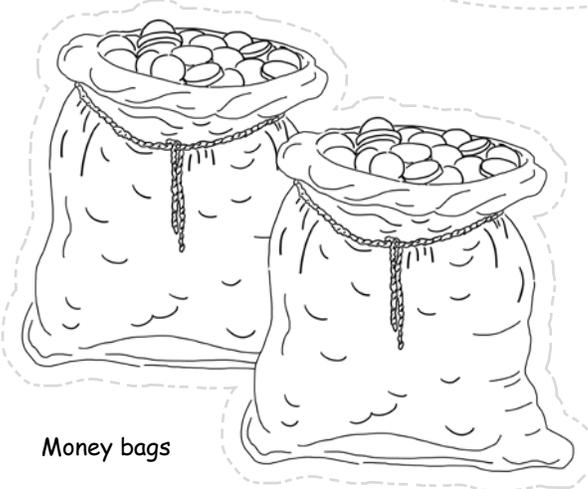
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Stones



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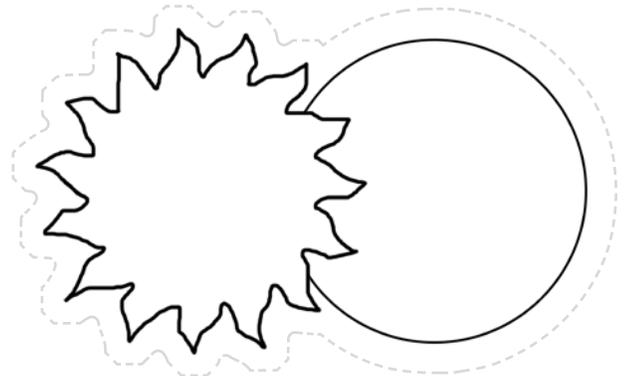
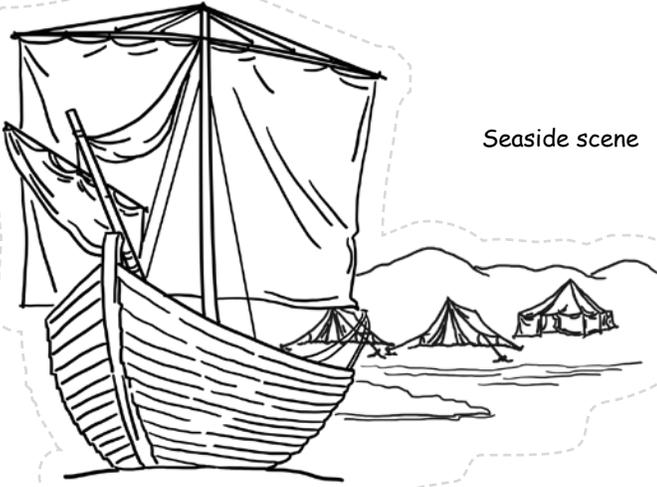


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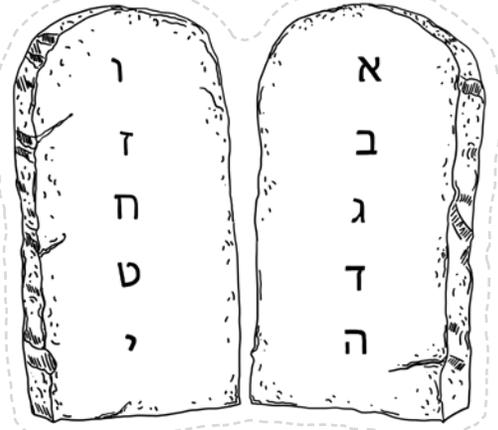


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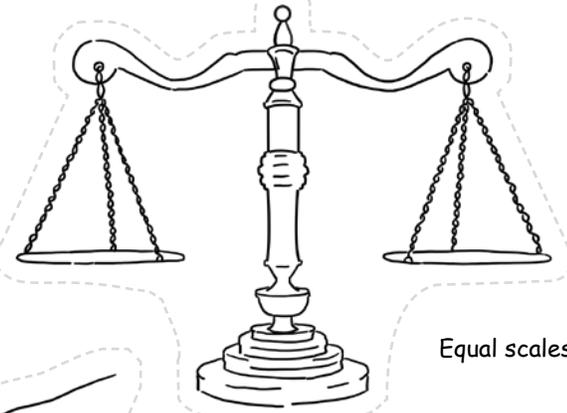




