

# Parsha Pearls

# Vayeira

"He Appeared"

Genesis 18:1 - 22:24  
Katan Aleph



In This Edition:

4.1 - Great Balls of Fire  
Genesis 18; 19:1-29



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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.

### Great Balls of Fire

Shalom children! Do you remember Abram whose name was changed to Abraham and his wife Sarai whose name was changed to Sarah and their nephew Lot? Well, today's story will be about what happened next to that family. After Uncle Abraham rescued him from the 4 kings, Lot went back to live in his town of Sedom. **(Place Lot on one side of board along with city.)** Abraham also went back to his home. **(Place Abraham by tent on other side of board, away from Lot.)** His tent was next to a tree we talked about last week. **(Place tree on board.)** Do you remember what kind of tree we said this was? **(Allow children to answer.)** Yes, it is a terebinth tree. Okay, so Abraham was standing there by that big tree when he saw 3 men coming towards him. **(Place messenger and 2 messengers on board.)** Abraham was amazed, because he recognized who these men were. Two of the beings were messengers of Yahweh. And the third one was Yahweh Himself! Abraham humbly asked them, if Yahweh was pleased with him, to please not pass by him, but to stay awhile.

The 3 men knew that Abraham was righteous, so they stayed for dinner. As a good host, Abraham provided them water to wash their feet. **(Put foot washing scene on board.)** He also brought them bread, meat, milk, and curds to eat. **(Place platter on board in front of characters.)**

The man who was Yahweh sent the 2 messengers to go check on what was going on in Sedom. **(Place 2 messengers by Lot.)** Yahweh stayed behind with Abraham, and told him that He was sad about how badly the people in Sedom and Amorah were behaving. He said that He was planning to punish them all. Abraham wanted to know why Yahweh would destroy everyone if not everyone was bad. **(Place numbers on board as you call them out.)** What if there were still 50 good people left in the city? Yahweh promised He would not destroy it if 50 good people could be found. Abraham then asked Yahweh to please not destroy the town if there were 45 good people. Yahweh promised He wouldn't do it if there were 45. Abraham kept asking; what if there were 40? Or 30, or 20, or even 10? Yahweh patiently listened to Abraham and said He wouldn't, even if there were only 10 good people.

**(Remove all characters from board except for Lot and city.)**



Meanwhile, in Sedom, the people just kept on doing bad. The only good people the messengers found were Lot and his family, and that was only 4 people! **(Place Lot, Lot's wife and Lot's daughters on board.)** Lot welcomed the messengers and gave them water to wash their feet. Then he gave them a feast and unleavened bread to eat. **(Place unleavened bread on board.)**

After dinner, the messengers told Lot that he and his wife and daughters had to leave town right away so they wouldn't get punished with all the other people. Lot was afraid, and he asked the messengers not to make him run too far away. The messengers agreed, but said that Lot's whole family had to promise that none of them would look back at the city when they ran away. They grabbed Lot's hand, his wife's hand and his 2 daughters' hands and pulled them all out of the city as fast as they could run. **(Place everyone together on board.)**

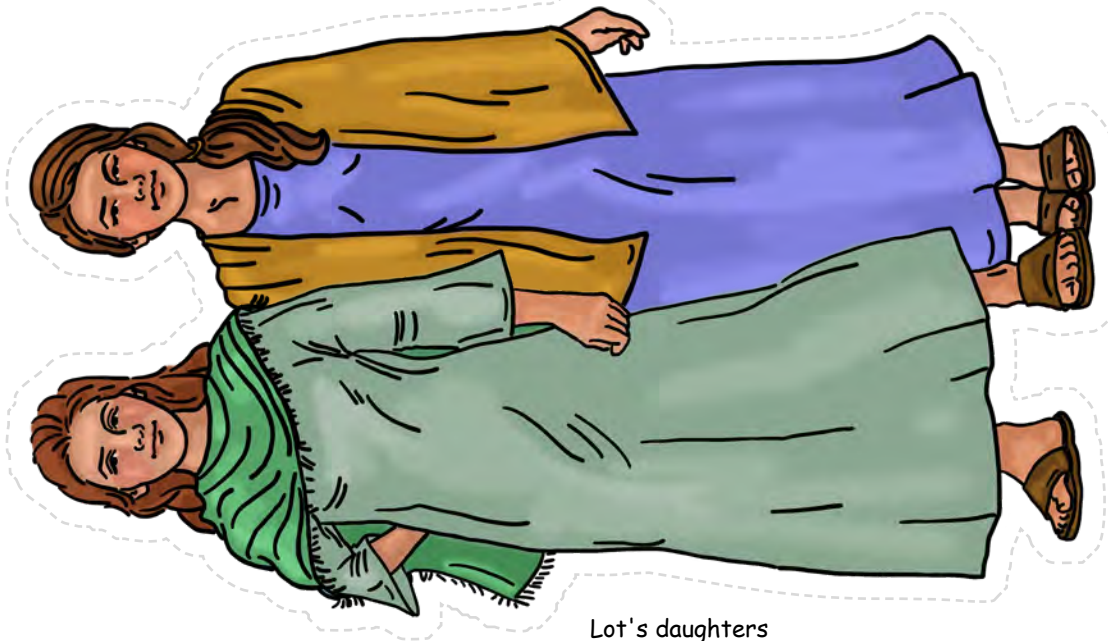
Immediately Yahweh sent fire and sulfur to rain down on the city, and everything caught on fire. **(Place fire and sulfur in sky above city.)** Lot and his family were safely escaping, but Lot's wife didn't do as she was told. She turned around to look at the city 1 more time, and...Oh no! As soon as she looked back, she turned into a pillar of salt. **(Remove Lot's wife and replace with outline of woman in white.)**

Sadly, not everyone wanted to obey and keep Yahweh's rules. It's just as we read a few weeks ago, in the story of Noah. Yahweh kept His promise not to destroy the whole earth again with a flood, and this time He took care of the handful of good people left in Sedom - even if that was only Lot and his family. Yahweh always keeps His promises, and He always takes care of His people. Do you remember the sign that Yahweh gave to never destroy the whole earth again? **(Let children answer and then place rainbow on board.)**

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!







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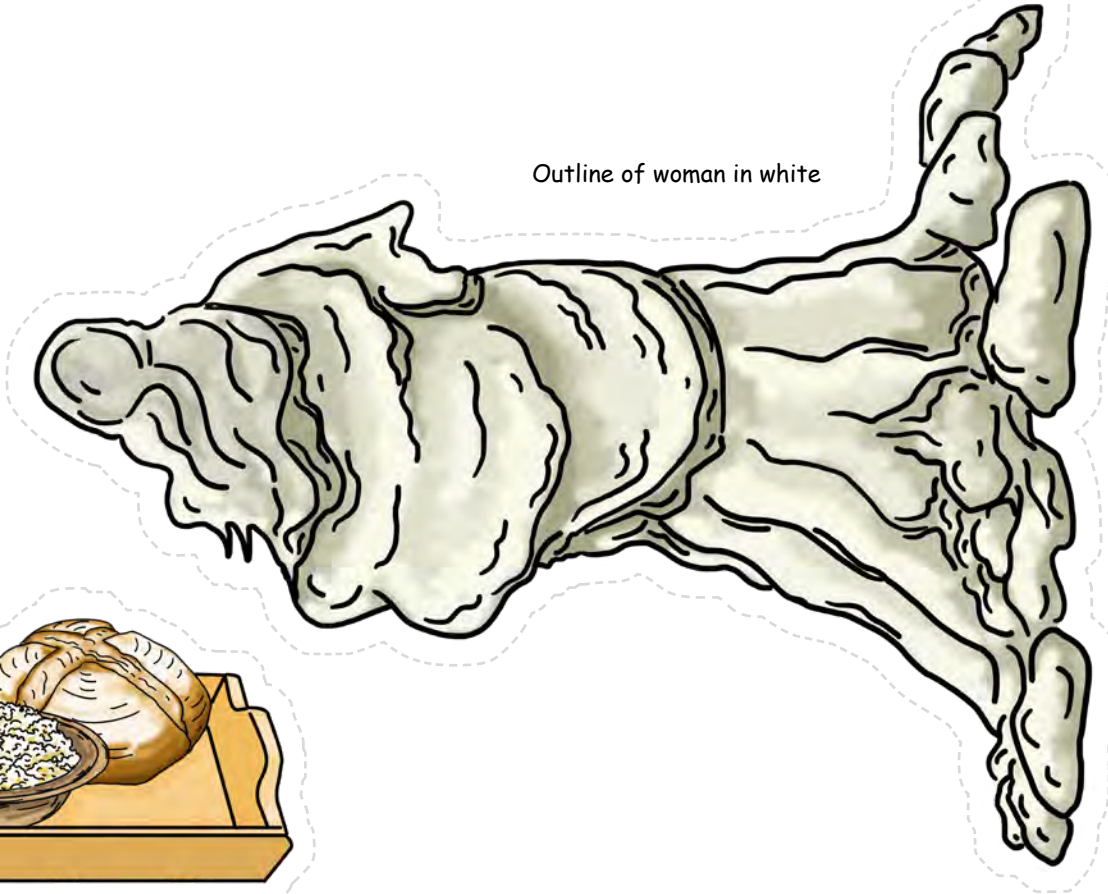


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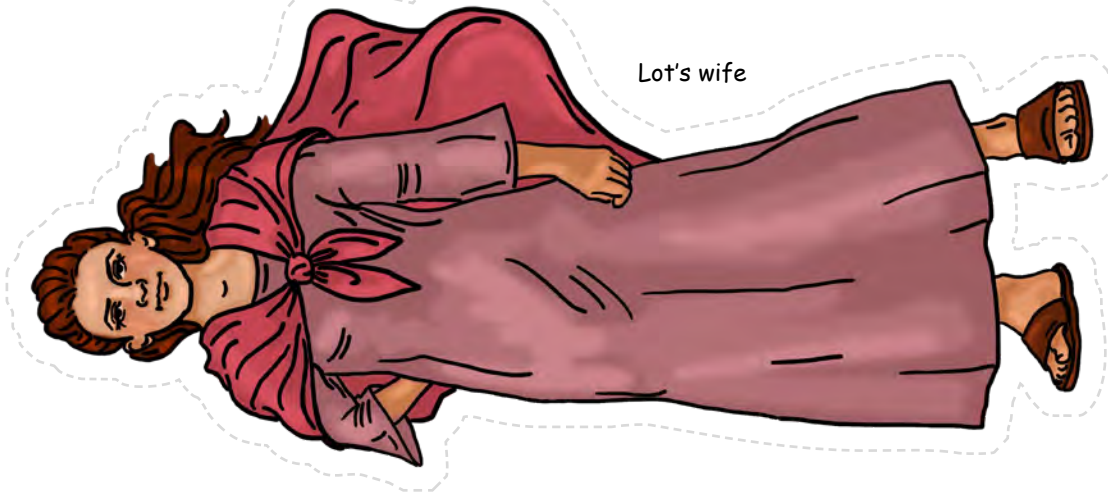
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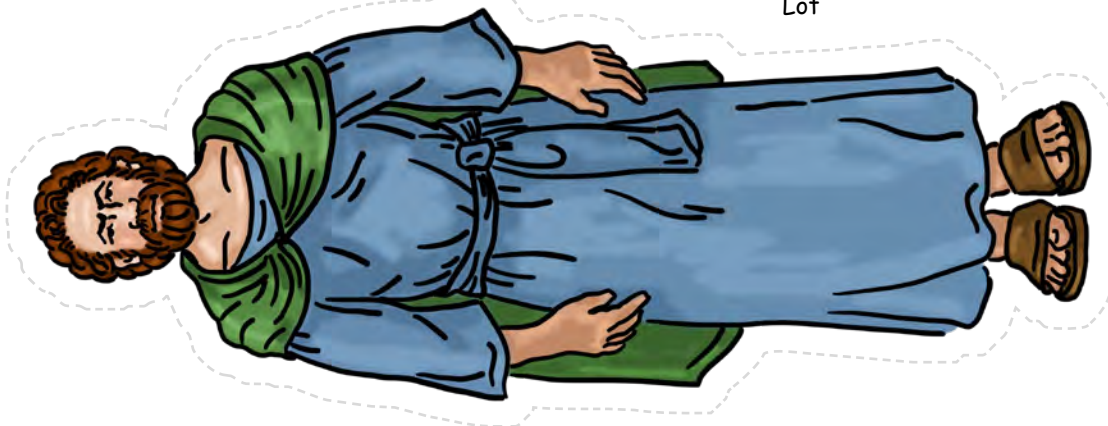


