

# Beshalach

"When He Sent"

Exodus 13:17 - 17:16

Katan Bet/Gadol



In This Edition:

16.2 - Grumble, Gripe, Complain

Exodus 15:22-27; 16; 17:1-7



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# Pearl Seeking

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## TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

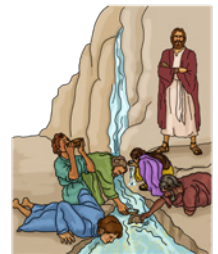
Monday:	Ex. 13:17-22	Leaving Mitsrayim; Days of Unleavened Bread instruction; Column of cloud and fire leads the children of Yisra'el
Tuesday:	Ex. 14	Pharaoh pursues Yisra'el; Yahweh parts the sea and the children of Yisra'el are saved
Wednesday:	Ex. 15	The Song of Mosheh and Miryam
Thursday:	Ex. 16	Yisra'el complains; Yahweh provides manna in the wilderness; Yahweh's instruction on the Sabbath Day
Friday:	Ex. 17	Yisra'el complains again; Yahweh provides water from the rock; The Yisra'elites fight Amaleq

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be covering 3 stories about grumbling, which give us valuable lessons about trusting in Yahweh. First, we will look at the story of bitter waters made sweet. Then we have the story of manna from heaven, and finally we'll study the first incident of water from the rock. Now, let's read Ex. 15:22-27; 16:1-35 & 17:1-7.

## PARSHA POINTS

### *Bitterness into Sweet*

- After Pharaoh's men died in the midst of the sea, Mosheh brought the children of Yisra'el from the Sea of Reeds to the Wilderness (desert) of Shur (meaning, 'wall') - 15:22
- The children of Yisra'el had no water (**mayim**) to drink for 3 (**shalosh**) days - 15:22
- Upon arriving at Marah (meaning, 'bitter waters'), they were unable to drink the water because it was bitter (**marah**) - 15:23
- The people *grumbled* to Mosheh, "What are we to drink?" - 15:24
- Mosheh cried out to Yahweh, and he was shown a tree to throw into the water - 15:25
- After throwing the tree into the water, it became sweet (**mathoq**), so that the people could drink it - 15:25
- There Yahweh made a law and a right-ruling for the people, in order to try them (test them, prove them) - 15:25



- Yahweh spoke to the children of Yisra'el in this way: IF they would diligently obey His voice and do what is right in His eyes, listening to His commands and guarding all His laws, THEN He would not bring on them any of the diseases that He brought upon the Mitsrites - 15:26
- He went on to declare that He was the One who healed them - 15:26
- When they arrived at the oasis of Elim, they found 12 (**shtem esre**) springs of water and 70 (**shiv'im**) palm trees (**tamar**) - 15:27



### **Manna from Heaven**

- On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the second month, the children of Yisra'el set out from Elim (meaning, 'gods') and camped in the Wilderness of Sin (pronounced seen, meaning, 'thorn') - 16:1
- There in the wilderness, all the children of Yisra'el *grumbled* against Mosheh and Aharon - 16:2
- They said: (16:3)
  - If only we had died by the hand of Yahweh in the land of Mitsrayim
  - Back there we had pots of meat in our homes, and bread to satisfaction
  - You have brought us out into this wilderness to put all this assembly to death with hunger
- Yahweh said: (16:4-5)
  - I will rain down bread from the heavens for you
  - The people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day
  - I will do this in order to try them (test them, prove them), whether they will walk in My Torah or not
  - On the 6<sup>th</sup> day they shall gather in twice as much as on the first 5 (**chamesh**) days
- Mosheh and Aharon said to the children of Yisra'el: (16:6-7)
  - This evening you shall know that Yahweh your Elohim has brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim
  - In the morning you will see the esteem of Yahweh; for He hears your *grumbings* against Him, and against us—Mosheh and Aharon, your leaders
- Mosheh promised that they will receive: (16:8)
  - meat to eat in the evening
  - bread to satisfaction in the morning
- Mosheh then told them that their grumbings toward him were really grumbings against Yahweh - 16:8
- For further emphasis, Mosheh instructed Aharon to gather the children of Yisra'el, because Yahweh had heard their *grumbings* - 16:9
- As Aharon was speaking to the children of Yisra'el, the esteem of Yahweh appeared before them in a cloud - 16:10



- Yahweh repeated to Mosheh: (16:11-12)

- I have heard the grumbings of the children of Yisra'el
- Between the evenings you are to eat meat
- In the morning you are to be satisfied with bread
- You shall know that I am Yahweh your Elohim



- At evening, quails came up and covered the camp - 16:13
- The next morning, dew lay on the ground. As the dew lifted, they discovered the surface of the camp was covered with a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground - 16:13-14



- The children of Yisra'el asked each other, "What is it?" - 16:15
- Mosheh told them that it was bread which Yahweh had provided for them to eat - 16:15



- Each man was to gather it according to the need of his tent—an omer (about half a gallon) for each being - 16:16-18
- Mosheh also told them to eat all that they gathered, and not leave any of it until morning - 16:19

- And they did NOT listen to Mosheh, because some of them left it until morning, and it bred worms and stank - 16:20



- Mosheh became very angry with them - 16:20

- They continued to gather it every morning; and when the sun came out it melted - 16:21

- On the 6<sup>th</sup> day, everyone gathered 2 (**shtayim**) omers per person, which was reported to Mosheh by the rulers - 16:22



- Yahweh then instructed them regarding the Sabbath meal preparation - 16:23

- They were told that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day (Friday), they were to cook and bake what they needed for Sabbath, laying it up till morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Saturday) - 16:23

- The children of Yisra'el followed Mosheh's directions, and on the morning of the Sabbath the portion that was left overnight did not stink or breed worms - 16:24

- On the Sabbath, Mosheh reminded them to eat what they had prepared on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, and to not gather or look for it in the fields, for it would not be provided. But some people went out to gather and found nothing - 16:25-27

- Yahweh said, "How long will the people refuse to guard My commands and My Torot?" - 16:28

- Yahweh reminded them that He was the one who gave them the Sabbath; that was why, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, He was providing them bread for 2 days. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day, they were to stay in their homes and not go out to find it - 16:29