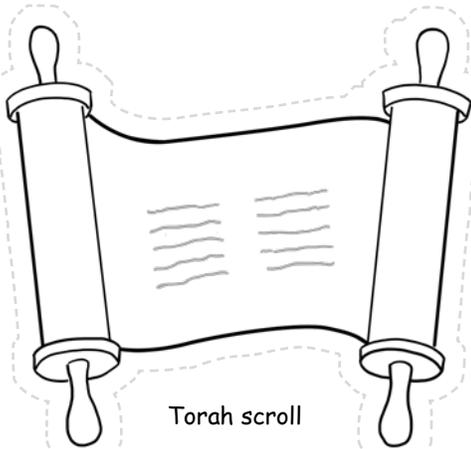
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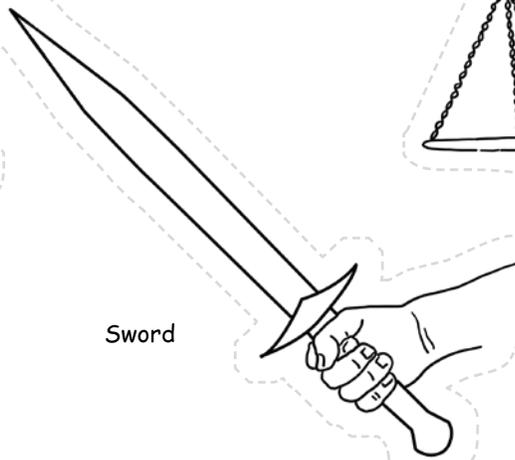
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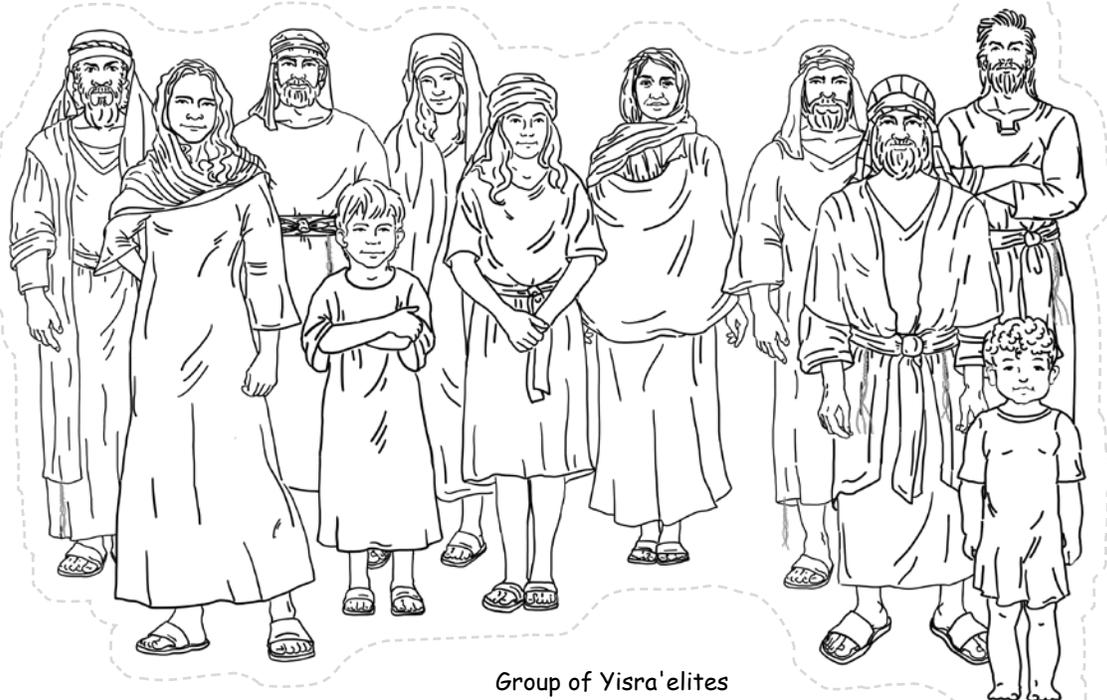
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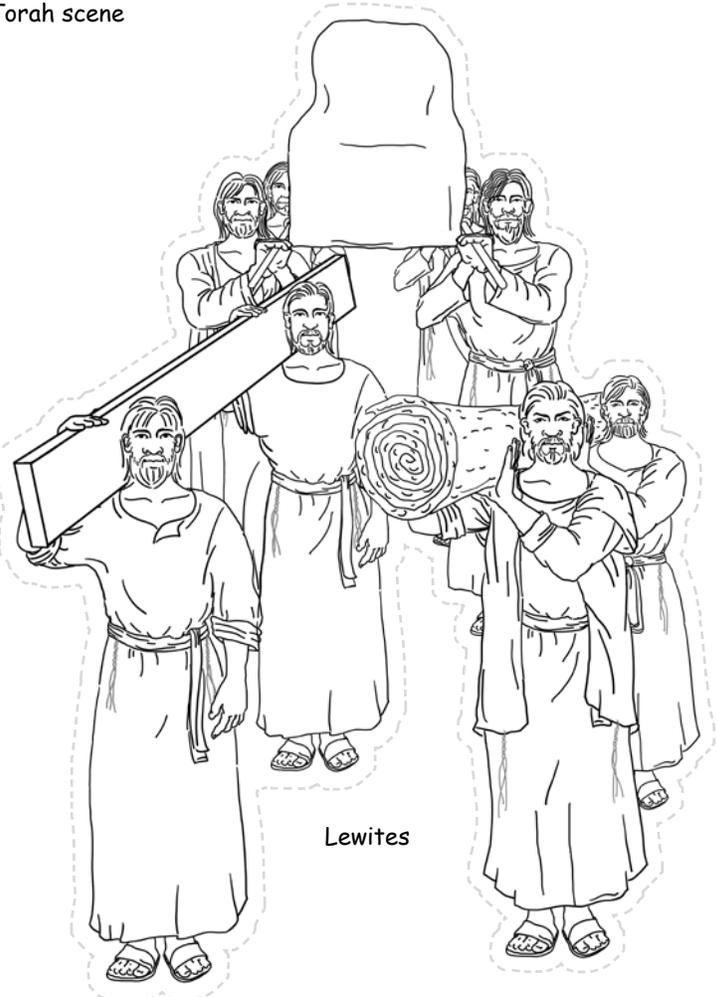


Sword



Group of Yisra'elites

Zebulun and Yissaskar studying Torah scene



Sad emoji

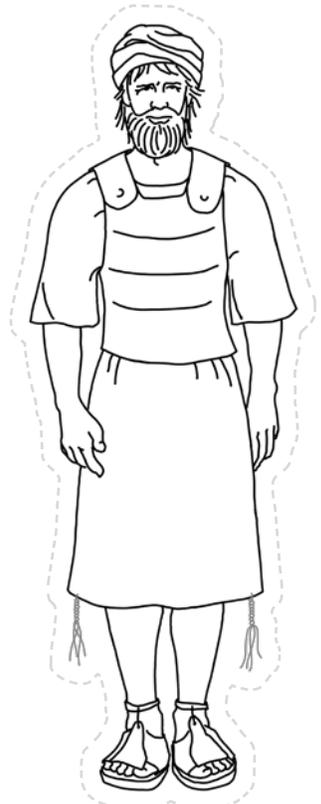
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Mosheh