Platter

Lot's wife



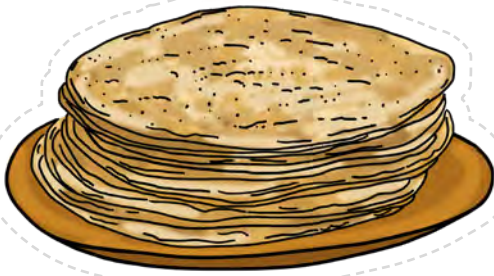
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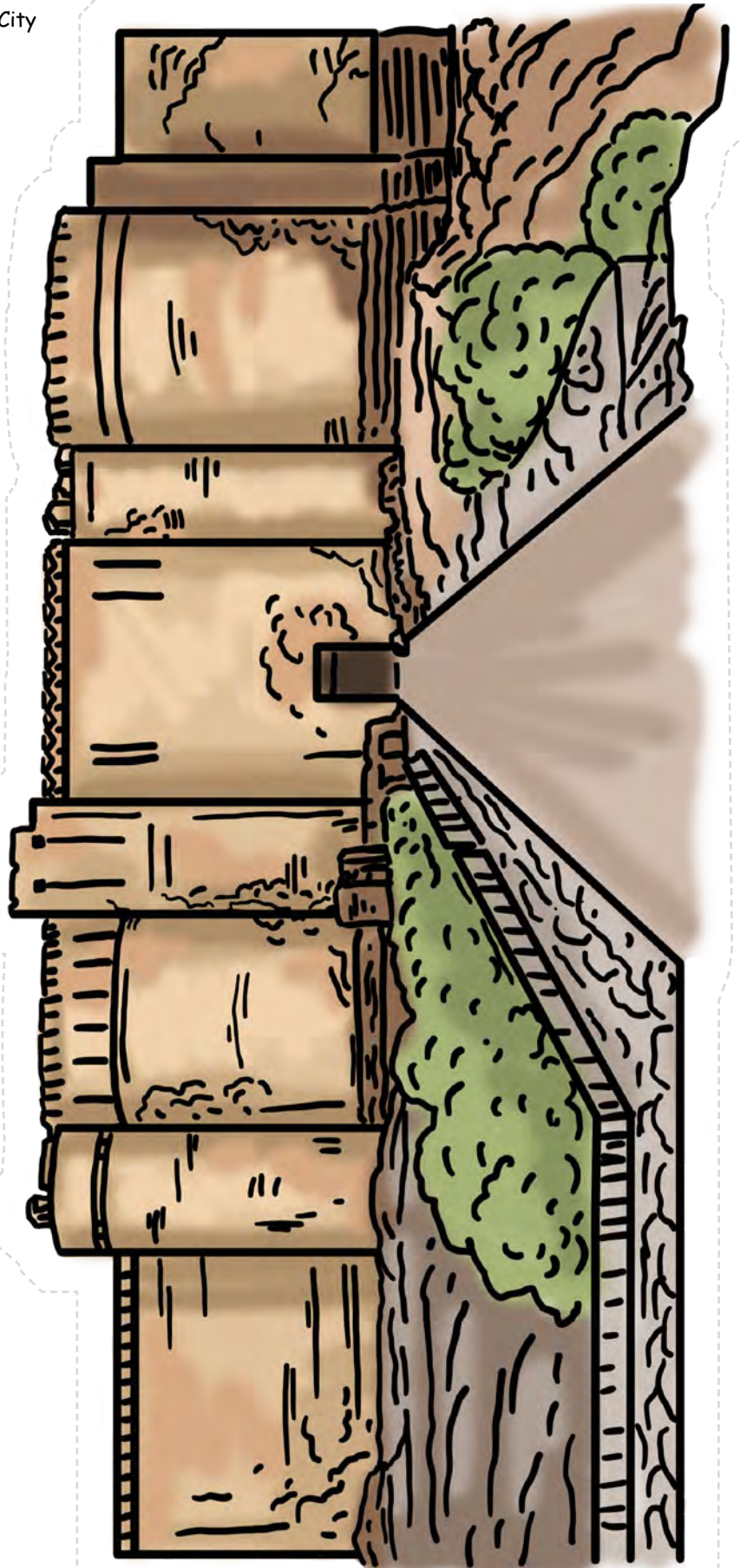
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Foot washing scene

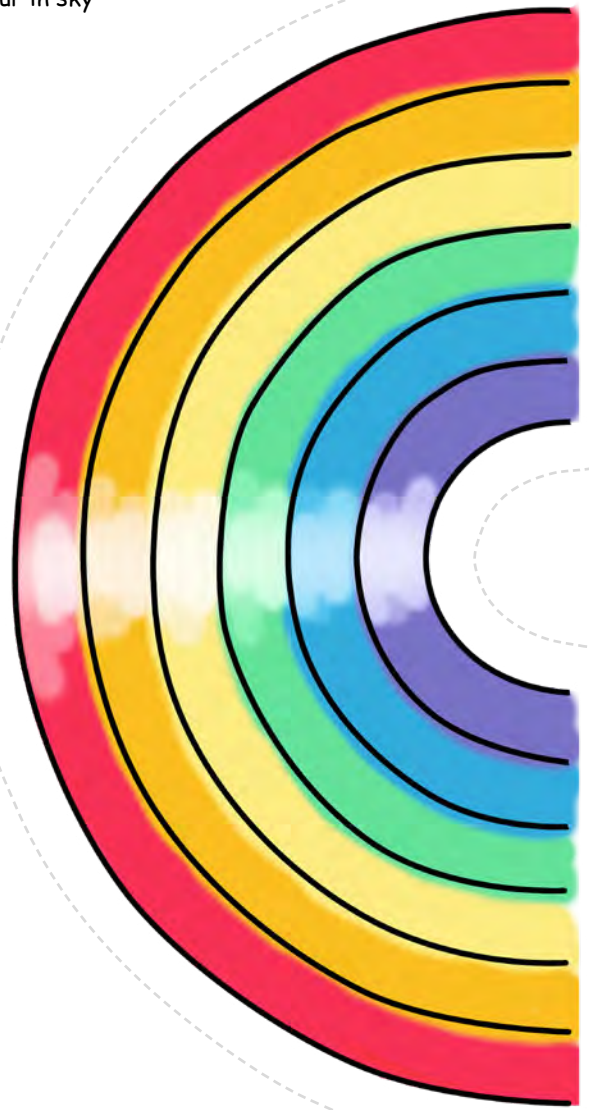
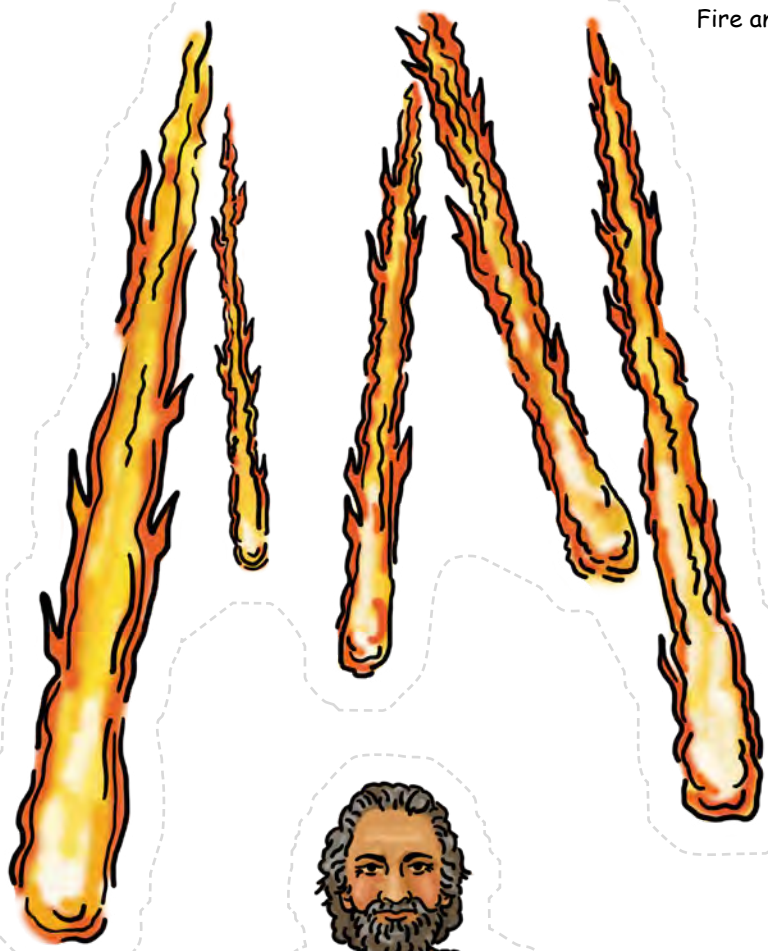