- So, the people 'rested' on the 7<sup>th</sup> day - 16:30

- The children of Yisra'el called it Manna (meaning, 'what is it'). It looked like white coriander seed, and tasted like thin cakes made with honey - 16:31



- Yahweh told Mosheh to fill an omer (1/10<sup>th</sup> of an ephah) with the manna, to be preserved throughout their generations as a reminder that Yahweh fed and sustained the children of Yisra'el in the wilderness when He had brought them out of Mitsrayim. Mosheh told Aharon to carry out this task, and Mosheh placed the pot of manna in the Tent, to be kept there before the Witness - 16:32-34, 36
- The children of Yisra'el ate manna for 40 (**arba'im**) years, until they came to the land of Kena'an - 16:35



### ***Water from the Rock (1<sup>st</sup> incident)***

- The congregation of Yisra'el then set out from the Wilderness of Sin and camped in Rephidim, according to Yahweh's command - 17:1
- There was no water for the people to drink, so the people *grumbled* against Mosheh and strove with him to give them water to drink - 17:2, 4
- Mosheh wanted to know why they were striving with him, and why were they trying Yahweh - 17:2
- The people asked why he had brought them out of Mitsrayim, to cause them, their children and their livestock to die from thirst - 17:3
- Mosheh turned to Yahweh, for he feared that the people would stone him - 17:4
- Yahweh told Mosheh to take his rod, gather some of the elders, and stand before the people - 17:5
- Then he was to hit the rock, and water would come from it - 17:6
- Mosheh did as Yahweh instructed him before the eyes of the elders - 17:6
- Mosheh called the name of that place Massah and Meribah because of the 'strife' of the children of Yisra'el, and because they had tried Yahweh, saying, "Is Yahweh in our midst or not?" - 17:7



# DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Our first story talks about 'bitter water'. What lessons can we learn about having bitterness in our lives, and what we can do to make it sweet? Who gives us 'living water'?
- In this study we see much grumbling, whining and complaining as Yisra'el learns to follow and trust Yahweh, who was establishing the leadership and the government that would rule them. How can we learn from these lessons, and keep from repeating them? When we grumble against Yahweh's leadership, who are we actually speaking against?
- Shortly after the Yisra'elites left Mitsrayim, Exodus 15:25 says that Yahweh tried them at the waters of Marah. Over and over, He continues to try them. Turn to Deuteronomy 8:2-5 to discuss why Yahweh did this. Give examples of other stories where Yahweh 'tried', 'tested' and 'proved' them.
- Research how many volumes of water was needed to provide for the children of Yisra'el.
- In Exodus 15:25-26, some legal terms are introduced. We see words such as laws, commands and right-rulings. The book of Deuteronomy and Psalm 119 focus on these words again and again. Look up their Hebrew meanings to differentiate between them.
- On the 6<sup>th</sup> day, also known as Preparation Day (Friday), Yahweh provided a double portion of manna, so that His children would not work to gather it on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, or Shabbat/Sabbath (Saturday). Research the institution of Shabbat, and how it eventually became falsely changed from Saturday to Sunday.
- In 16:32 Yahweh asks that a pot or jar of manna be set aside, to give visible proof to all future generations of the miracle of His provision during Yisra'el's time in the wilderness. It was to be put inside the ark of the Witness. What else was placed inside the ark? See Hebrews 9:3-4.



# Searching Out Hebrew

Parents/Teachers can print out the '[Hebrew Pronunciation Guide](#)' to help with the pronunciation of Hebrew names and words. They can be cut out and used in conjunction with the Flashcards.

## WORDS

Parents/Teachers see the following page for 3 x 5 card cut outs of the words from this week's parsha. If printed on cardstock, they can be kept in a box to reinforce learning.

Mayim ( **מים** ) - water

Marah ( **מרה** ) - bitter

Mathoq ( **מתוק** ) - sweet

Tamar ( **תמר** ) - palm tree

## NUMBERS

Parents/Teachers can print out these numbers to have as additional resources. These can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the YMTOI website.

2 - shtayim

3 - shalosh

5 - chamesh

12 - shtem esre

40 - arba'im

70 - shiv'im





# WORD MATCH

Match this week's Hebrew words to their correct definition.

Marah

Bitter

Mathoq

Palm Tree

Mayim

Sweet

Tamar

Water



# FLASHCARDS

מרה

**Marah**

Mar-ah

bitter

תמר

**Tamar**

Ta-mar

palm tree

מים

**Mayim**

May-im

water

מתוק

**Mathoq**

Ma-thoq

sweet

# WRITING HEBREW

Marah (bitter)

מרה

Hey Resh Mem  
מ ר ה

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Tamar (palm tree)

תמר

Resh Mem Tav  
ר מ ר

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Mayim (water)

מים

Mem Soffit Yud Mem  
ם י ם

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Mathoq (sweet)