Older Mosheh

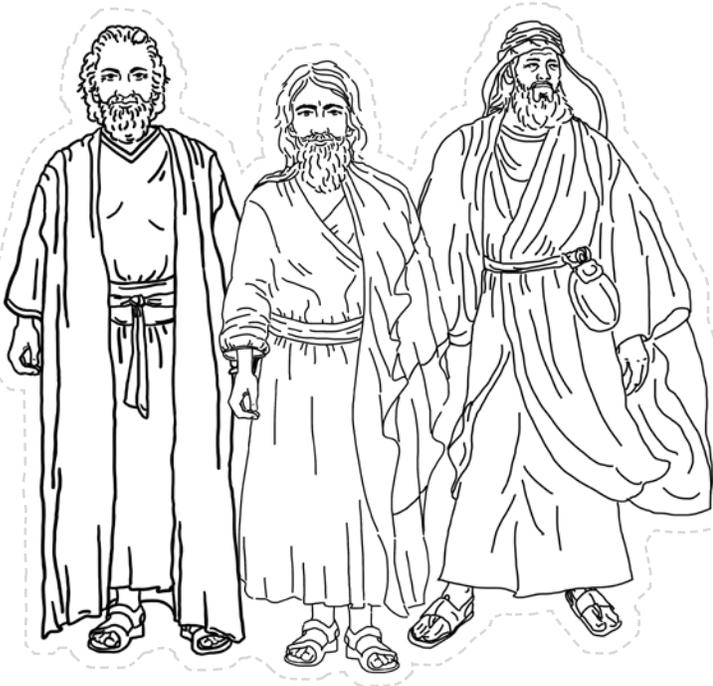


Older Yehoshua





Group of men



3 Patriarchs

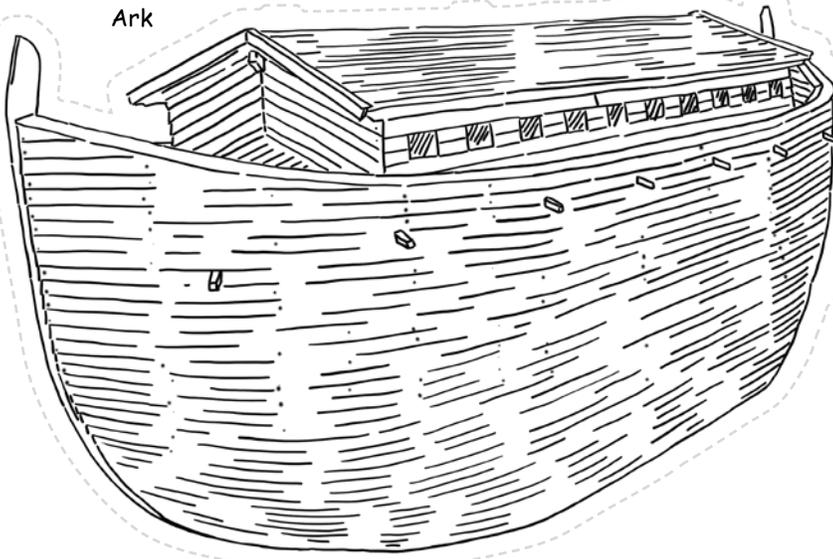


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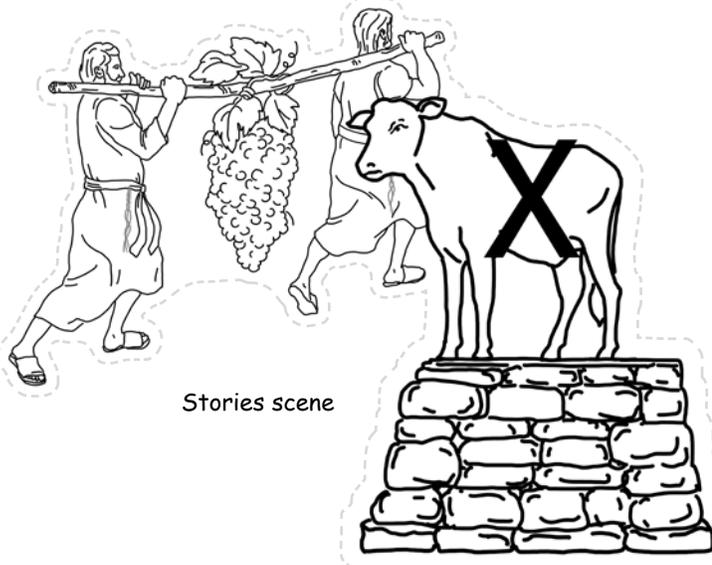
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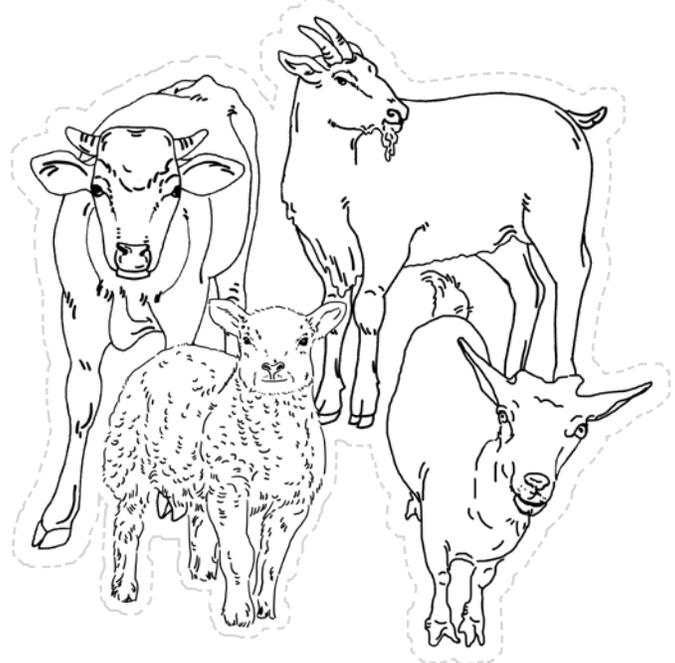
