

# Parsha Pearls

## Yitro

"His excellency"

Exodus 18:1 - 20:26

Katan Bet/Gadol



In This Edition:

17.1 - Can I Get Some Help Here?

Exodus 17:8-16; 18



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Parsha Pearls is a comprehensive resource that allows for complete customization by the parent. We understand that if you were to strive to accomplish all aspects of each lesson in one day it would be unrealistic and also overload for the child. It is our intention that this be used 'a la carte' so that it suits your specific needs. Our site caters to printing only the pieces you choose.

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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. 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

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will take a look at some stories where Mosheh was in need of assistance and the advice that his father-in-law Yitro gave him so that he wouldn't bear all the burden of leadership himself. We have included verses from parsha Beshalach to tie together Mosheh's need for help. Now, let's read Ex. 17:8-16 & Ch. 18.

## PARSHA POINTS

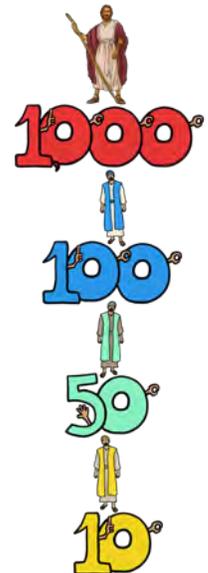
### *Help against the Amaleqites*

- Amaleq fought with Yisra'el in Rephidim - 17:8
- Mosheh instructed Yehoshua to go out and fight with Amaleq while he himself was going to position himself on top of the hill (**givah**) with his rod in his hand - 17:9
- Mosheh, Aharon and Hur went up to the top of the hill - 17:10
- Whenever Mosheh kept his arms up, Yisra'el would win but whenever his arms failed, Amaleq would prevail - 17:11
- Mosheh's hands became heavy so that they put a stone under him and Aharon and Hur stood on either side and supported (**tamak**) his arms - 17:12
- His hands (**yadayim**) stood steady (**emunah**) until the sun went down - 17:12
- Yehoshua and the army of Yisra'el defeated Amaleq with the edge of the sword - 17:13
- Yahweh told Mosheh to write down as a remembrance and to read to Yehoshua that Amaleq's remembrance was to be blotted out from under the heavens by Yahweh - 17:14; Deut. 25:17-19
- Mosheh then built an altar to Yahweh and called it Nissi (meaning, 'Yahweh is my banner/refuge') - 17:15-16



## Help in Ruling

- After hearing about the Exodus, Yitro, Mosheh's father-in-law, the priest of Midian brought his wife Tsipporah and his sons Gereshom (meaning, 'stranger') and Eli'ezer (meaning, 'Yahweh is my help') to him in the wilderness - 18:1-5
- Mosheh embraced his father-in-law and took time to share with him the experiences they had encountered with Pharaoh and the Mitsrites - 18:7-8
- Yitro rejoiced at the blessings Yahweh had bestowed on them and then blessed Yahweh - 18:9-10
- Yitro acknowledged that Yahweh is greater than all the mighty ones - 18:10-11
- He then brought a burnt offering and other offerings to Elohim - 18:12
- Aharon and all the elders of Yisra'el came together to eat bread (share a meal) with Yitro before Elohim - 18:12
- The next day the people came before Mosheh to rightly rule them from morning until night - 18:13
- Yitro asked Mosheh why he was doing so much all himself - 18:14
- Mosheh explained that he was rightly ruling between people and making known the laws of Elohim and his Torot (teachings and instructions) - 18:15-16
- Yitro gave his son-in-law advice that he was going to wear himself out and those with him from the tremendous burden - 18:17-18
- Yitro told Mosheh to seek out able men who fear Elohim, men of truth, those who hate unfair gain and place them to be rulers of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens - 18:19-23
- Mosheh did as his father-in-law advised him and chose able men out of all Yisra'el and made them heads over the people; rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens - 18:24-25
- These men rightly ruled the people at all times in every small matter - 18:26-27
- The hard matters they brought to Mosheh - 18:26
- After this Mosheh's father-in-law went back to his homeland - 18:27