Unleavened bread

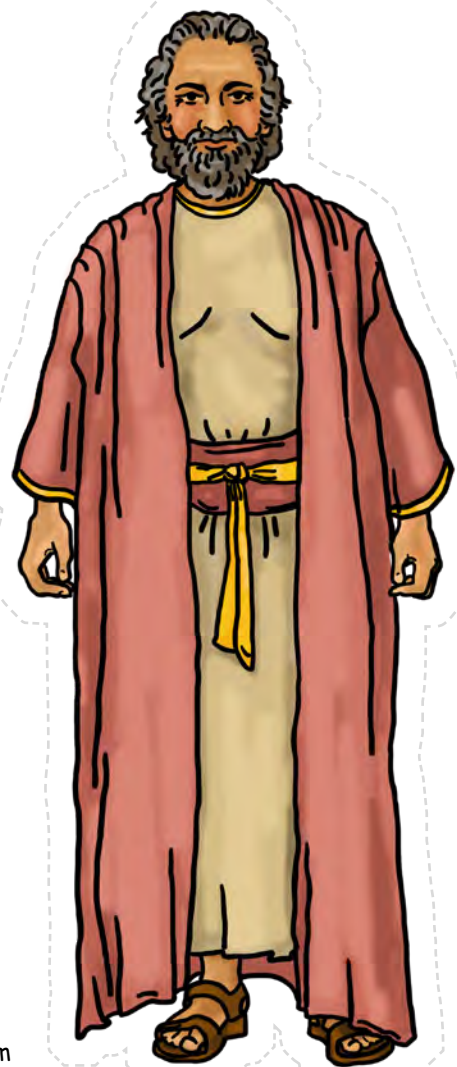




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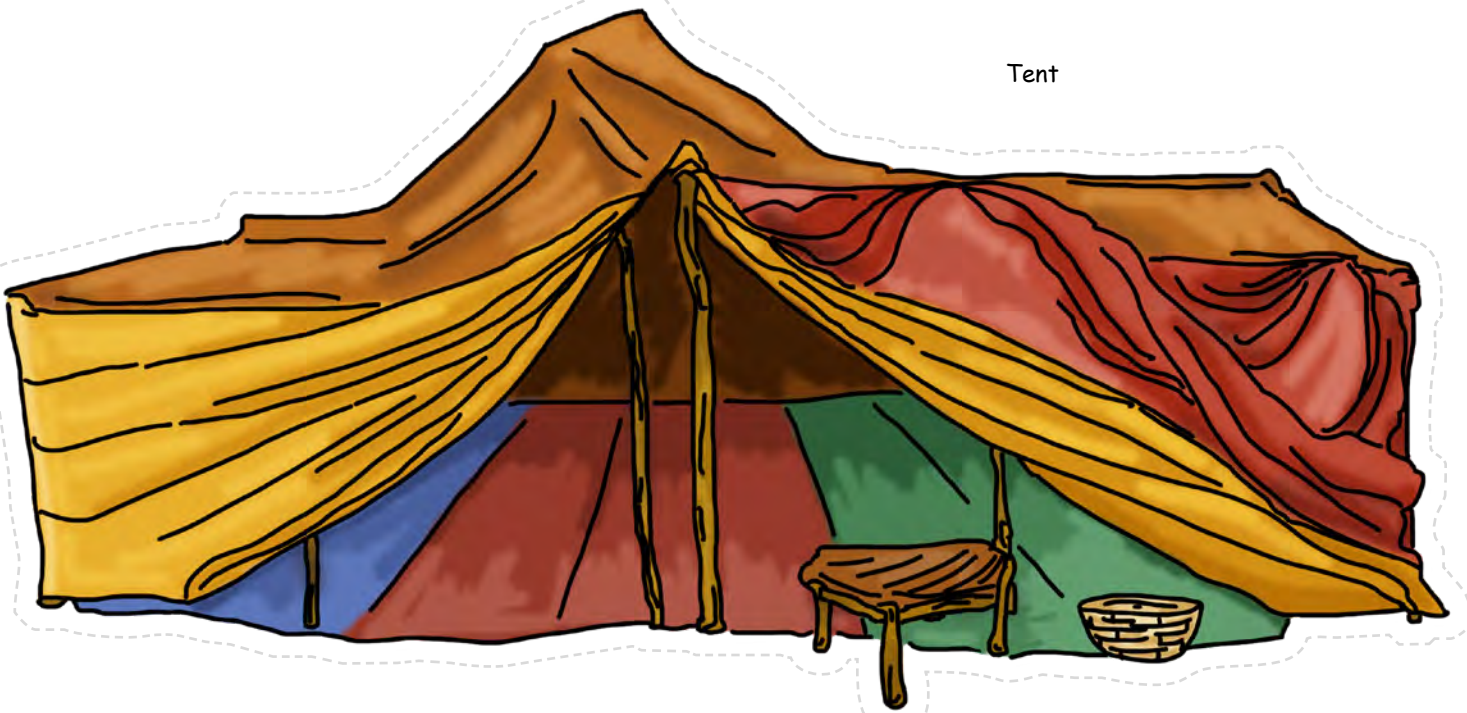
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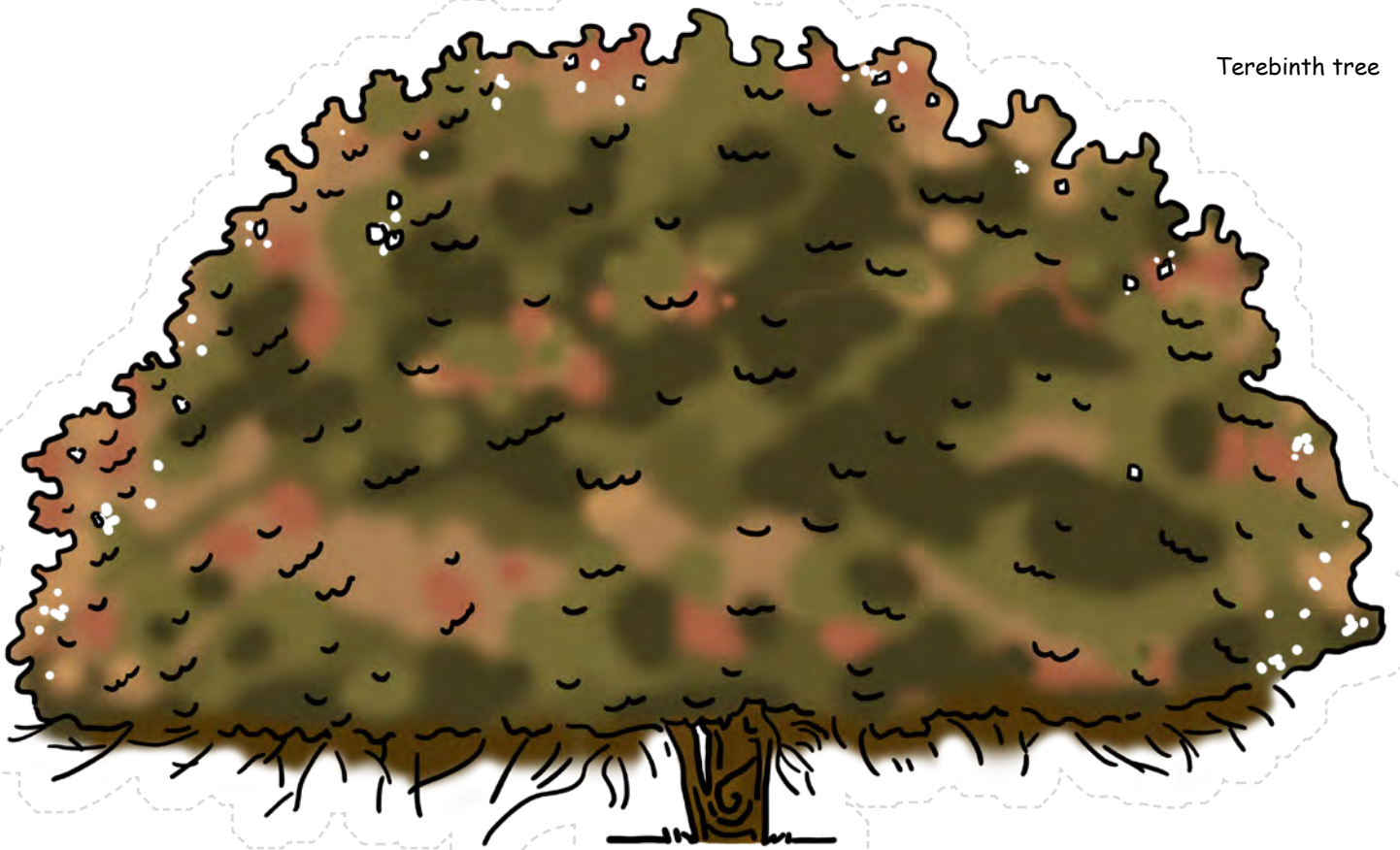
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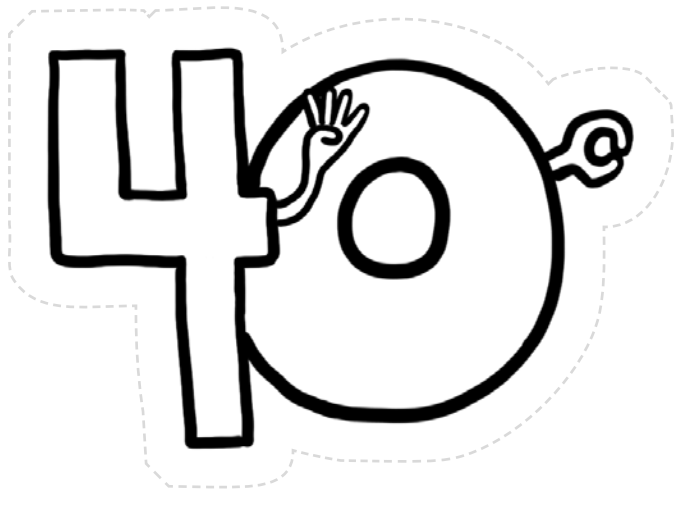
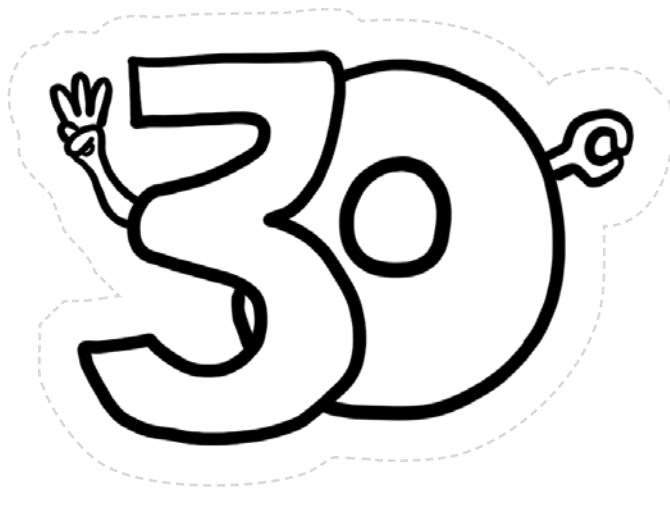
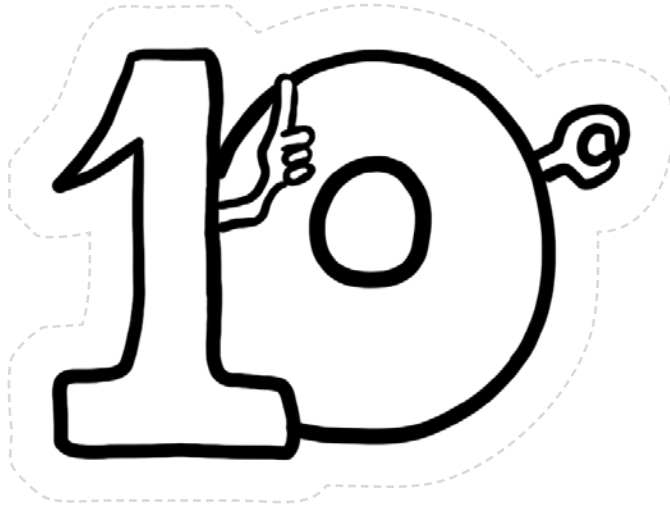