מתוק

Qof Vav Tav Mem  
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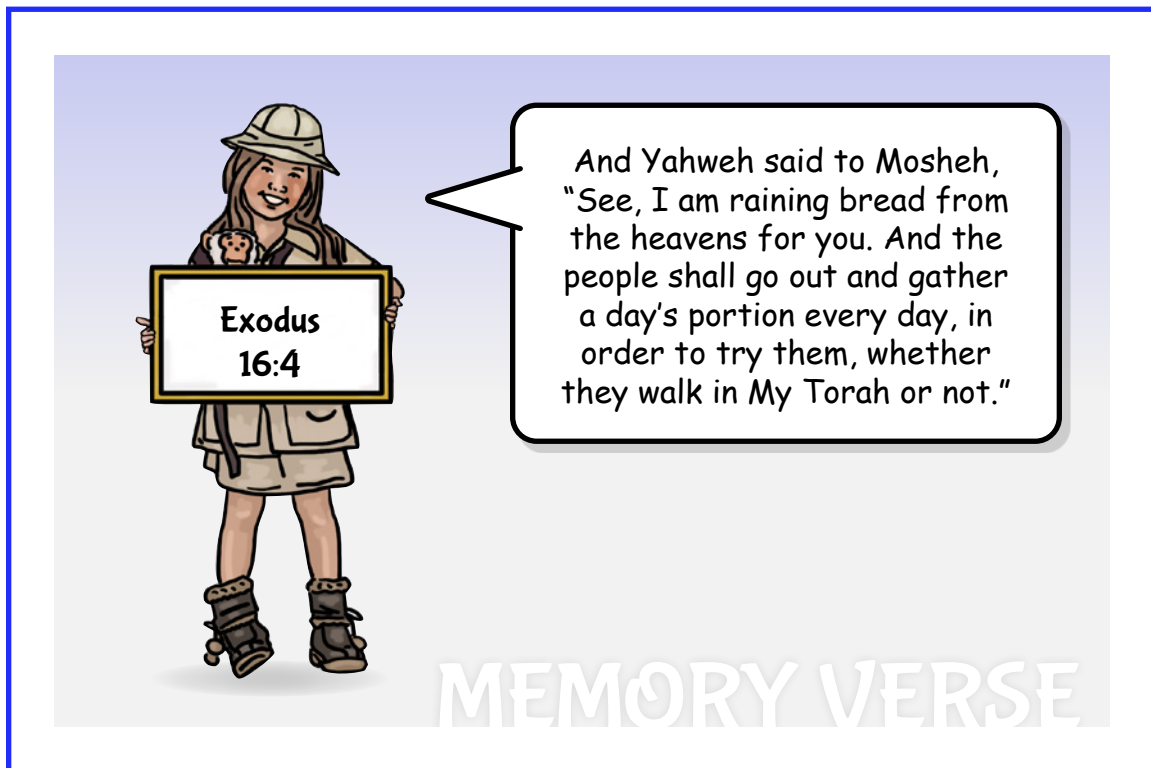


# Counting What You Gained

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 Bet and Gadol memory verse is Exodus 16:4. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



Exodus  
16:4

And Yahweh said to Mosheh,  
"See, I am raining bread from  
the heavens for you. And the  
people shall go out and gather  
a day's portion every day, in  
order to try them, whether  
they walk in My Torah or not."

MEMORY VERSE

Use this space to draw a picture of the verse memorized.

Large empty rectangular box for drawing.

Use this space to write out the verse memorized.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing out the verse.





# SEEKING TREASURE

1.

The waters of Marah were salty.

T / F

15:23



2.

How many fountains were at Elim?

Circle the correct choice.

6   12   24   70

15:27

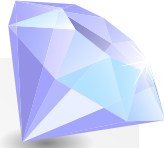


3.

What did the children of Yisra'el do against Mosheh, Aharon and Yahweh?

\_\_\_\_\_

15:24; 16:2, 8



4.

And Yahweh said to Mosheh, "See I am raining \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ for you. And the \_\_\_\_\_ shall go out and \_\_\_\_\_ a day's \_\_\_\_\_ every day, in order to \_\_\_\_\_ them, whether they \_\_\_\_\_ in My \_\_\_\_\_ or not."

16:4



5.

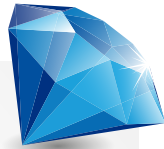
How did the esteem of Yahweh appear to the congregation?

Circle the correct choice.

email   cloud

handwriting on the wall   rainbow

16:10



6.

Quail appeared in the morning.

T / F

16:13



7.

After the layer of dew dissipated, the ground appeared to have this on its surface.

Circle the correct choice.

cotton candy   frost

marshmallows   popcorn

16:14



8.

The people were to take what amount of manna daily per person?

Circle the correct choice.

quart   hin   ephah   pint   omer

16:16



9.

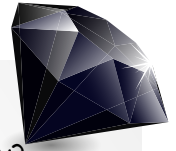


On the 6<sup>th</sup> day the people were commanded to gather double their daily portion.

T / F

16:22

10.



What did the people do on the 7<sup>th</sup> day?

Circle the correct choice.

work out swim cook rest clean

16:30

11.



What was the bread called?

\_\_\_\_\_

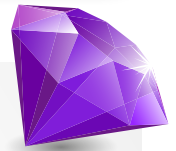
16:31

What does that word mean?

\_\_\_\_\_

16:15

12.



The manna was put in a tomb to preserve it for future generations.

T / F

16:33-34

13.



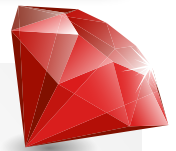
How many years did the children of Yisra'el eat manna?

Circle the correct choice.

10 20 30 40

16:35

14.



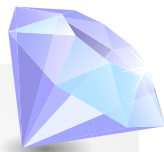
What action did the people do when they thirsted for water?

Circle the correct choices.

prayed grumbled cried tried Yahweh  
strove started a riot asked nicely

17:2-3, 7

15.



What did Yahweh tell Mosheh to do to give the people water?

\_\_\_\_\_

17:6

16.



What was the place named because the children of Yisra'el strove with and tried Yahweh?

Circle the correct choices.