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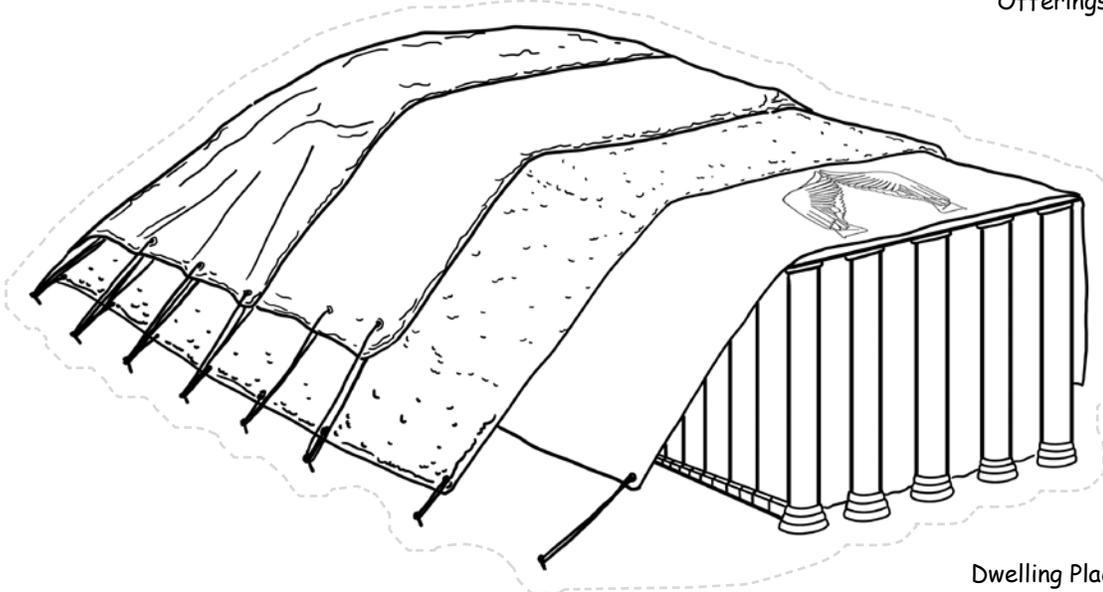
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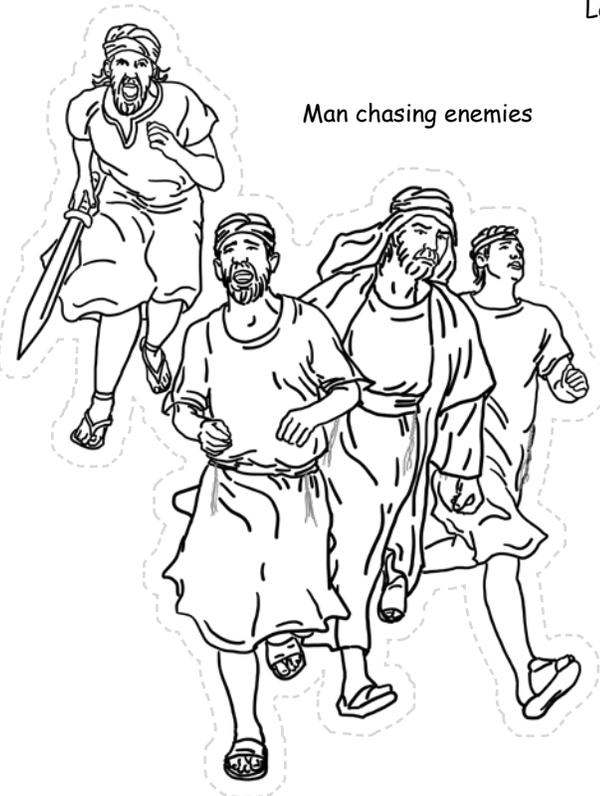
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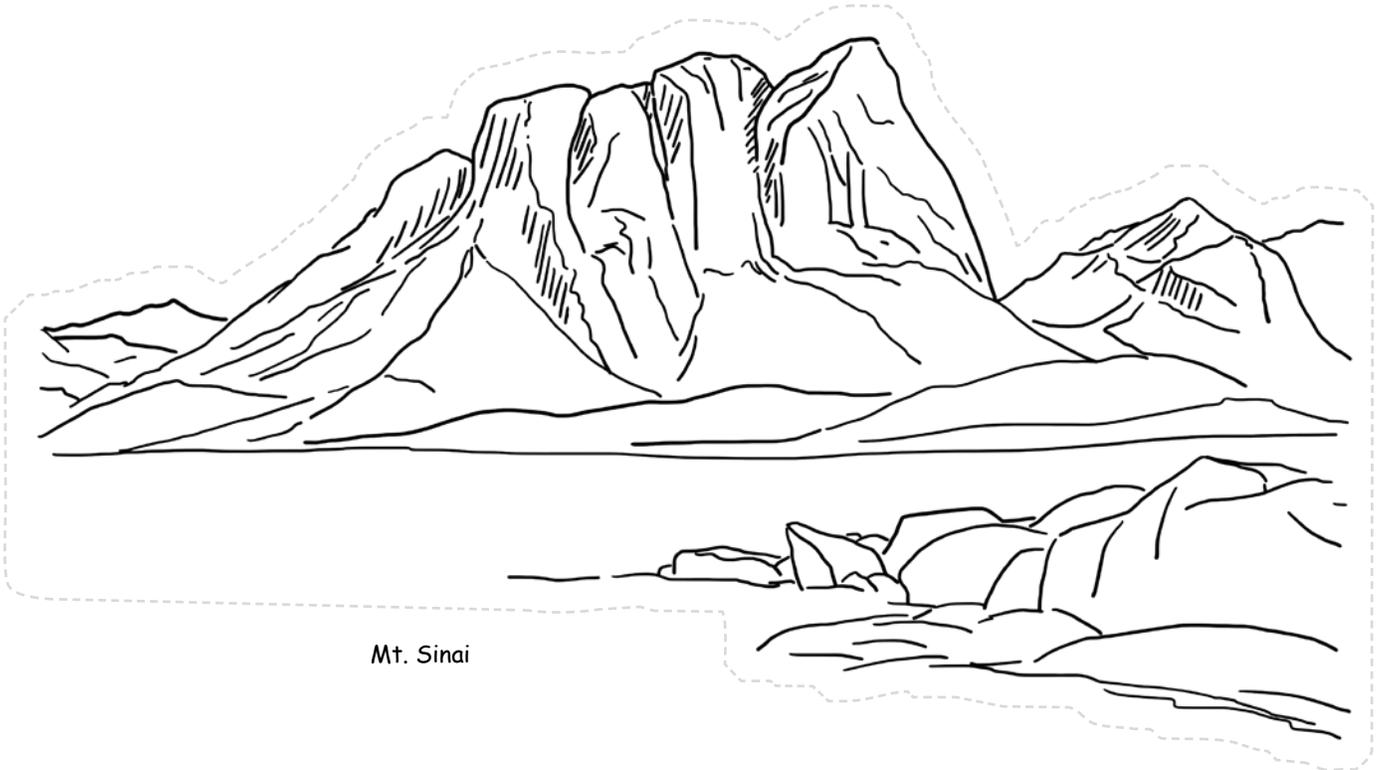