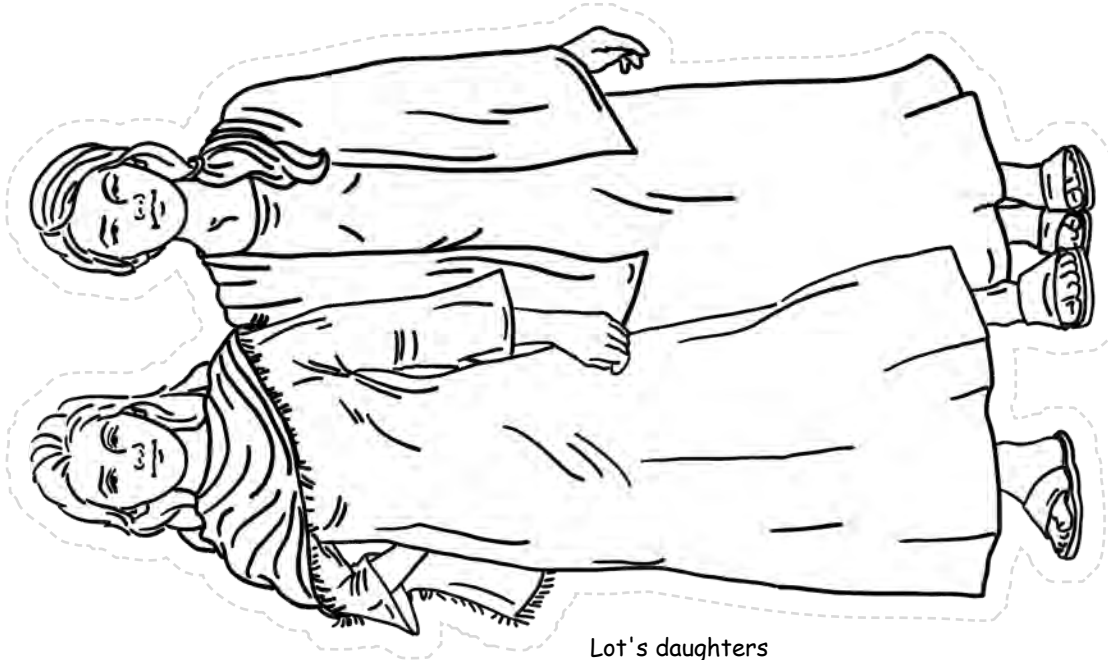
Tent



Terebinth tree







Lot's daughters



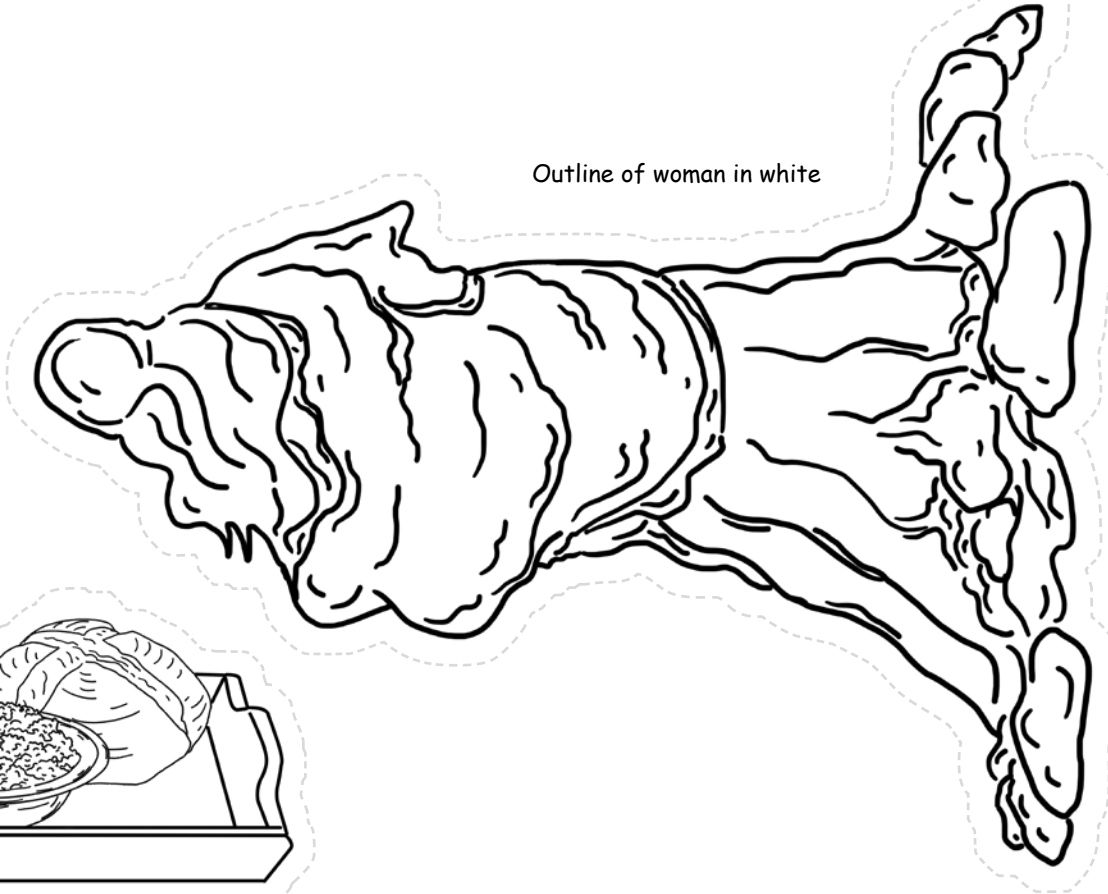
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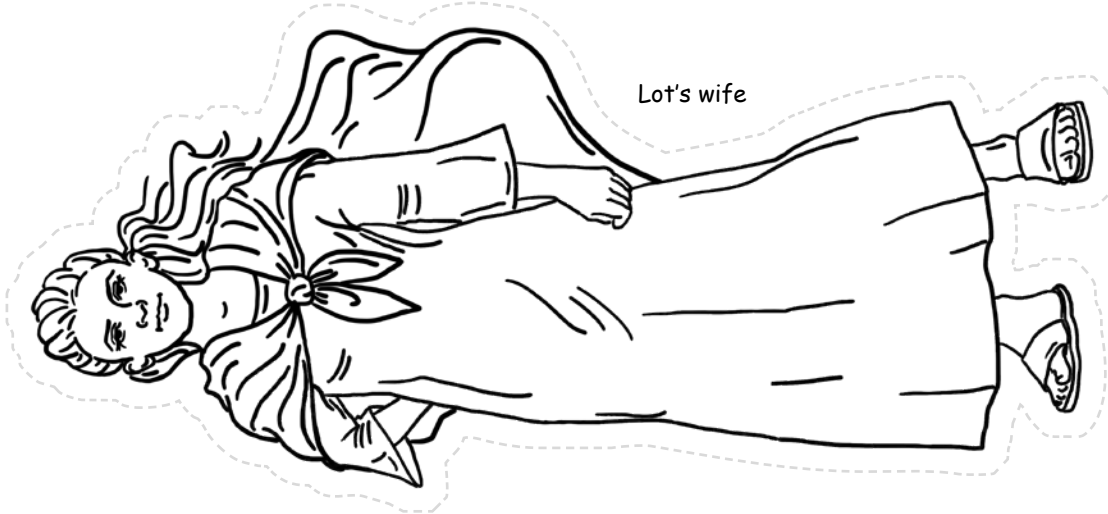


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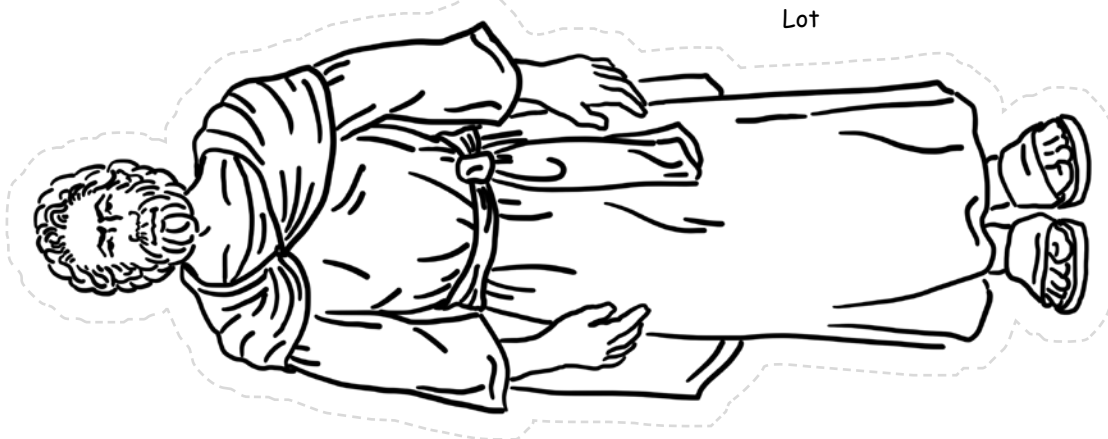