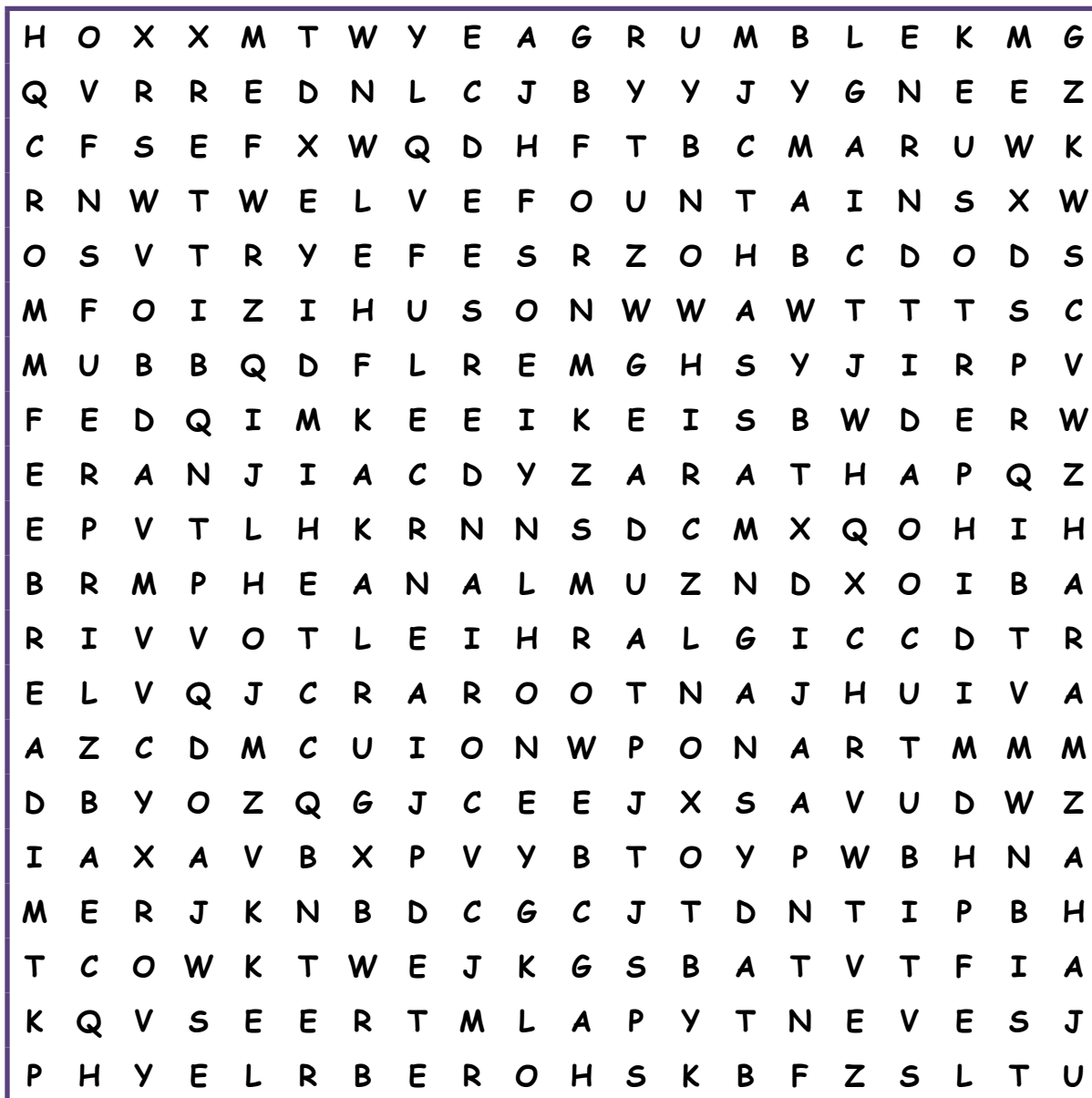
Moab Miami Massah  
Mitsrayim Meribah

17:7



# WORD SEARCH

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



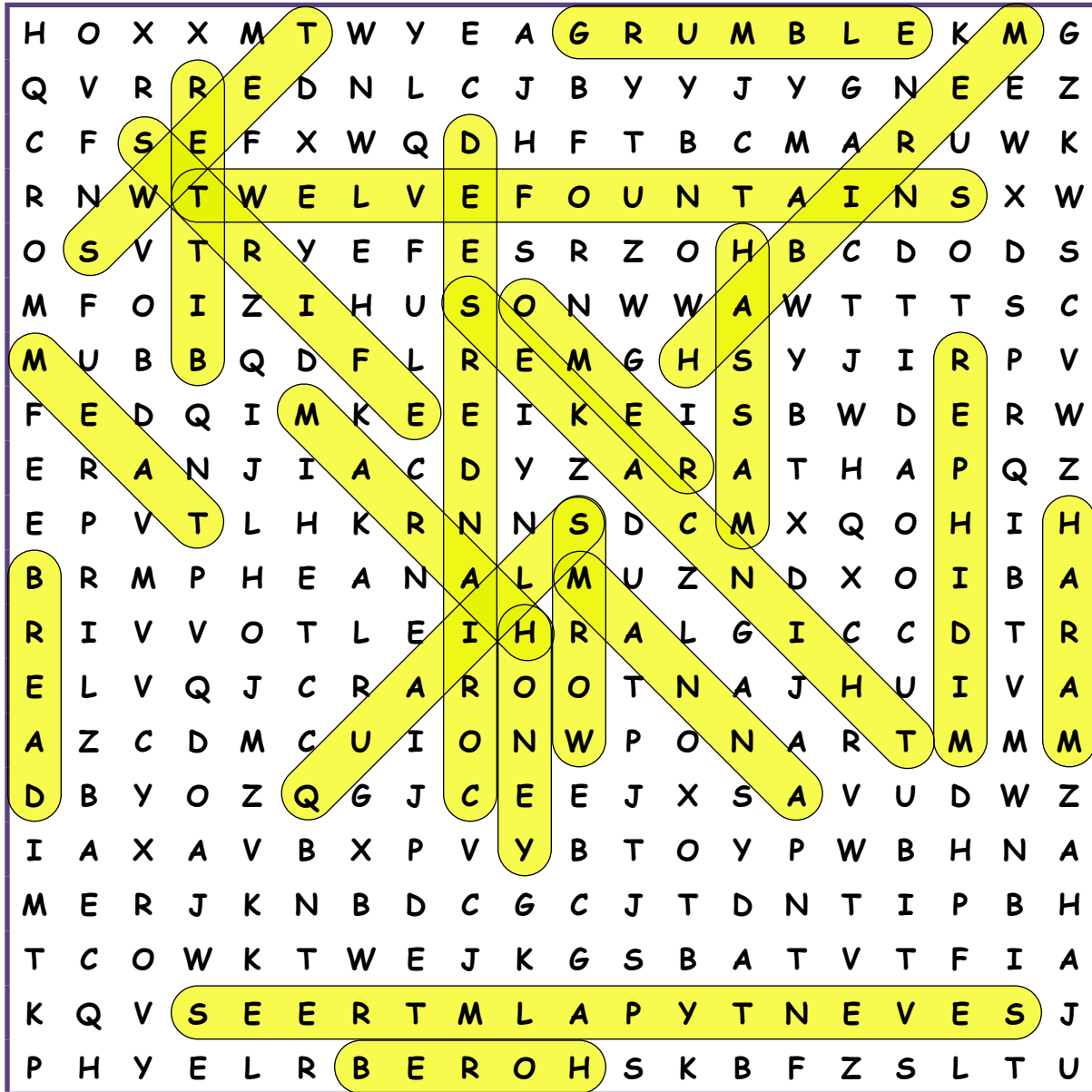
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REPHIDIM  
MERIBAH