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Mt. Nebo



Mt. Sinai



# 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 34:4a. 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.



Deuteronomy  
34:4a

And Yahweh said to him,  
"This is the land of which I  
swore to Abraham, to Yitshaq,  
and to Ya'aqob, saying, 'To  
your seed I give it'."

MEMORY VERSE



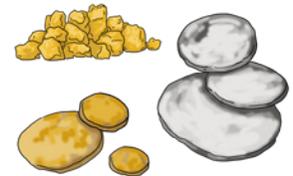
# SEEKING TREASURE

Circle the correct choices.

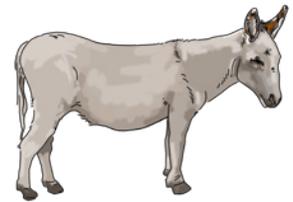
1. Which picture best represents the blessing of Re'uben? (33:6)



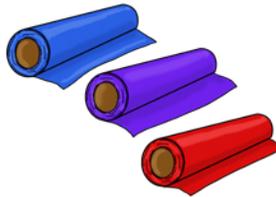
2. Which stones represent Lewi's blessing? (33:8)



3. Which picture best represents Dan's blessing? (33:22)



4. Which picture best represents Asher's blessing? (33:25)



5. Who did Mosheh appoint as leader after him? (34:9)



Korach



Abiram



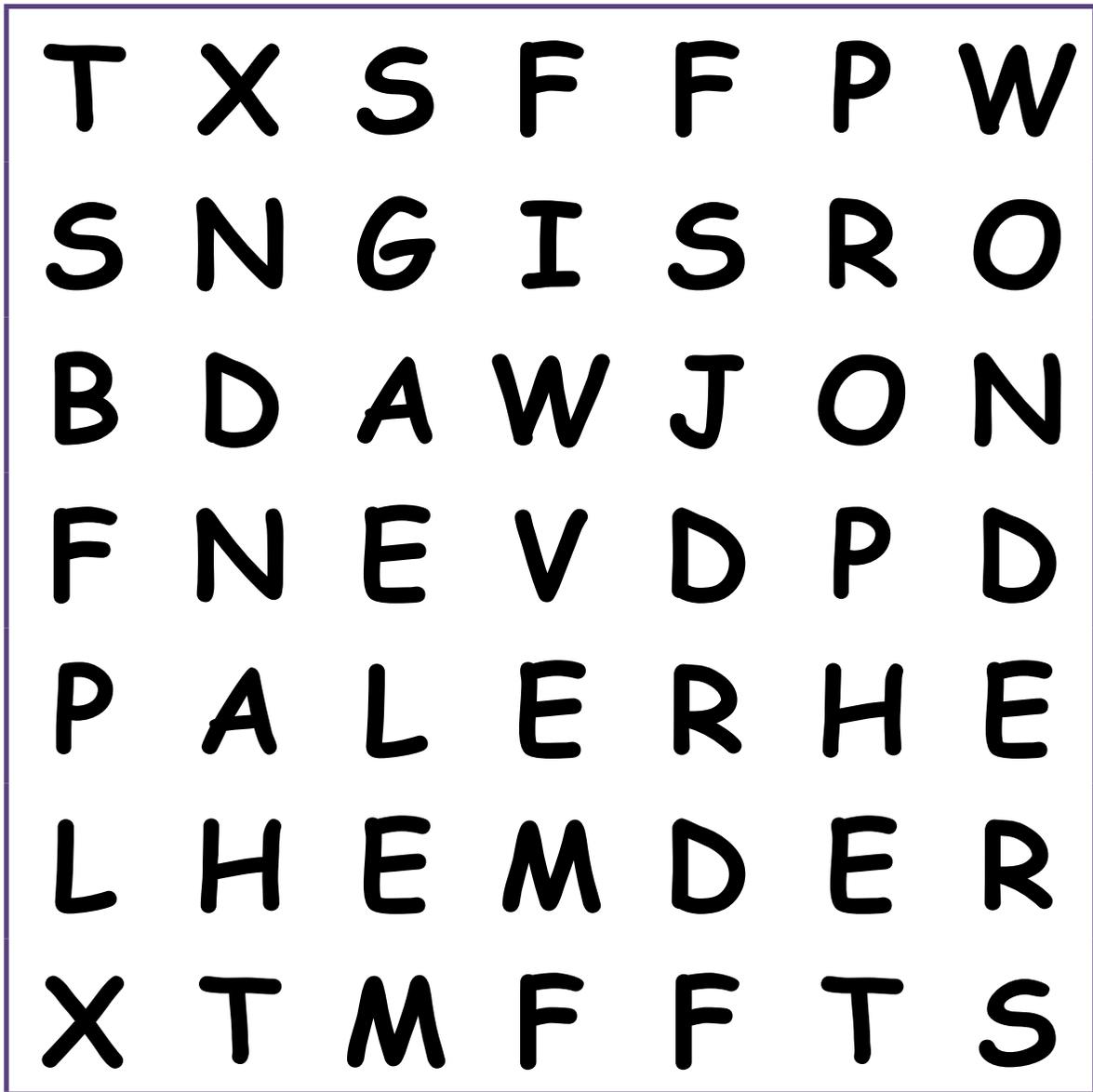
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Kaleb