Platter

Lot's wife



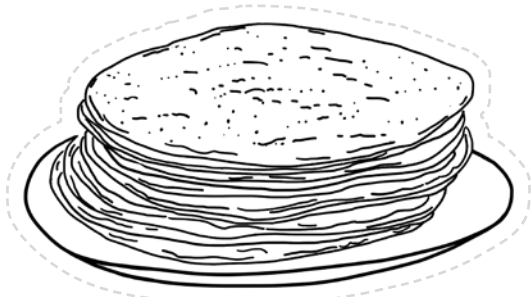
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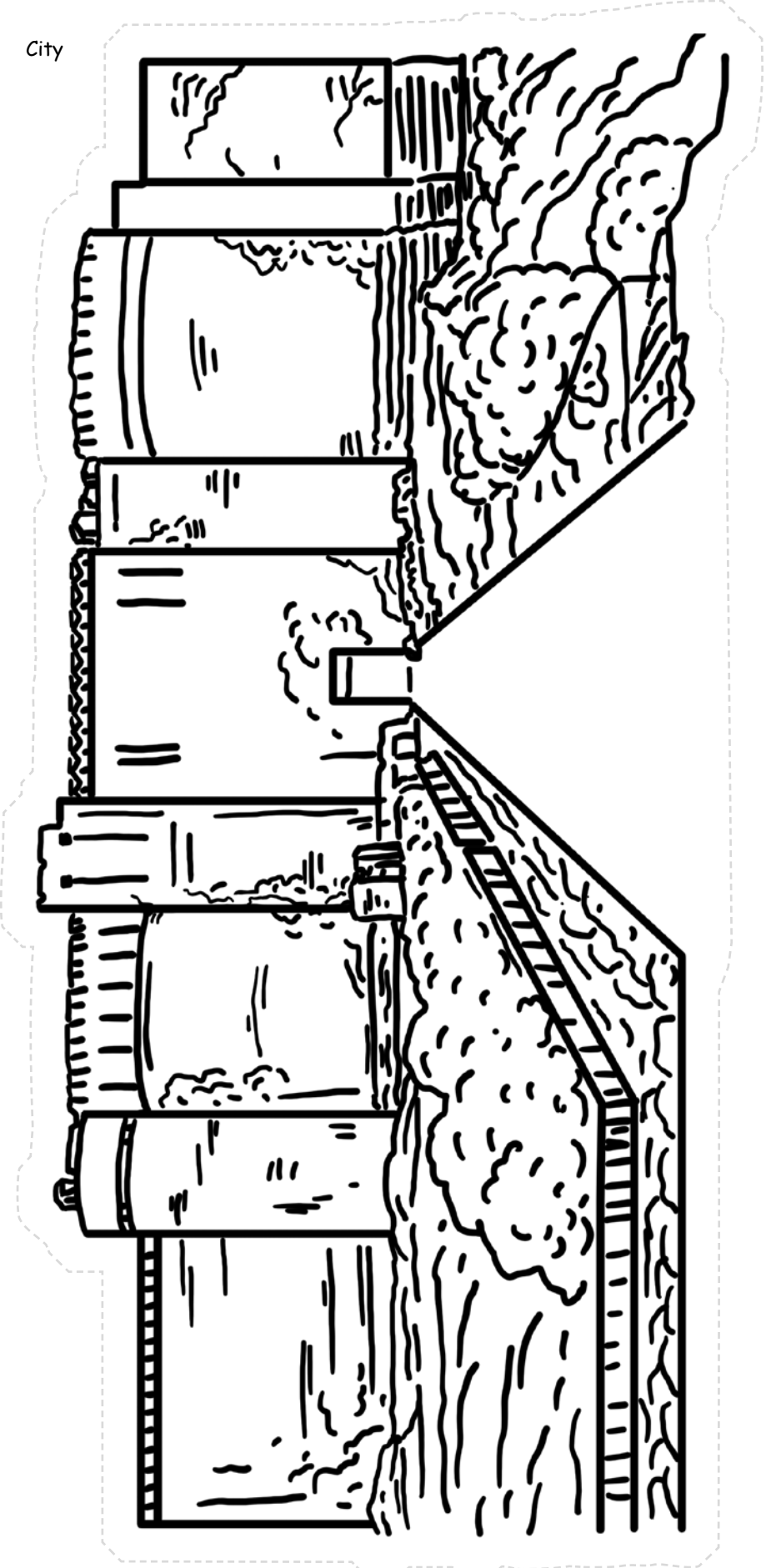
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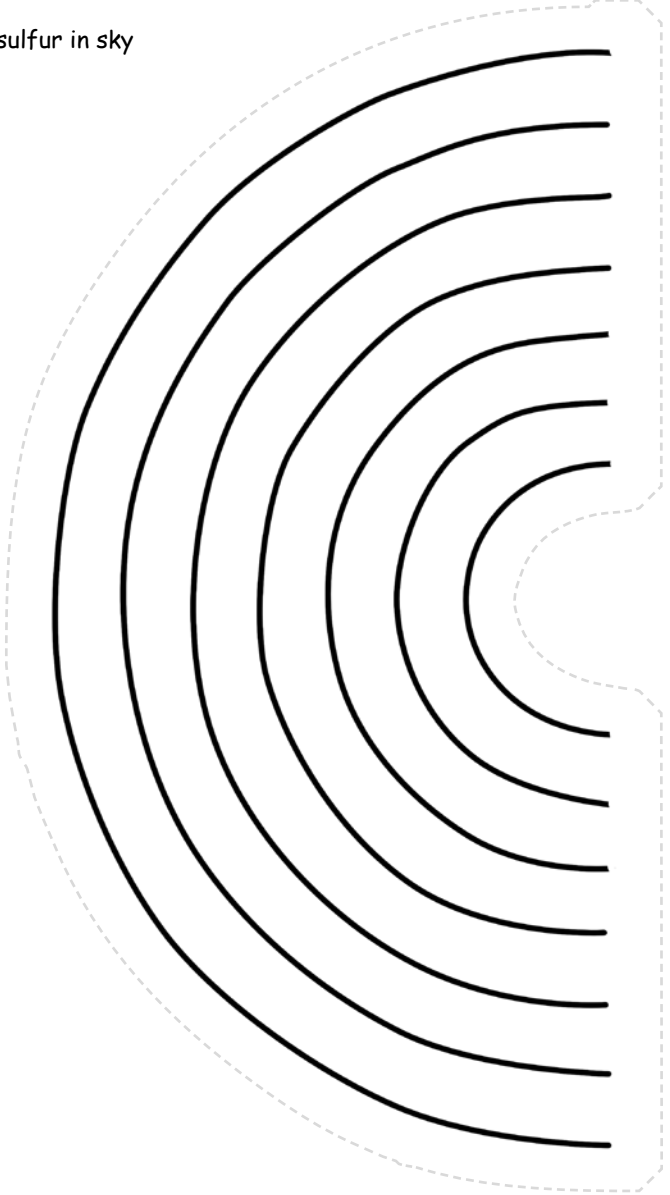
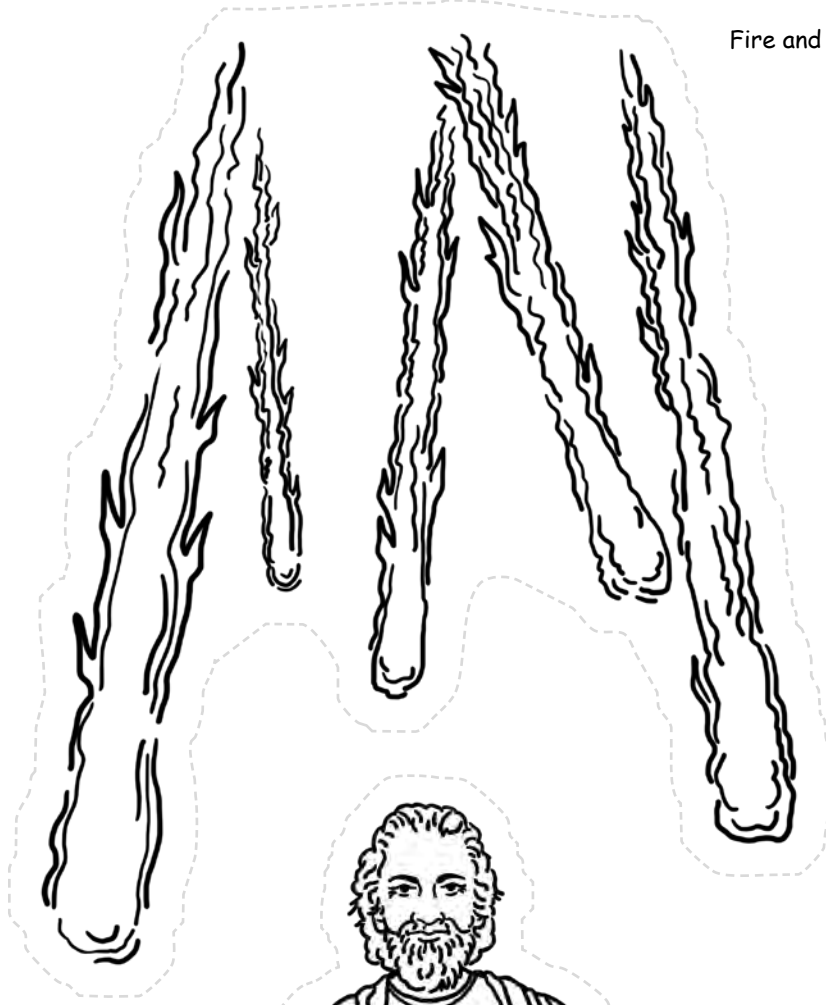
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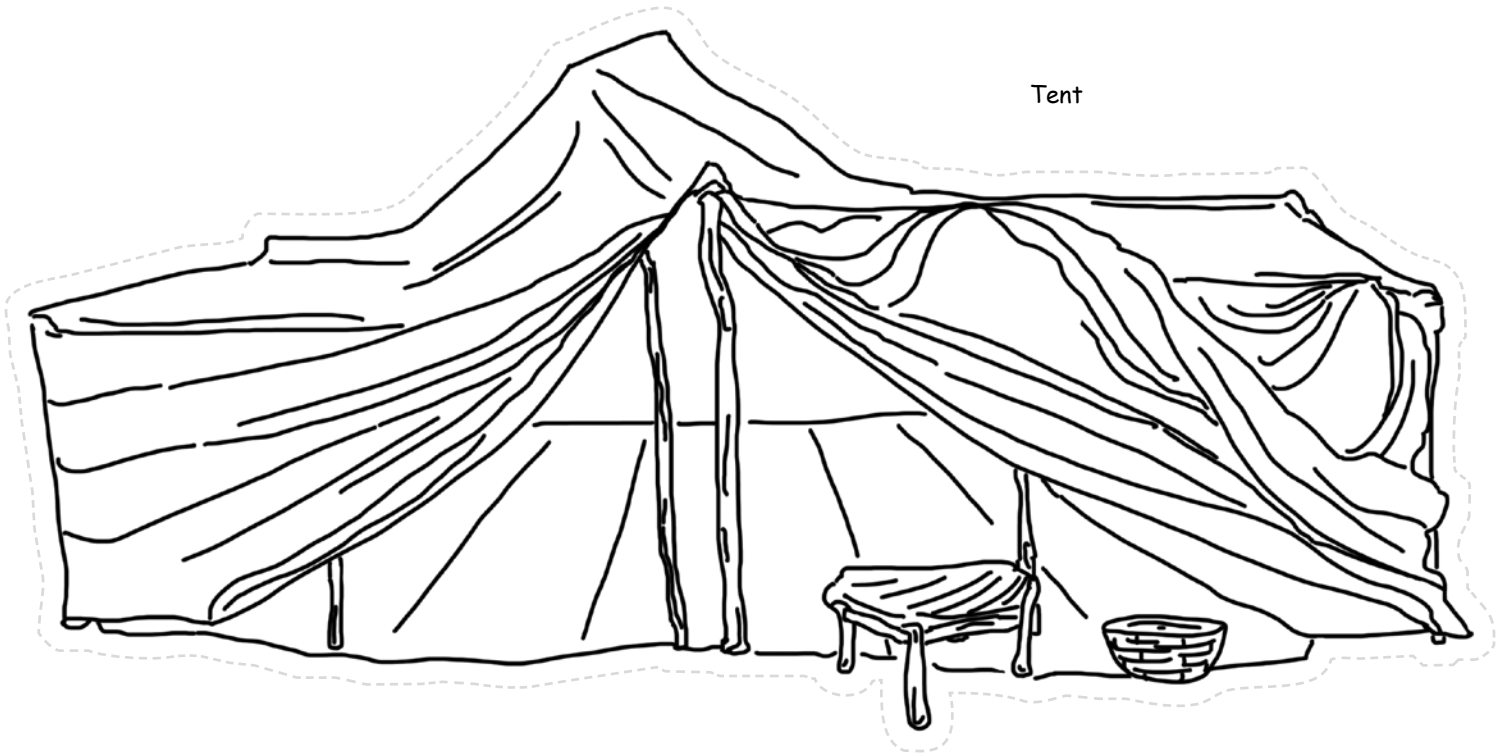
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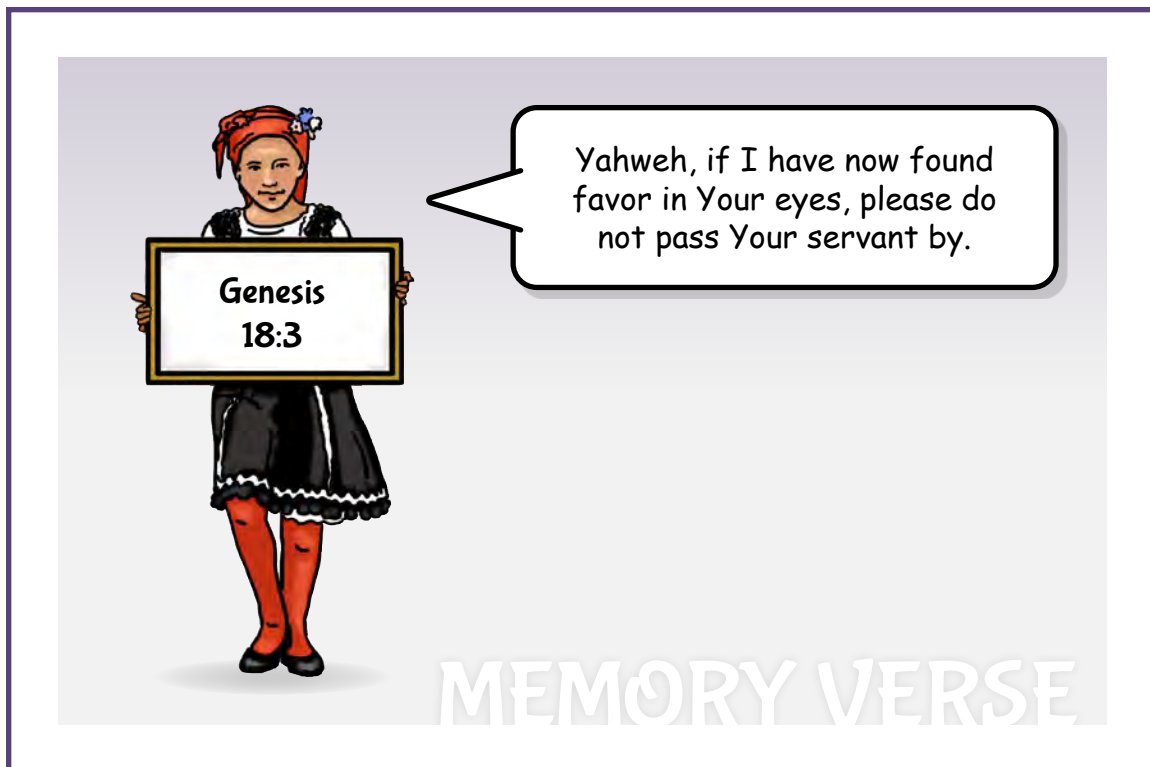