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SEVENTY PALM TREES  
QUAILS  
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# Answer Key



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STRIFE  
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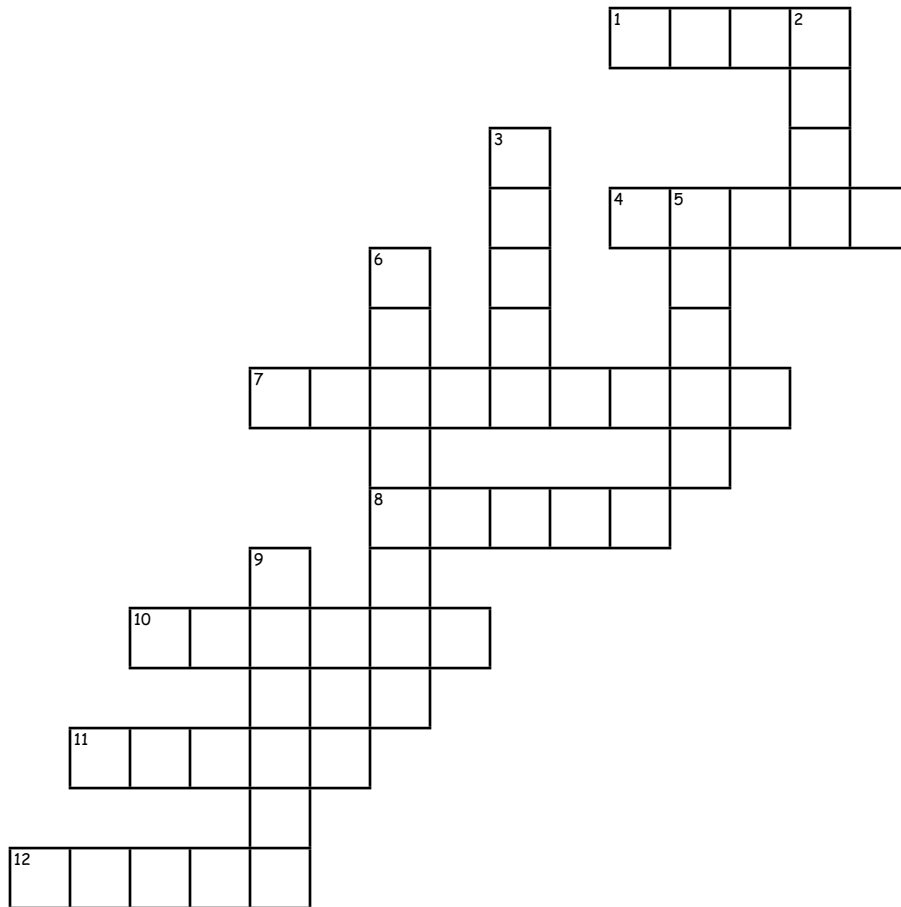
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Complete the crossword using words from this week's parsha.



## Down

2. They were given \_\_\_\_\_ in the evening.
3. What happened to the waters when Mosheh threw the tree into it?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did they call the bread that they were given to eat?
6. The people \_\_\_\_\_ against Mosheh.
9. The place was called Massah and Meribah because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the children of Yisra'el.

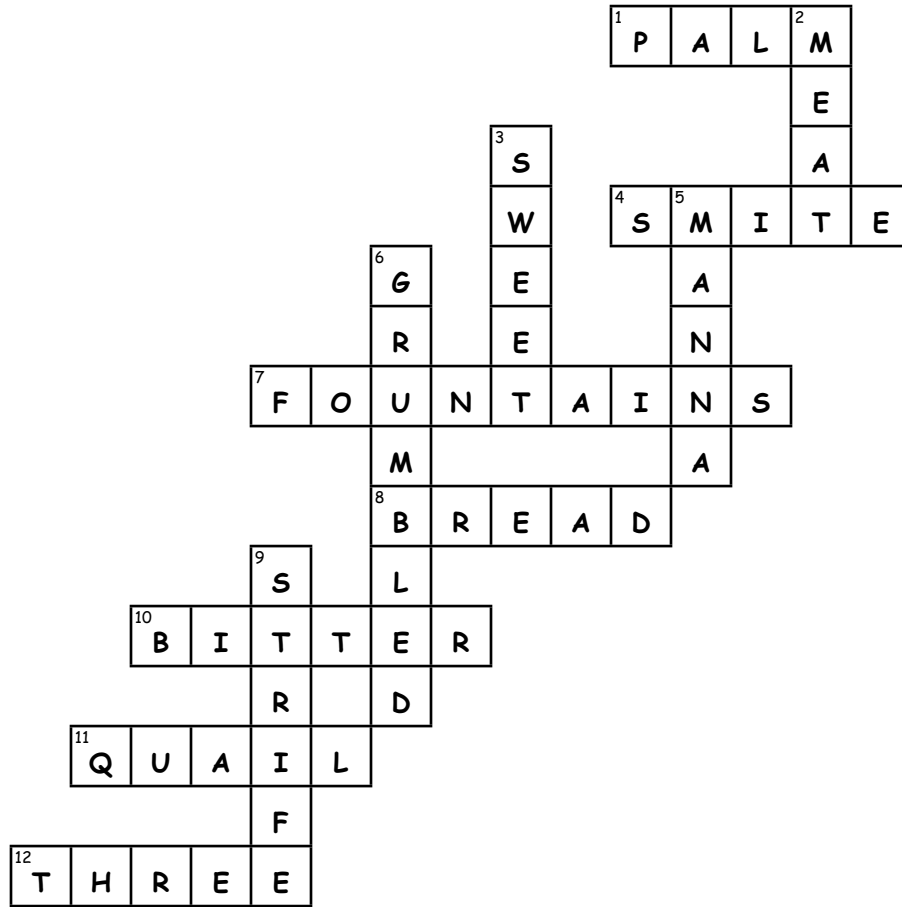
## Across

1. There were 12 fountains of water and 70 \_\_\_\_\_ trees in Elim.
4. Yahweh told Mosheh to \_\_\_\_\_ the rock.
7. There were 12 \_\_\_\_\_ of water and 70 palm trees in Elim.
8. They were given \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning.
10. The waters of Marah were \_\_\_\_\_.
11. What type of bird covered the camp?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. How many days were the Yisra'elites in the wilderness with no water?  
\_\_\_\_\_