# DIGGING DEEPER

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

- In this parsha Yisra'el fights their very first battle. Research the history of the battles between the Amaleqites and Yisra'el found in Scripture and history. Who is the forefather of the Amaleqites? Why did Yahweh have such a disdain for them? Look at Deuteronomy 25:17-19. Read the account of King Sha'ul and also the story of Ester to gain more insight.
- Hur is mentioned as one of the men who held up Mosheh's arms. Where else is he mentioned in Scripture?
- In this parsha we are introduced to a system of order and structure being established in the community. But Mosheh is the final authority on all matters. Discuss how this works in a congregational setting and in the home. Who has the final say?



# 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 card stock, they can be kept in a box to reinforce learning.

Emunah ( אמונה ) - steady

Givah ( גבעה ) - hill

Tamak ( תמך ) - supported

Yadayim ( ידיים ) - hands

## 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.

10 - eser

50 - chamishim

100 - me'ah

1,000 - elef

# WORD MATCH

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

Emunah

Hands

Givah

Hill

Tamak

Steady

Yadayim

Support



# FLASHCARDS

גבעה

**Givah**

Gi-vah

hill

ידיים

**Yadayim**

Ya-da-yim

hands

אמונה

**Emunah**

Em-u-nah

steady

תמך

**Tamak**

Ta-mak

supported



# WRITING HEBREW

Givah (hill)

גבעה

Hey     Ayin     Vet     Gimel  
ה     ע     ב     ג

Emunah (steady)

אמונה

Hey     Nun     Vav     Mem     Aleph  
ה     נ     ו     מ     א

Yadayim (hands)

ידיים

Mem Soft     Yud     Yud     Dalet     Yud  
ם     י     י     ד     י

Tamak (supported)