# WORD SEARCH

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



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PROPHET

WONDERS

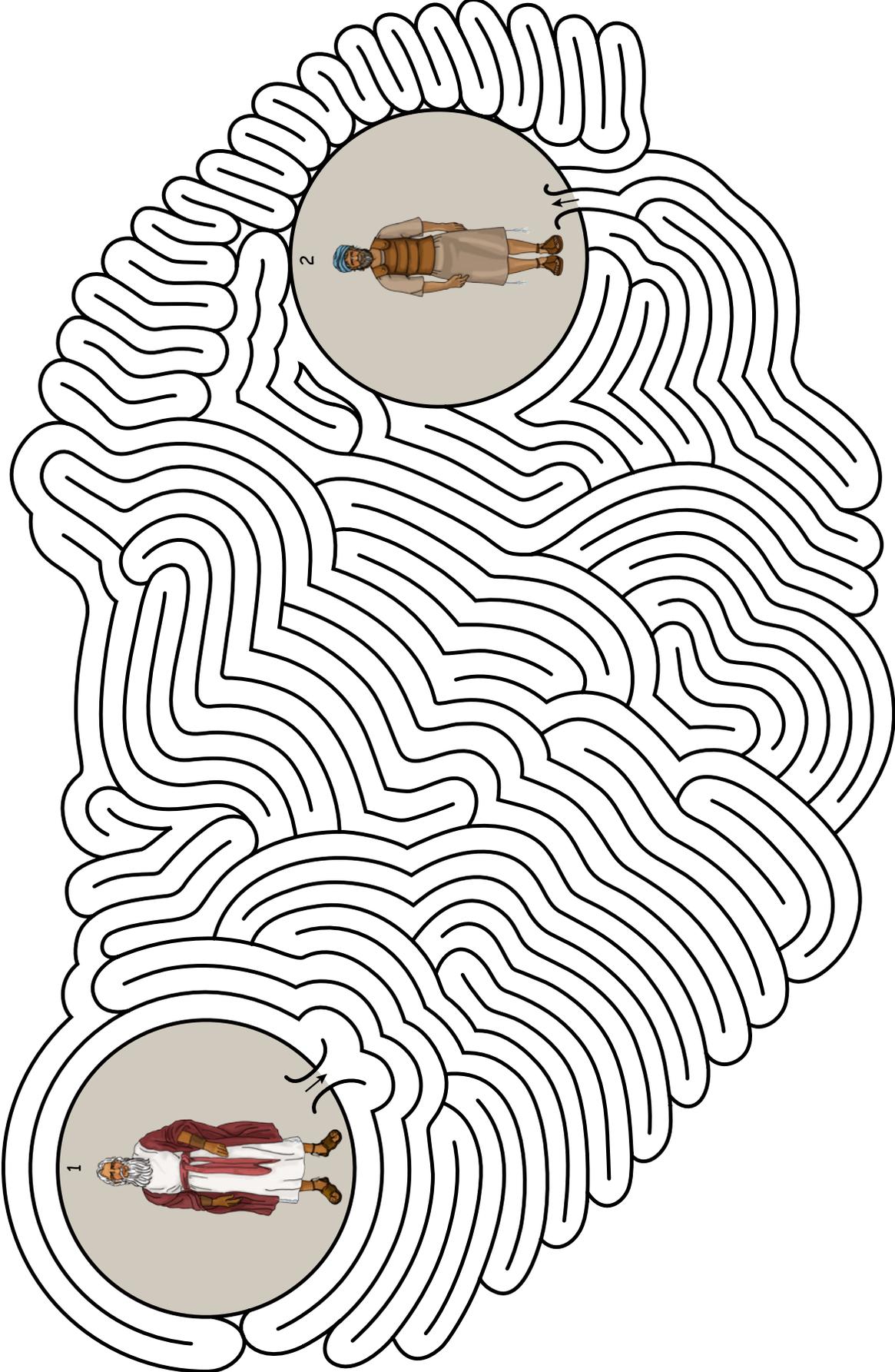
SIGNS

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DEEDS



# MAZE



# Precious Possessions

## CRAFT

### Mosheh Looks at Land of Kena'an

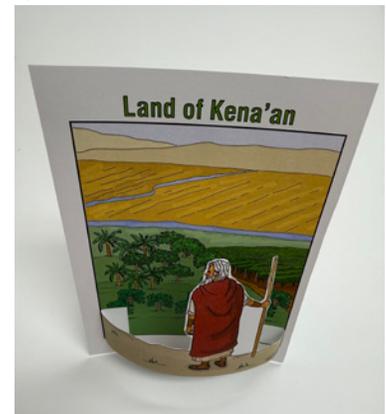
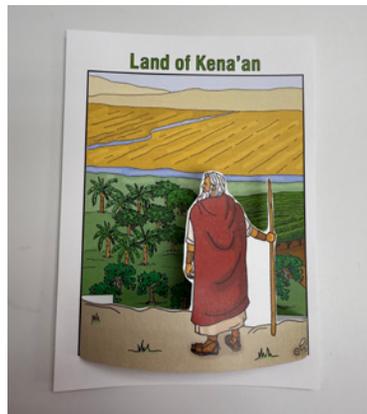
Deuteronomy 34:1-4

#### Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Ruler
- Double-sided adhesive tape or glue stick
- Scissors
- Craft Templates: A (BW) or B (color)

#### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Templates of choice on white cardstock.