# Counting What You Gained

## STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

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

The Katan Aleph memory verse for this Torah portion is *Genesis 18:3*. 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 or who did Abraham see from his tent? (18:2)



2. What did Abraham do for his visitors? (18:5-8)



3. Where did the messengers go after they left Abraham? (18:22)



Sedom & Amorah



Kena'an



Mountains

4. How many righteous people need to be in Sedom for Yahweh to spare the city? (18:32)

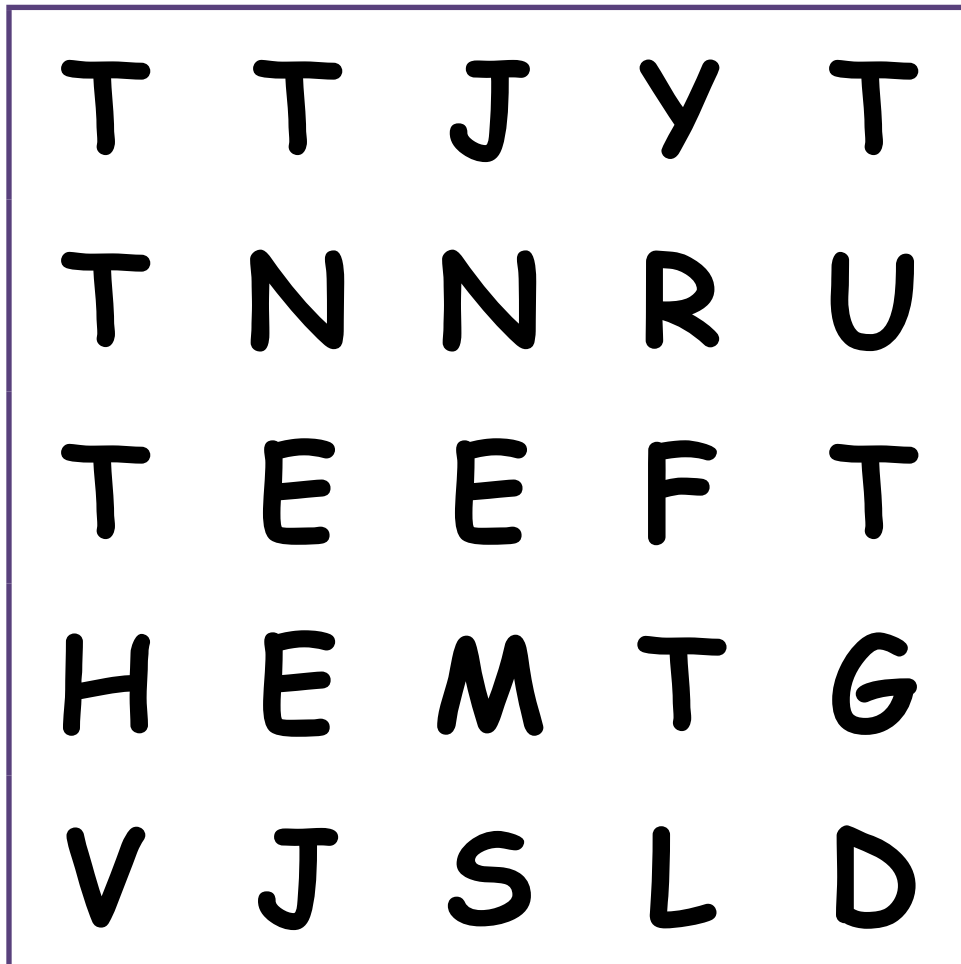


5. What happened to Lot's wife? (19:26)



# WORD SEARCH

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



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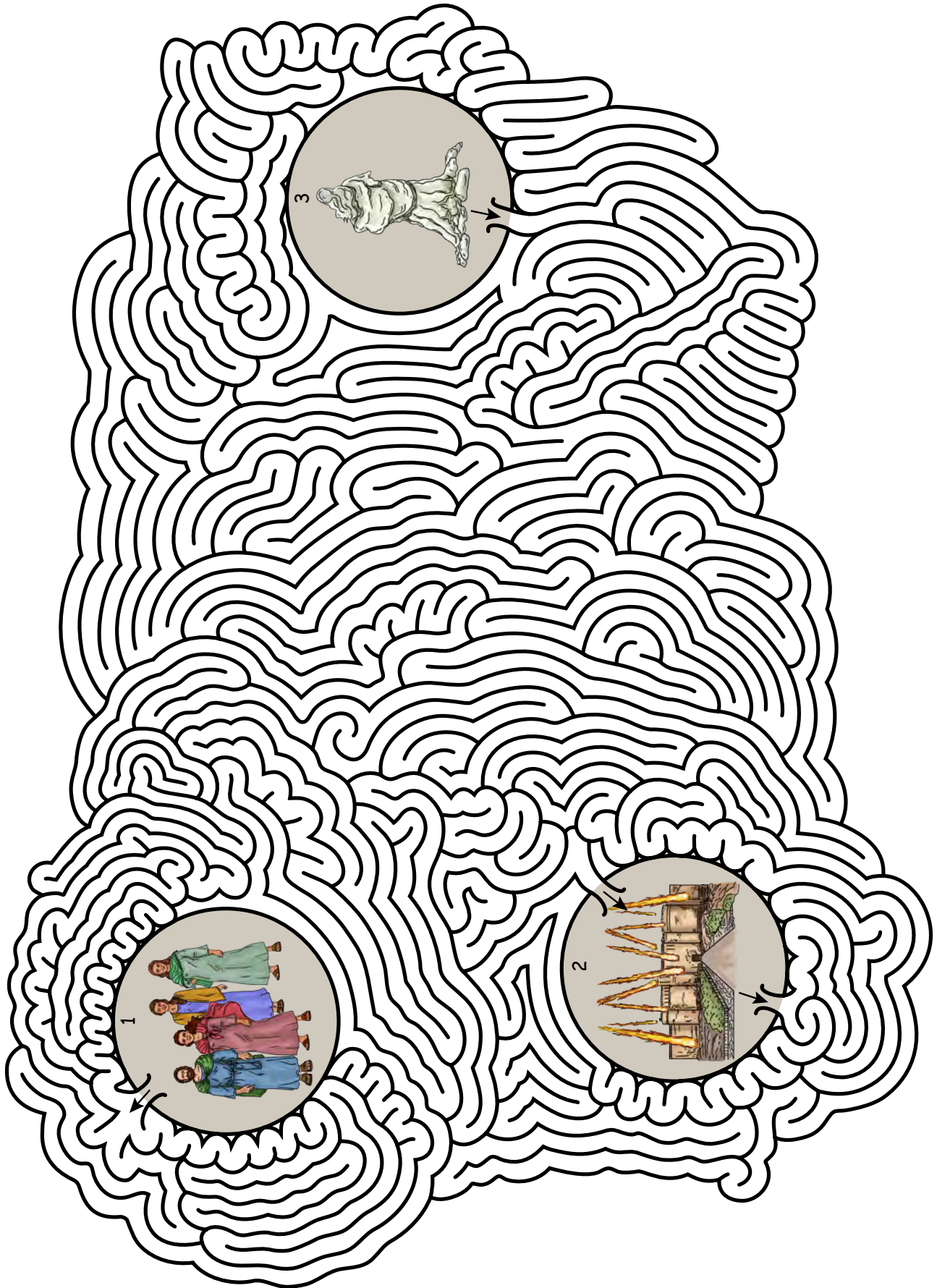
MEN

TENT

TREE



# MAZE



# Precious Possessions

## CRAFT

### Lot and His Family Flee Sodom

Genesis 19:15

#### Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Tissue paper - red, orange & yellow
- Toothpick
- X-acto knife
- Scissors
- Double-sided tape
- Glue or glue stick
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Craft Templates: A & B (BW) or C & D (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 pieces as follows: (P1)
  - **Template A or C (Sodom)**
    - Cut around the bricks on top and also the sides.
  - **Template B or D (Flames)**
    - Cut along the dotted line marked 'side A1'. You will have a long thin strip. Fold this in half.
    - Cut along the dotted line marked 'side A2'.
    - Cut along the shaded dotted lines marked 'side A3'. Fold along the solid line.
    - Cut out the people around the cut lines.

#### Craft Template A or C (Sodom)

- Using an X-acto knife, cut along both longer dotted lines. There will be 2 parallel cuts. (P2a, P2b)
- Using an X-acto knife, cut along both shorter dotted lines. There will be 2 parallel cuts. (P3a, P3b)
- Fold the template in half so the fold line is facing in. (P4)



P1



P2a



P2b



P3a



P3b



P4

# Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

## Craft Template B or D (Flames)

- Insert the flames piece with the tab through the longer parallel cut lines on Sedom. (P5a, P5b)
- Place glue on the tips of the flames as well as the tab. (P6a, P6b, P6c)
- Adhere the front and back of the flame as well as the tab. (P7)
- Take the folded thin strip 'A1' and insert it through the 2 short parallel cuts. (P8)
- Place glue on the end of fold where the arrow is and adhere the ends. (P9a, P9b)
- Place glue on the front of strip 'A1' near the arrow pull tab just enough to adhere the characters. (P10a, P10b)
- Your flame piece and characters piece is now ready for revealing or hiding by pulling and pushing the tabs. (P11)



P5a



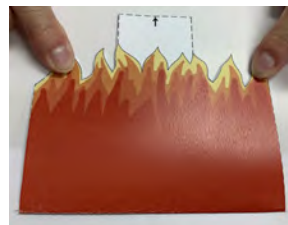
P5b



P6a



P6b



P7



P6c



P9a



P8



P10a



P9b



P10b



P11

## Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Using double-sided tape, run a strip along the left and right side of the inside of Sedom. (P12a, P12b)
- Close Sedom and press the edges to seal. (P13)

### *Adding Flames to the Windows*

- Using an *X-acto* knife, cut along the bottom edge of the windows. (P14)
- Scrunch up red, orange, and yellow tissue paper to make flames. (P15)
- Insert the flames through the window slits using a toothpick. (P16)
- Arrange flame colors as desired. (P17)

*You now have a visual representation of Lot, his daughters and his wife as they fled Sedom's destruction.*



P12a



P12b



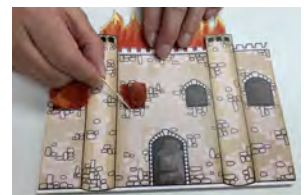
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P14