תמך

Kaf Soft     Mem     Tav  
ך     מ     ת

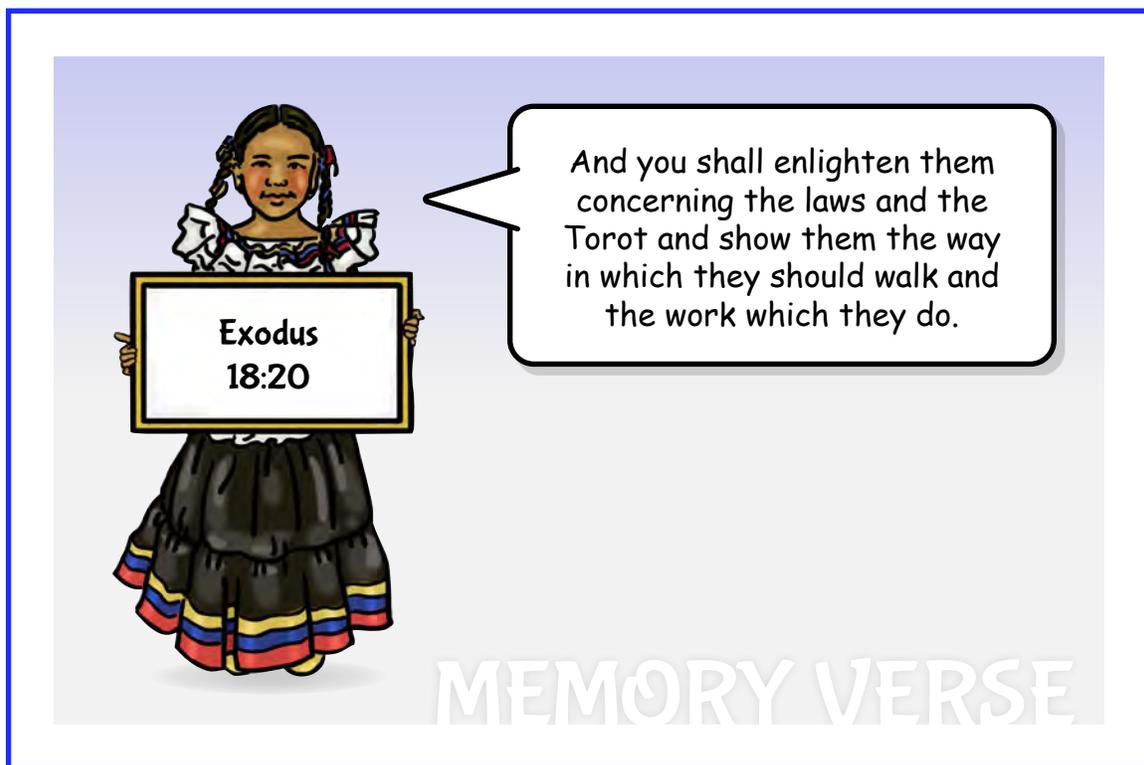


# Counting What You Gained

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 18:20. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



Exodus  
18:20

And you shall enlighten them concerning the laws and the Torot and show them the way in which they should walk and the work which they do.

MEMORY VERSE



# SEEKING TREASURE

1.



Who came to fight with Yisra'el?

Circle the correct choice.

Abimelek      Pharaoh

Malkitsedeq      Amaleq

(17:8)

2.



Kaleb was chosen to lead the army against the Amaleqites.

T / F

(17:9)

3.



Who supported Mosheh's hands when they got too heavy?

Circle the correct choice.

Aharon & Hur      Nadab & Abihu

El'azar & Ithamar      Gershom & Eli'ezer

(17:12)

4.



And Yahweh said to Mosheh, "Write this for a \_\_\_\_\_ in the book and recite it in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Yehoshua, that I shall completely blot out the \_\_\_\_\_ of Amaleq from under the \_\_\_\_\_."

(17:14)

5.



What was the name of the altar that Mosheh built?

\_\_\_\_\_

(17:15)

6.



Yitro brought Mosheh's wife and 2 sons along with him on his visit.

T / F

(18:2-3)

7.



What were the names and meanings of Mosheh's sons?

\_\_\_\_\_ means \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ means \_\_\_\_\_

(18:3-4)

9.



And you shall enlighten them concerning the

\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and

show them the \_\_\_\_\_ in which

they should \_\_\_\_\_ and the

\_\_\_\_\_ which they \_\_\_\_\_.

(18:20)

8.



How long did the people come to stand before Mosheh to rightly rule them?

**Circle the correct choice.**

breakfast to lunchtime

lunchtime to supper

morning until evening

evening until morning

(18:13)

10.



Mosheh placed rulers over the

following amount of people.