#### Instructions for the Craft:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Template pieces. (P1)
- Using a ruler to assist you, fold the tabs inward on Mosheh. (P2a, P2b, P2c)
- Run double-sided adhesive tape or a glue stick on the indicated areas on the Main Page. (P3a, P3b)
- Connect the tabs to the adhesive or glue. (P4a, P4b, P4c)



P1



P2a



P2b



P2c

*You now have a visual representation of Mosheh looking out at the land of Kena'an.*



P3a



P3b



P4a



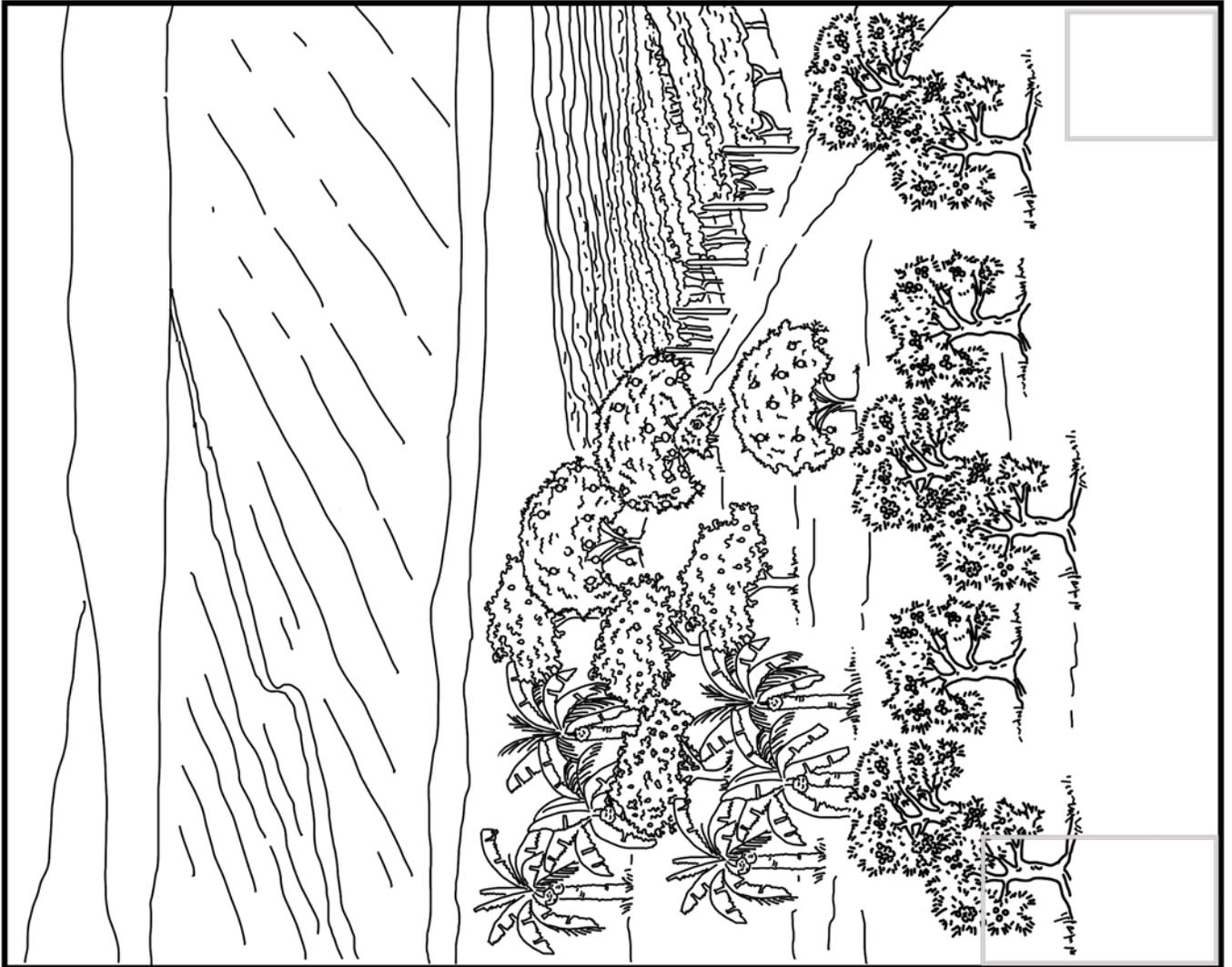
P4b



P4c



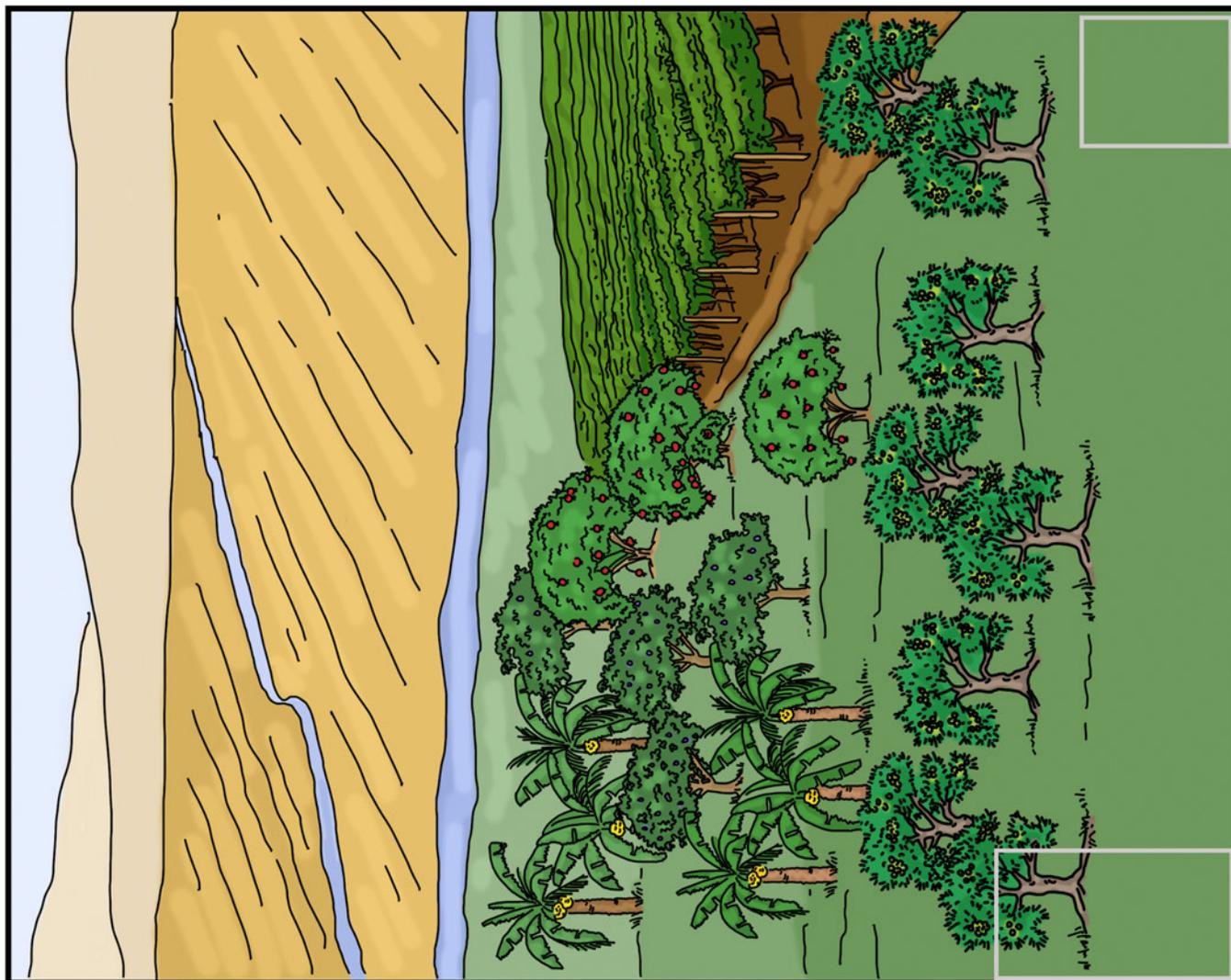
Land of Kena'an



Craft Template B (color)



# Land of Kena'an





# Sweetness of Torah

## SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

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### Torah Tzevah Lanu Mosheh (traditional song)

*Deuteronomy 33:4*

Torah, Torah, Torah

Torah, Torah, Torah

Torah Tzevah Lanu Mosheh (repeat)

Chorus: Torah, Torah, Torah,

Torah Torah Tzevah Lanu Mosheh (repeat)

Torah, Torah, Torah

Torah, Torah, Torah

Torah is a gift from Yahweh (repeat)

Chorus: Torah, Torah, Torah,

Torah Torah is a gift from Yahweh (repeat)



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Sing to tune of "Oseh Shalom Bimromav"

### Oh Say Shalom to Mosheh

Oh say shalom to Mosheh

He was our very special leader

We'll enter Kena'an without him

Without Mosheh, without Mosheh

Let's all say shalom, let's all say shalom

Shalom to Mosheh

Kena'an is our new home (repeat)



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## Chazak Chazak V'nit Chazek

Chazak, Chazak, v'nit-chazek, v'nit-chazek, v'nit-chazek  
Chazak, Chazak, v'nit-chazek, be brave and be strong

We read five books of the Torah, the Torah, the Torah  
We read five books of the Torah, and so we say chazak

Now we finished Devarim, Devarim, Devarim  
Now we finished Devarim, and so we say chazak

Chazak, Chazak, v'nit-chazek, v'nit-chazek, v'nit-chazek  