# Answer Key



## Down

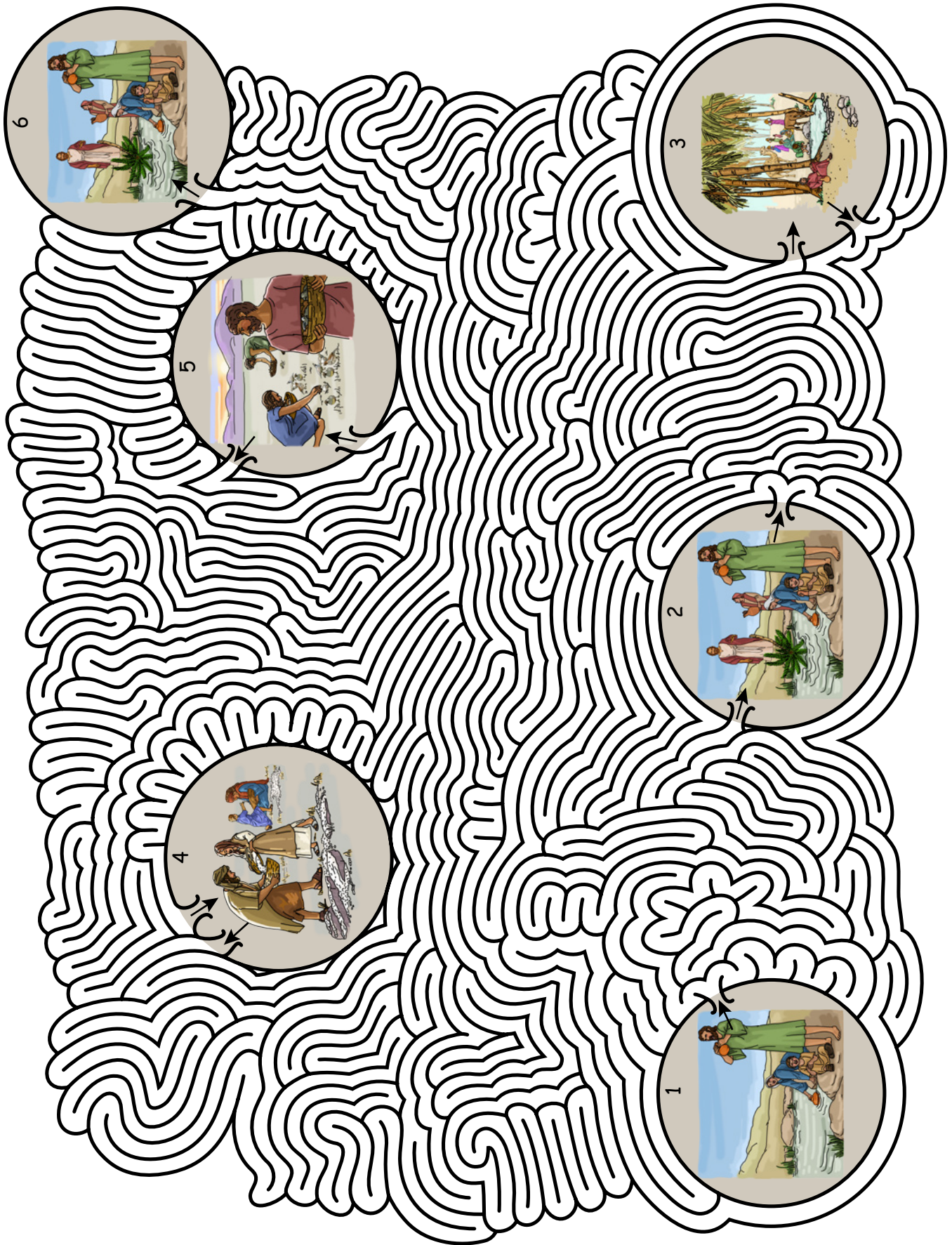
- They were given **meat** in the evening.
- What happened to the waters when Mosheh threw the tree into it? **sweet**
- What did they call the bread that they were given to eat? **manna**
- The people **grumbled** against Mosheh.
- The place was called Massah and Meribah because of the **strife** of the children of Yisra'el.

## Across

- There were 12 fountains of water and 70 **palm** trees in Elim.
- Yahweh told Mosheh to **smite** the rock.
- There were 12 **fountains** of water and 70 palm trees in Elim.
- They were given **bread** in the morning.
- The waters of Marah were **bitter**.
- What type of bird covered the camp? **quail**
- How many days were the Yisra'elites in the wilderness with no water? **three**



# MAZE



# Precious Possessions

## NOTEBOOK PAGE

### Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Cardboard (to make coconuts)
- Cupcake liners - light & dark green (4 for palm leaves)
- Popsicle stick - wavy (1 for trunk)
- Double-sided tape
- Glue
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Notebook Templates: Main Page (BW) or (color)

#### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Main Page of choice on white cardstock.

### Palm Tree

Exodus 15:27



### Instructions for the Notebook Page:

- If using BW Main Page, color using medium of choice.