**Circle the correct choices.**

10,000    5,000    1,000    500

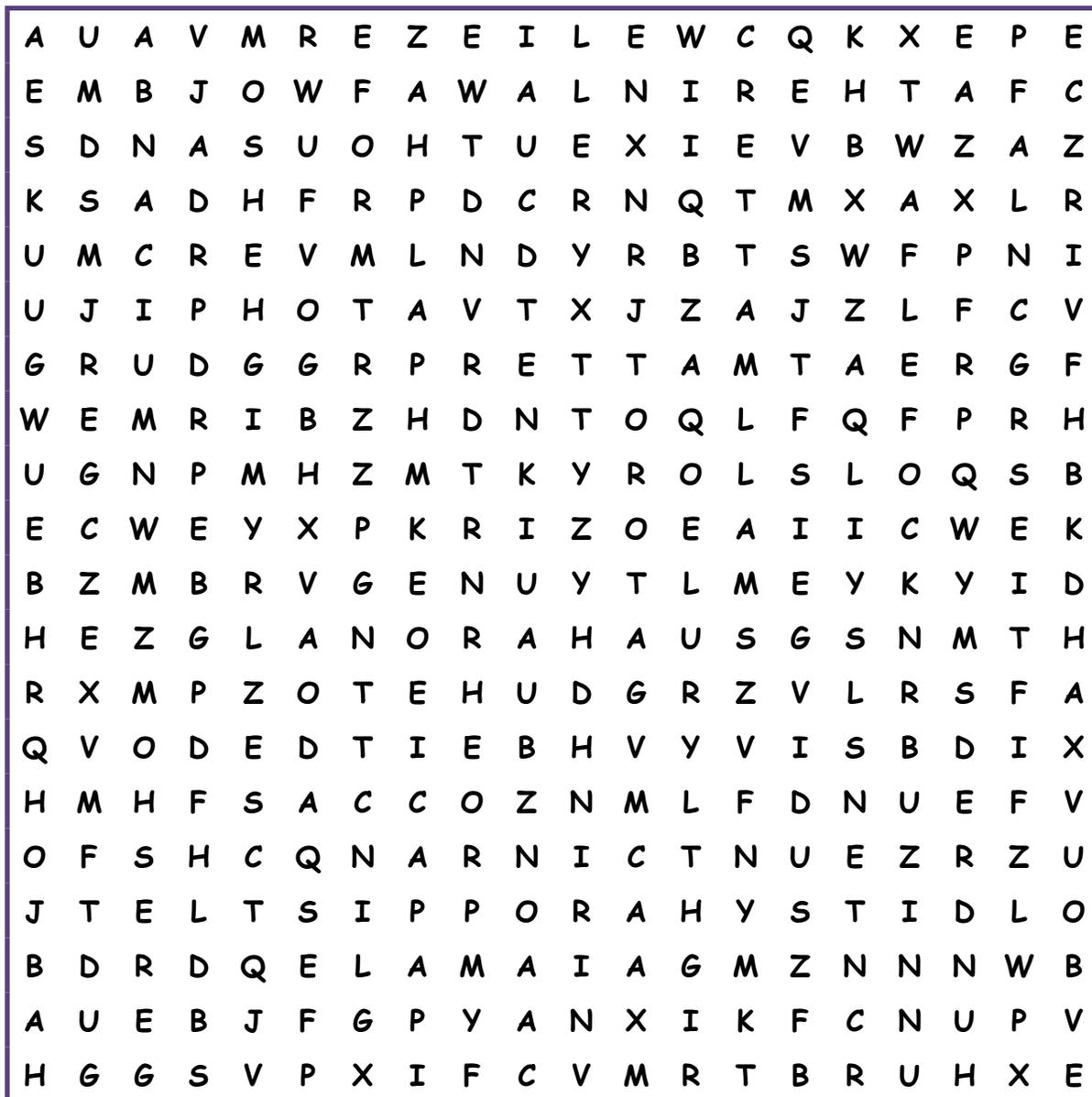
100    50    10    5    1

(18:21, 25)