Chazak, Chazak, v'nit-chazek, be brave and be strong



# 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.

## Simchat Torah Flag Treat



### Ingredients:

- Snack bag of Chex Mix or any chips
- Kosher Laffy Taffy Rope
- Scotch tape
- Satin ribbon (optional)

### Instructions:

Roll the end of the snack back once around the Laffy Taffy Rope and tape. Tie a satin ribbon around Laffy Taffy Rope to decorate.

## Savory Torah Scroll



### Ingredients:

- Ribbon
- Wraps or tortillas
- Sliced turkey (1 per scroll)
- Carrot sticks (2 per scroll)
- Mustard and mayonnaise as you desire

### Instructions:

Using a knife or kitchen scissors, cut the top and bottom of the tortilla's circle to make it rectangular in shape. Add mustard or mayonnaise. Lay sliced turkey on top of the tortilla. At either end, lay 2 carrot sticks vertically. Roll each end toward the center. Tie with ribbon to secure.

Vegetarian Options: Vege-meat or cheese slice

# Parsha Pearls



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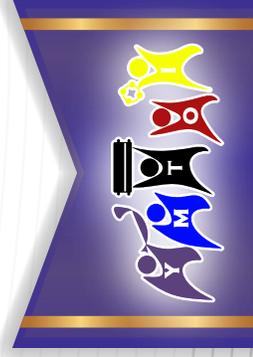
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Enter current year

"My son, heed the discipline of your father, And do not forsake the Torah of your mother."  
Proverbs 1:8-9

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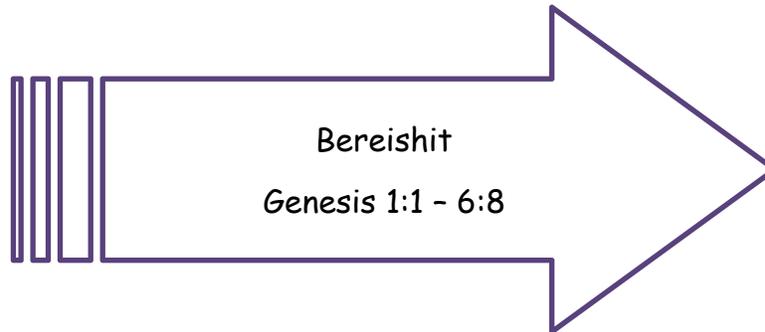


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# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

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## Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	<i>Gen. 1:1-26</i>	Days 1-6 created
Tuesday:	<i>Gen. 1:27-2:25</i>	Man, woman and day 7 (Sabbath) created
Wednesday:	<i>Gen. 3:1-3:24</i>	The serpent and man's first wrong decision
Thursday:	<i>Gen. 4:1-26</i>	Qayin murders Hebel; Genealogy of Qayin
Friday:	<i>Gen. 5:1-6:8</i>	Genealogy of <u>A</u> dam to Noah; Yahweh grieves in His heart