#### Creating the Palm Tree

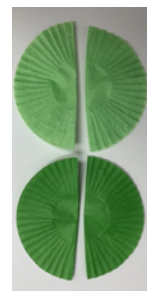
- Take 4 green cupcake liners and flatten them out with your hands. (We are showing 2 to represent each color.) (P1)
- Next, run double-sided tape around the inside edge of each liner. (P2)
- Fold each one in half to adhere to each other and to create a half circle. (P3)
- Add glue to one side of the wavy fan popsicle stick. (P4)



P1



P2



P3



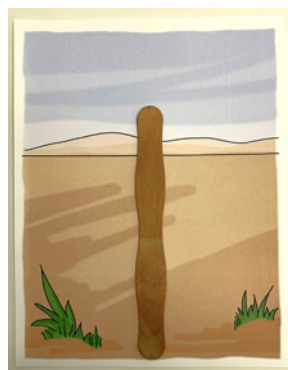
P4

## Instructions for the Notebook Page Cont'd:

- Glue the wavy popsicle stick to the Main Page. (P5)
- Add glue to the top end of the wavy popsicle stick. (P6)
- One by one, glue the 4 cupcake liners in a 'flower' formation on the top end of the wavy popsicle stick. You want it to look just like a palm tree. (P7a, P7b, P7c)
- Cut out 2 small oval shapes for the coconuts using cardboard or a cereal box. (P8)
- Glue the coconut cutouts in the center of the cupcake liner palm leaves. (P9)
- Allow it to dry completely.

### Hebrew Word

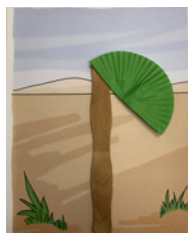
- Write the following directly on the Main Page or on a piece of colored cardstock and glue to the page: (P10)
  - 1) Tamar      2) תמר      3) Palm Tree



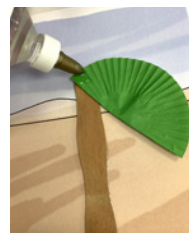
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P7a



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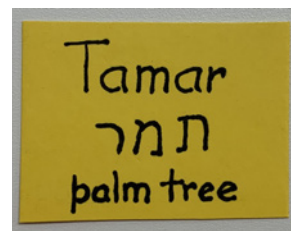


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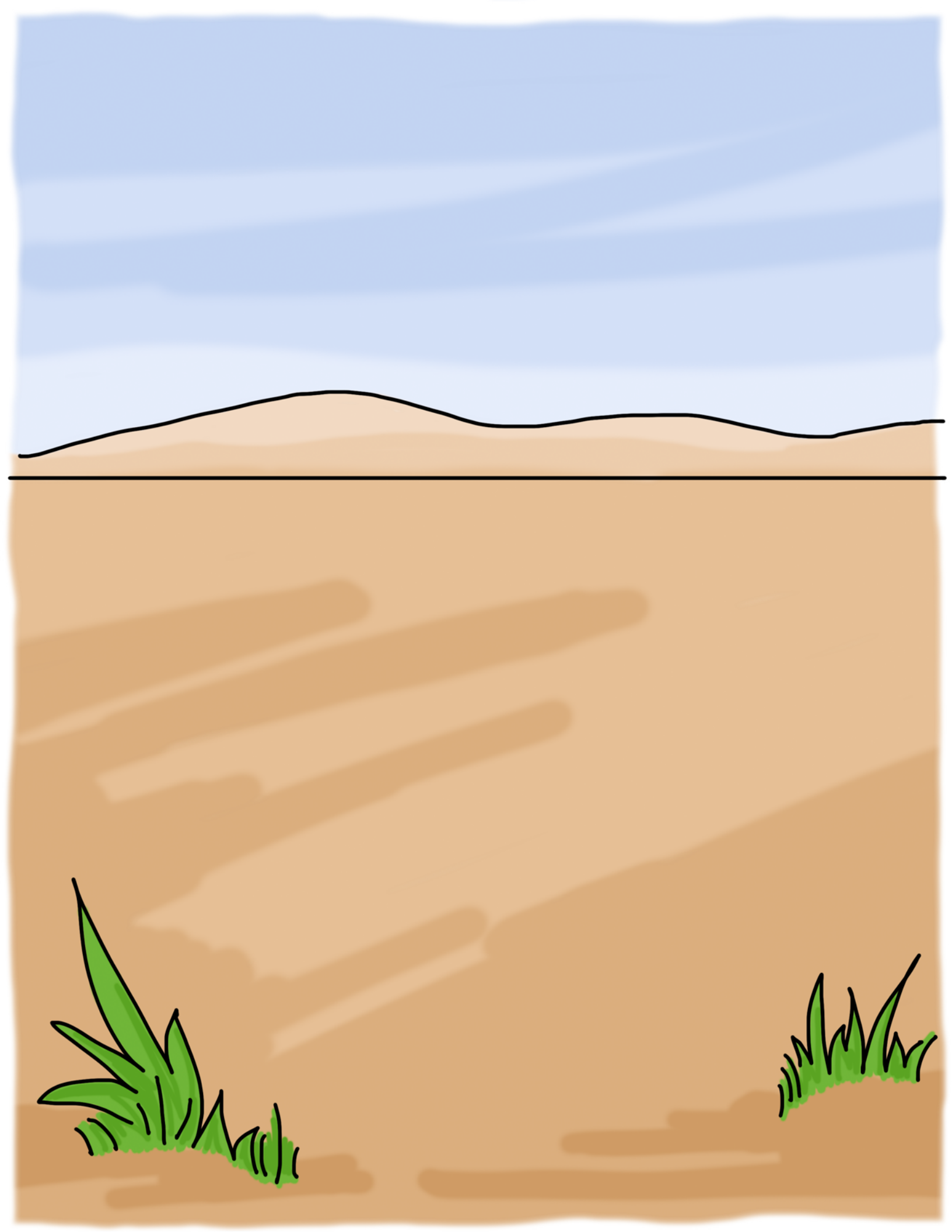
*You now have a visual representation of one of the 70 palm trees where the children of Yisra'el camped at Elim.*