# WORD SEARCH

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



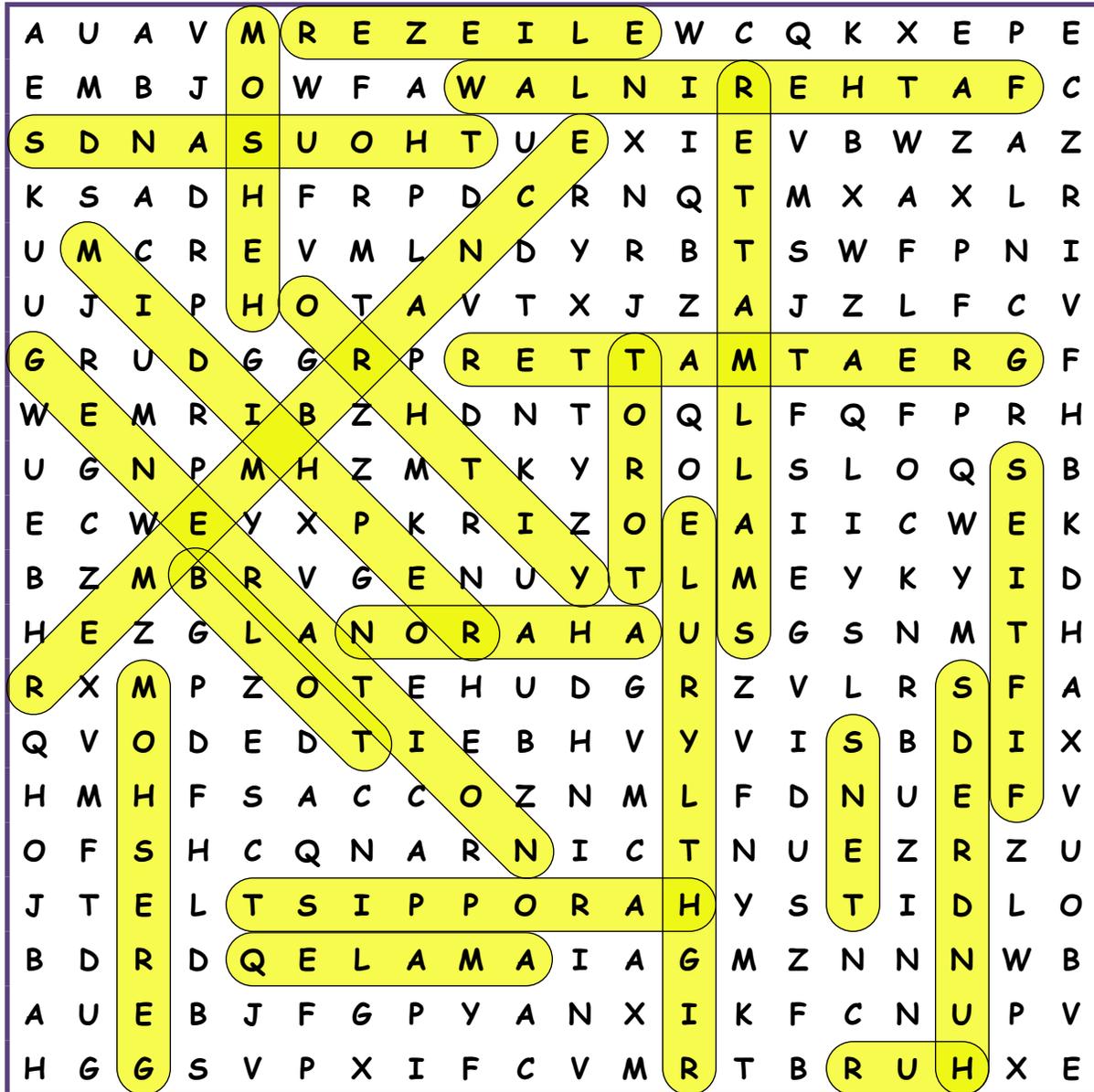
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 TOROT  
 FIFTIES  
 SMALL MATTER