P15



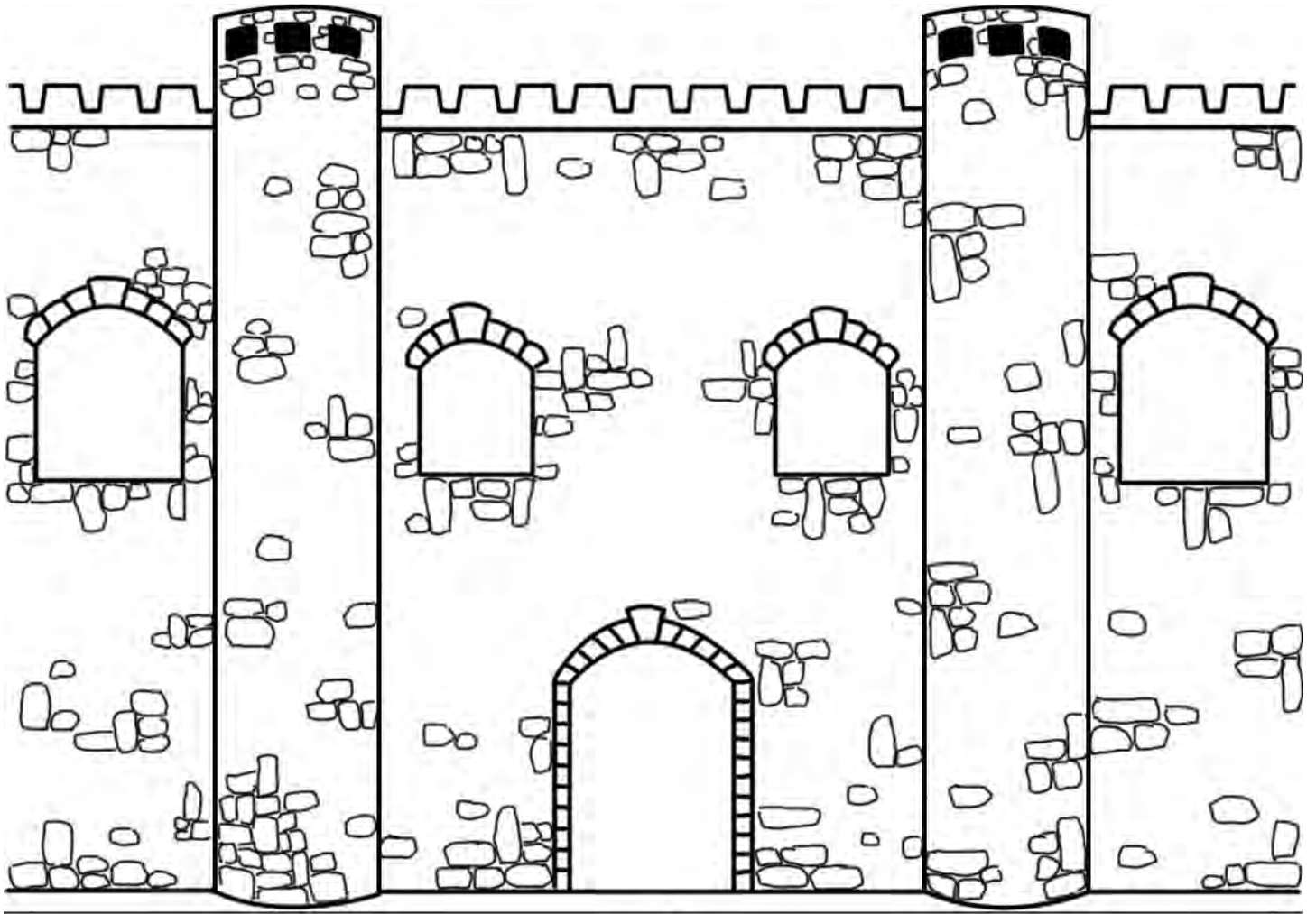
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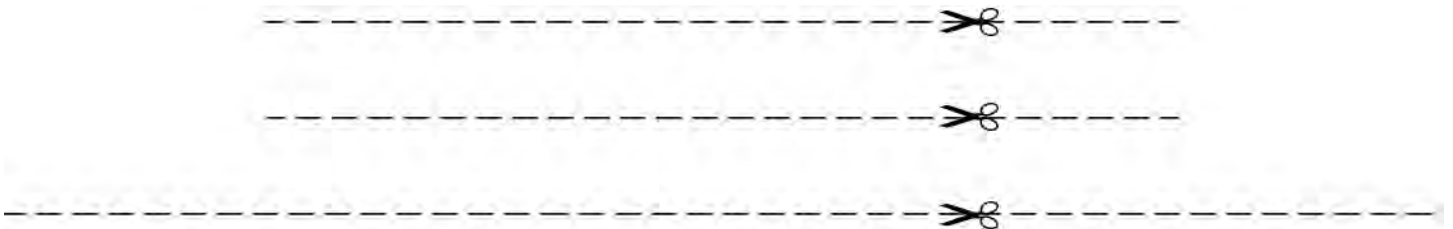
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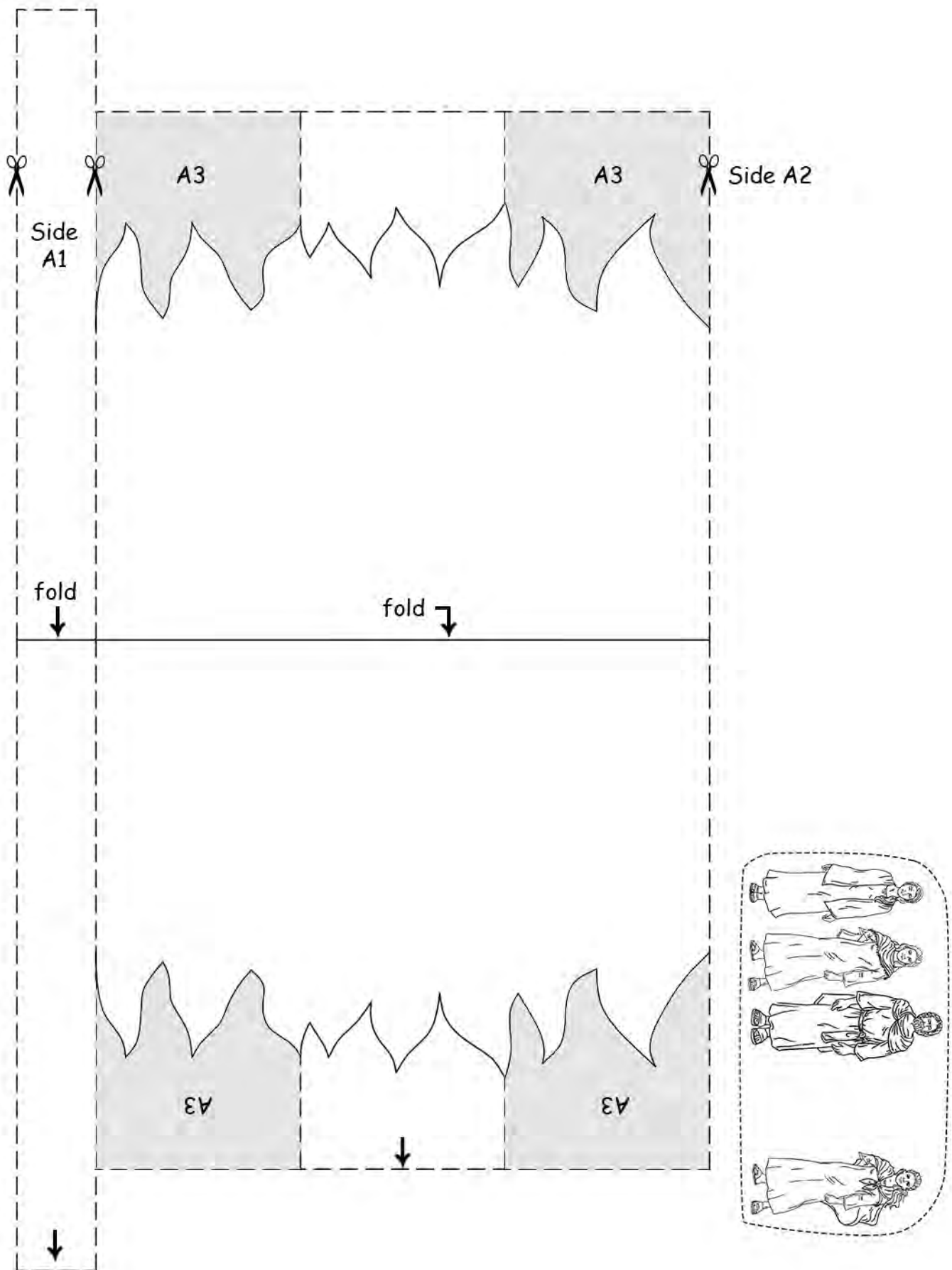
Craft Template A (BW)