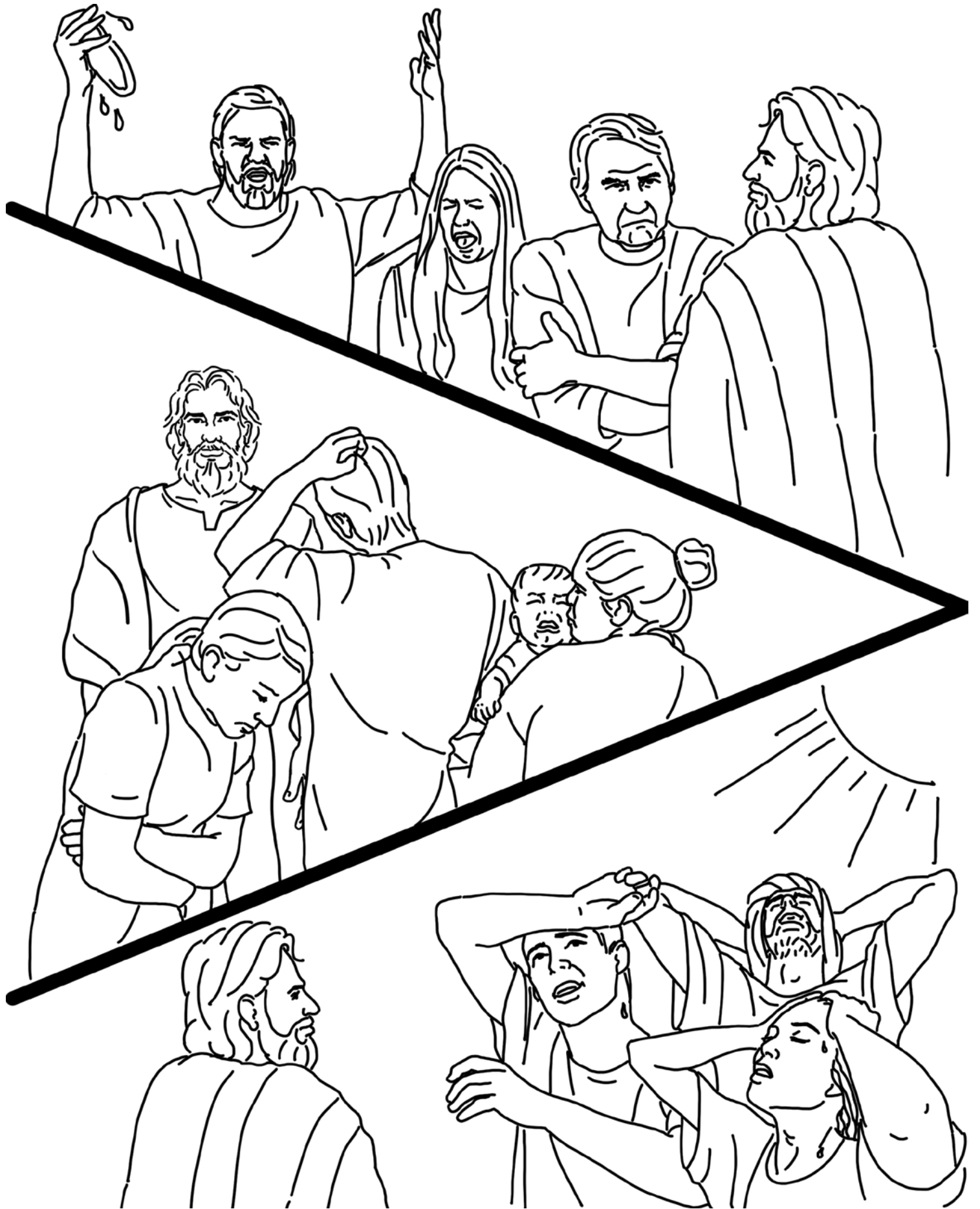


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# Sweetness of Torah

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## SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

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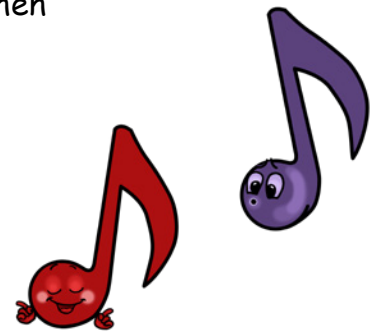
### Grumbling, Grumbling

"Back in Mitsrayim, we were never hungry.  
We were fed bread and meat,  
And always had plenty.  
Can you hear our cries Mosheh?"

### Chorus:

Grumbling, Grumbling  
The children of Yisra'el were grumbling, grumbling, against Mosheh  
"Have you brought us here to die?"  
Grumbling, Grumbling

Yahweh said to Mosheh,  
"I have heard their cries.  
I will provide bread and meat to satisfy  
For they shall know that I am Yahweh."



# 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.

## Palm Trees

Exodus 15:27



### Ingredients:

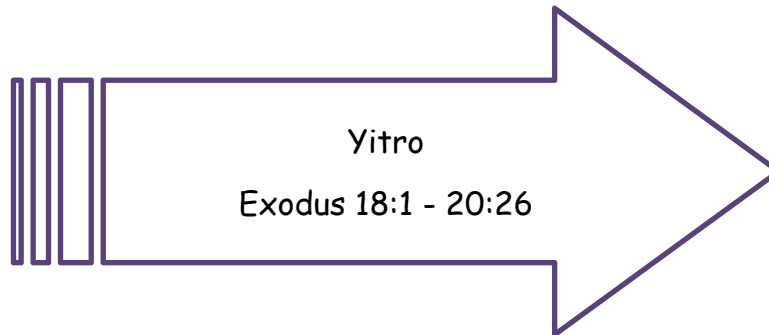
- Green jelly spearmint leaves candy
- Pretzel rods

### Instructions:

Lay 4 spearmint leaves candy in a leaf pattern over a pretzel rod to represent the tree that Mosheh threw into the water to make it sweet.

# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

## Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Ex. 18:1-12	Yitro's advice to Mosheh
Tuesday:	Ex. 18:13-27	Yitro's advice to Mosheh
Wednesday:	Ex. 19:1-15	Yahweh's instructions to Yisra'el to prepare for receiving the Commandments
Thursday:	Ex. 19:16-25	Yahweh appears on Mt. Sinai
Friday:	Ex. 20	The giving and receiving of the 10 Commandments