MOSHEH  
 BLOT  
 YITRO  
 ELI'EZER  
 THOUSANDS  
 TENS  
 FATHER-IN-LAW



# Answer Key



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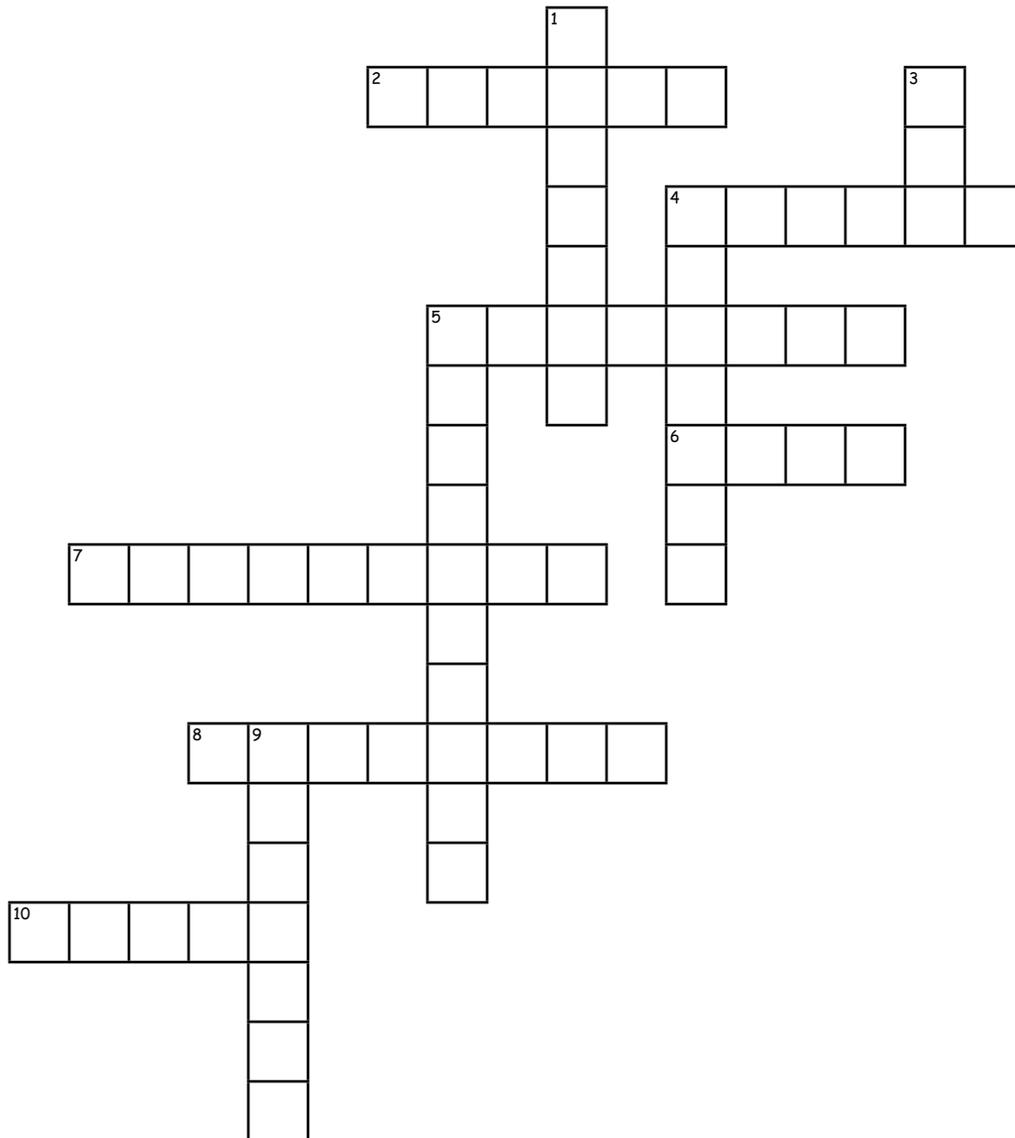
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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