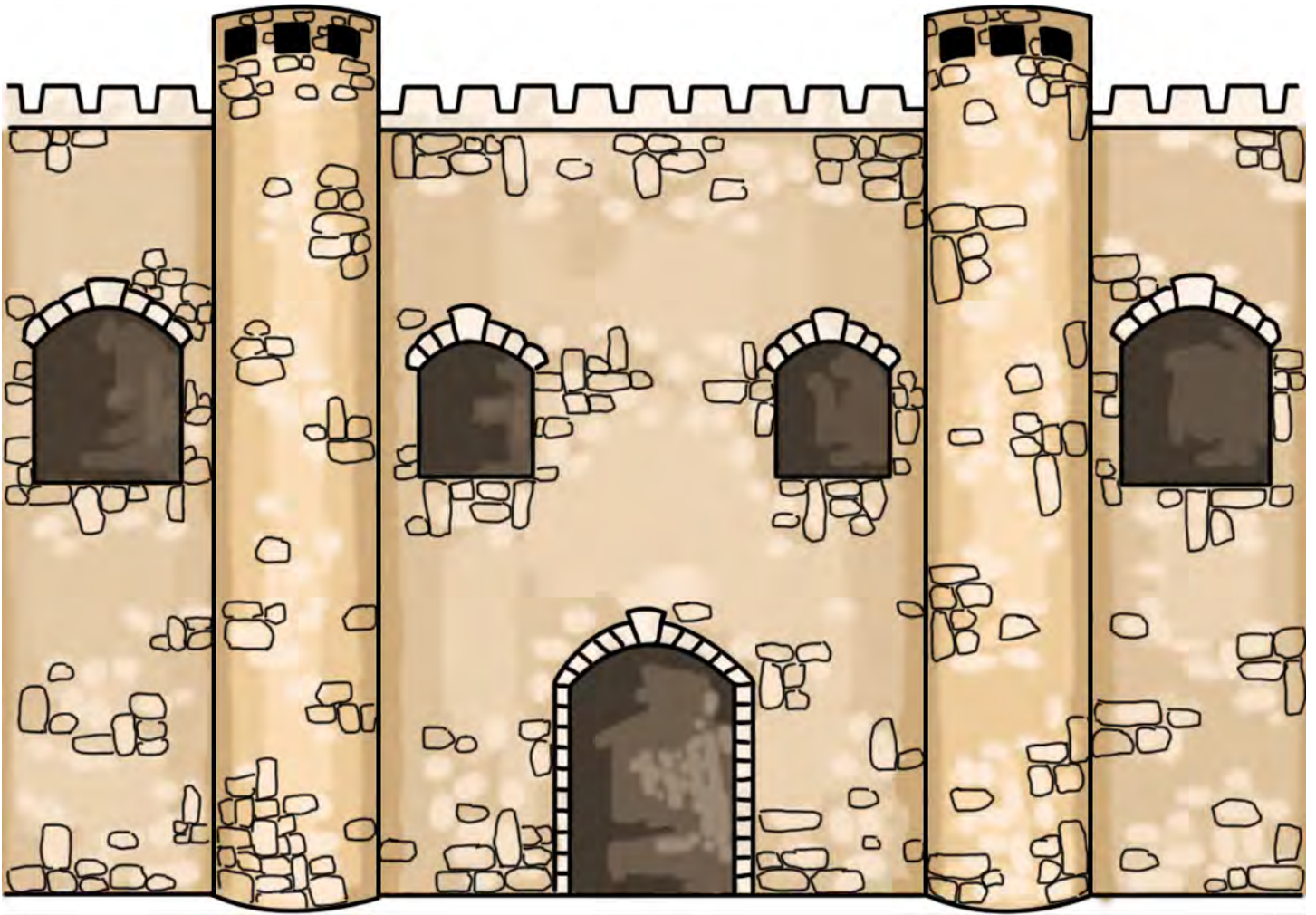
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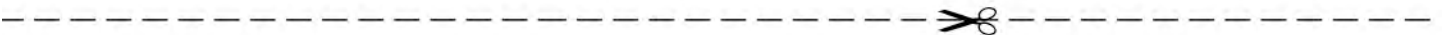
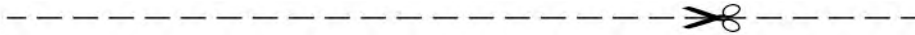
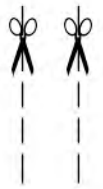
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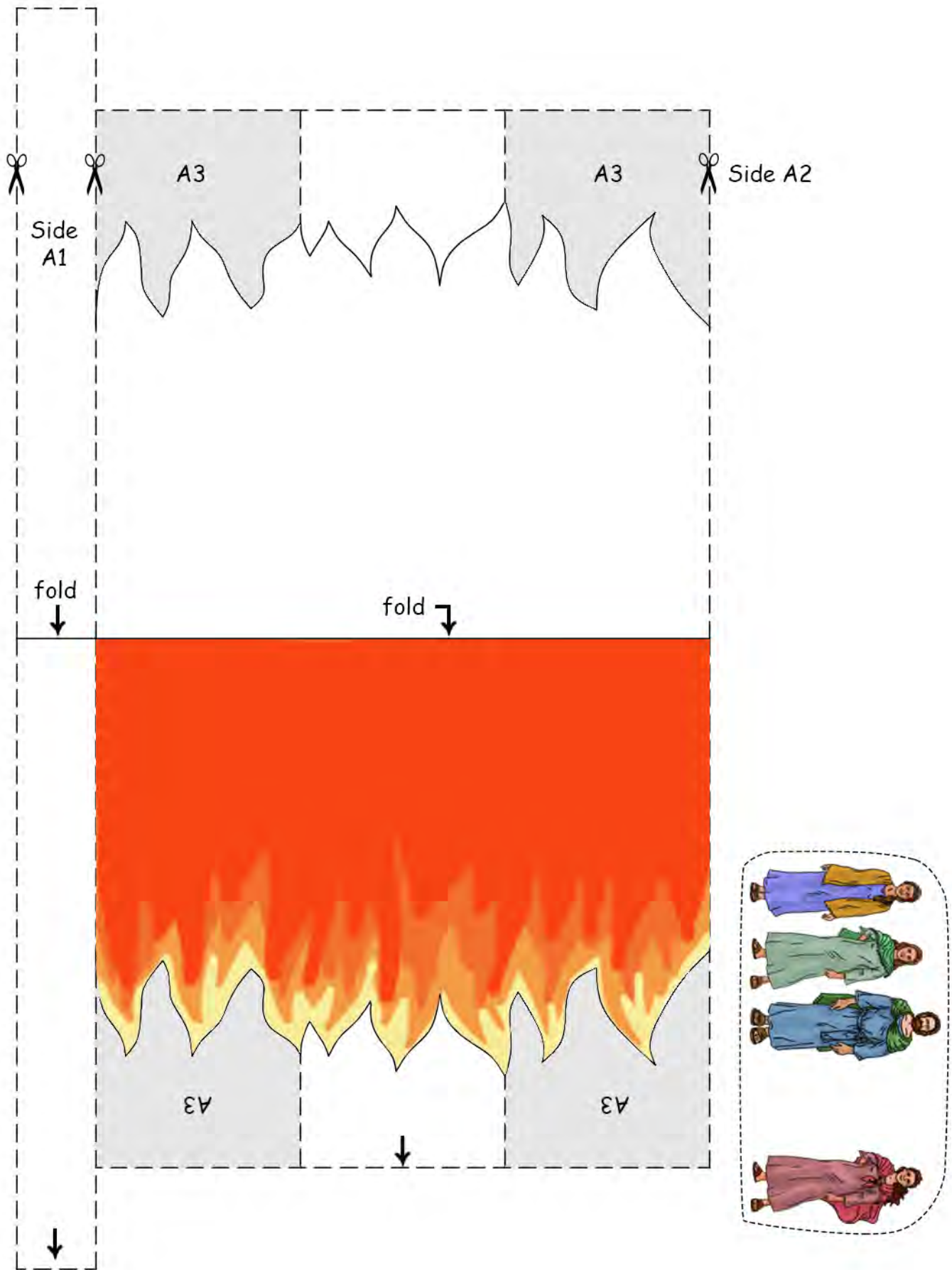
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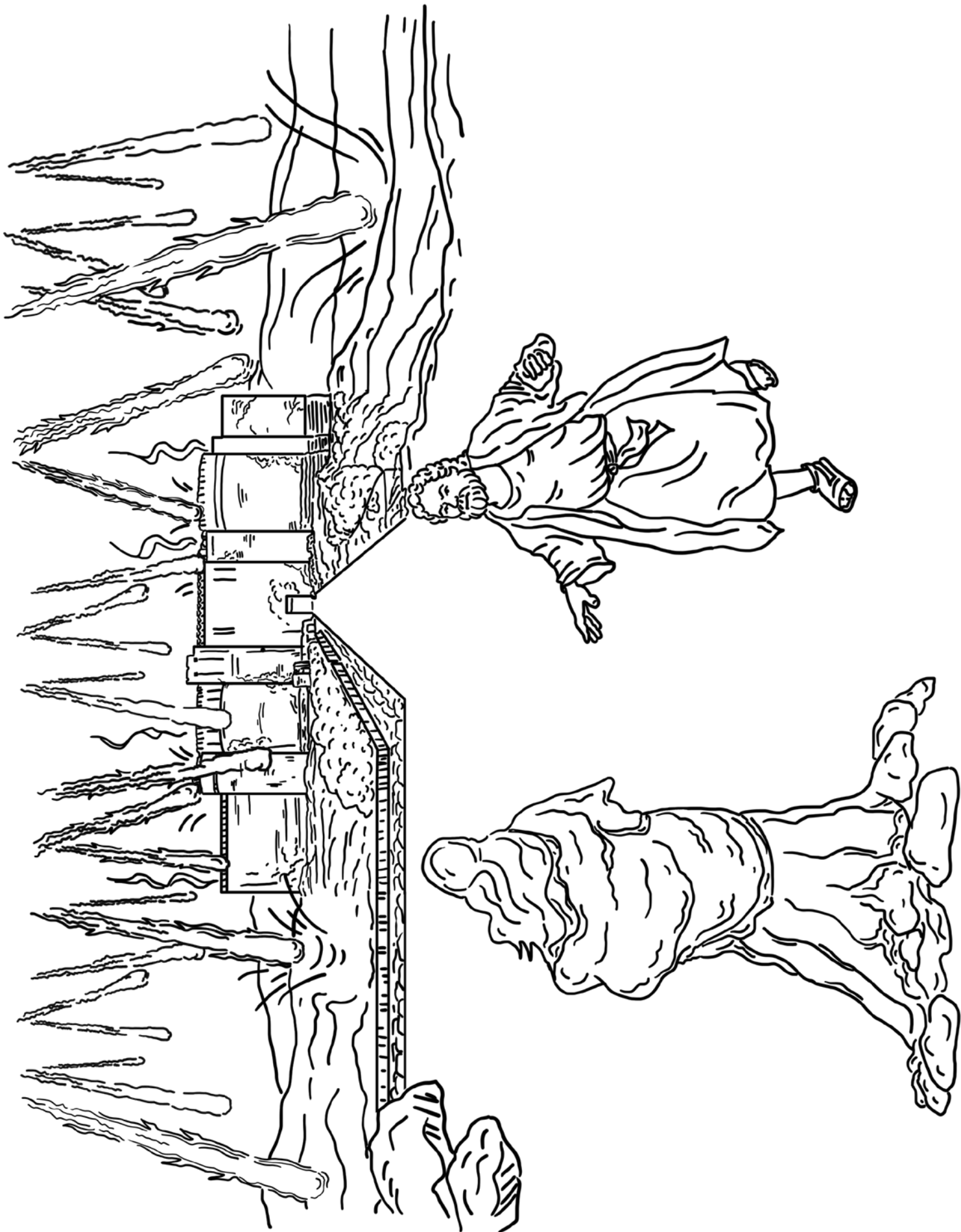


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Craft Template D (color)





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# Sweetness of Torah

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## SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

[https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2016-11-15T14\\_06\\_28-08\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2016-11-15T14_06_28-08_00)

Sing to the tune of "Mary Wore Her Red Dress"

### Three Guests

Three guests are coming to visit us, visit us, visit us

Three guests are coming to visit us

We welcome you today

Come and have some bread with us, bread with us, bread with us

Come and have some bread with us

We welcome you today

A baby boy you will have, you will have, you will have

A baby boy you will have

We welcome you today

Sarah had a baby boy, baby boy, baby boy

Sarah had a baby boy

We welcome you today

The baby's name was Yitshaq, Yitshaq, Yitshaq

The baby's name was Yitshaq

We welcome you today

Yitshaq means laughter, laughter, laughter

Yitshaq means laughter

We welcome you today



# 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.

## Tent

Genesis 18:1-2, 6, 9-10



### Ingredients for Sweet Version:

- Graham cracker
- Nutella, peanut butter, marshmallow fluff (for the glue)

### Instructions:

Break graham cracker in half. Add your choice of spread to top and sides of graham cracker. You can decorate the tent with sprinkles, candy pieces, chocolate chips, etc.

### Ingredients for Savory Version:

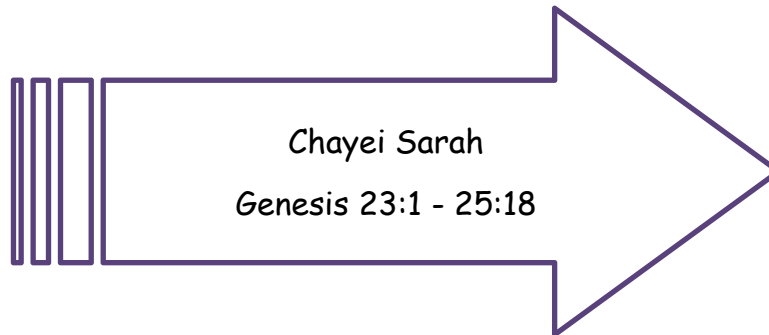
- 2 Triscuit crackers
- 1 slice American cheese
- Your choice of sandwich meat: turkey, chicken or beef

### Instructions:

Lean 2 Triscuit crackers against each other on a slice of American cheese as base to hold up the crackers. Add sandwich meat of choice to make the tent covering.

# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

## Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Gen. 23	The death and burial of Sarah
Tuesday:	Gen. 24:1-31	A wife for Yitshaq
Wednesday:	Gen. 24:32-67	A wife for Yitshaq
Thursday:	Gen. 25:1-11	Abraham remarries and his death
Friday:	Gen. 25:12-18	Yishma'el's genealogy and his death