## Across

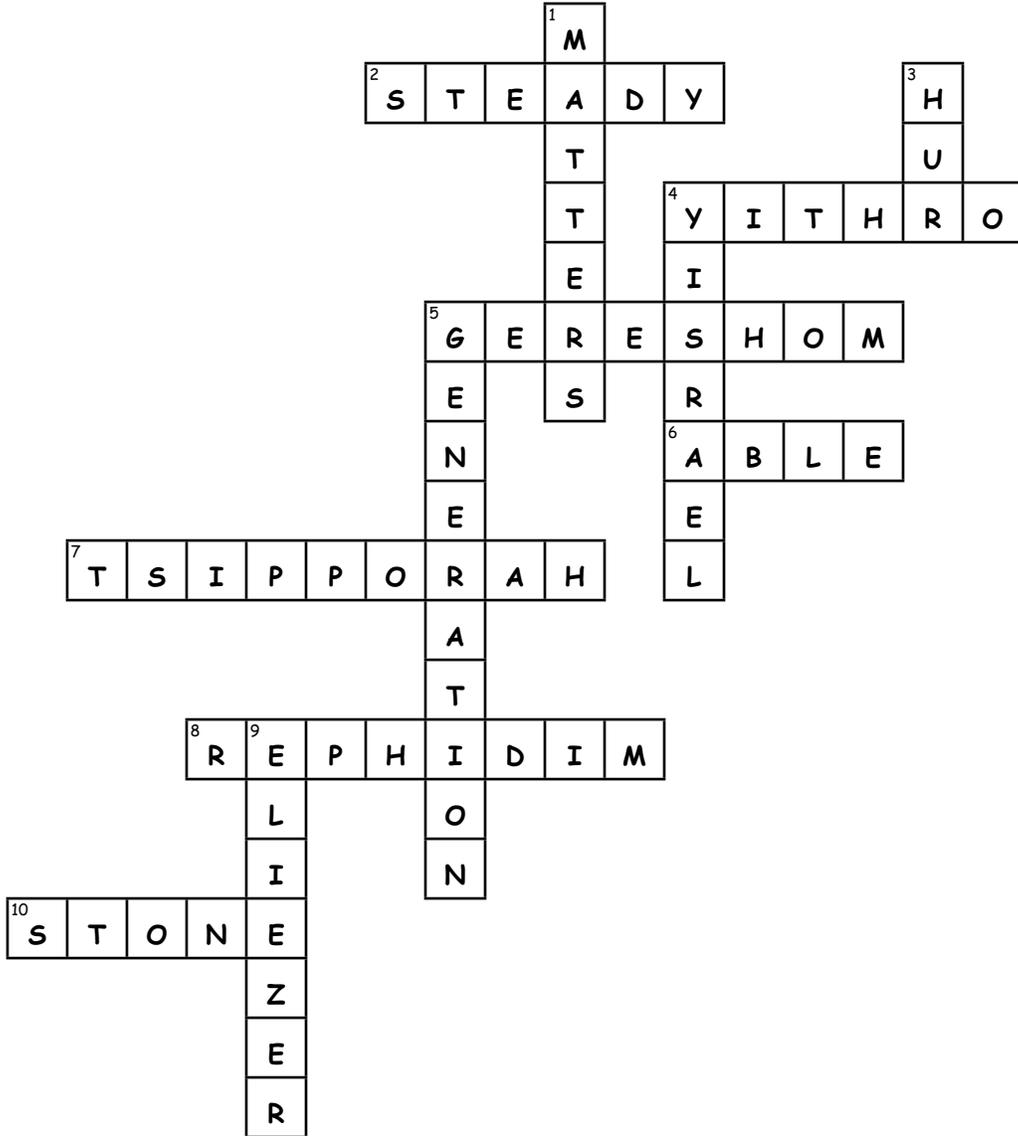
2. His hands were \_\_\_\_\_ until the going down of the sun.
4. Who was Mosheh's father-in-law?
5. Who was Mosheh's oldest son?
6. Mosheh chose \_\_\_\_\_ men to rightly rule.
7. Who was Mosheh's wife?
8. Amaleq came and fought with Yisra'el in \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What did they put under Mosheh's hands when they became heavy?

## Down

1. The hard \_\_\_\_\_ were brought to Mosheh, but the small \_\_\_\_\_ were brought to the rulers.
3. Mosheh, Aharon and \_\_\_\_\_ went up to the top of the mountain.
4. Who prevailed when Mosheh's hands were up?
5. Yahweh's hand is against Amaleq from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Who was Mosheh's youngest son?



# Answer Key



## Across

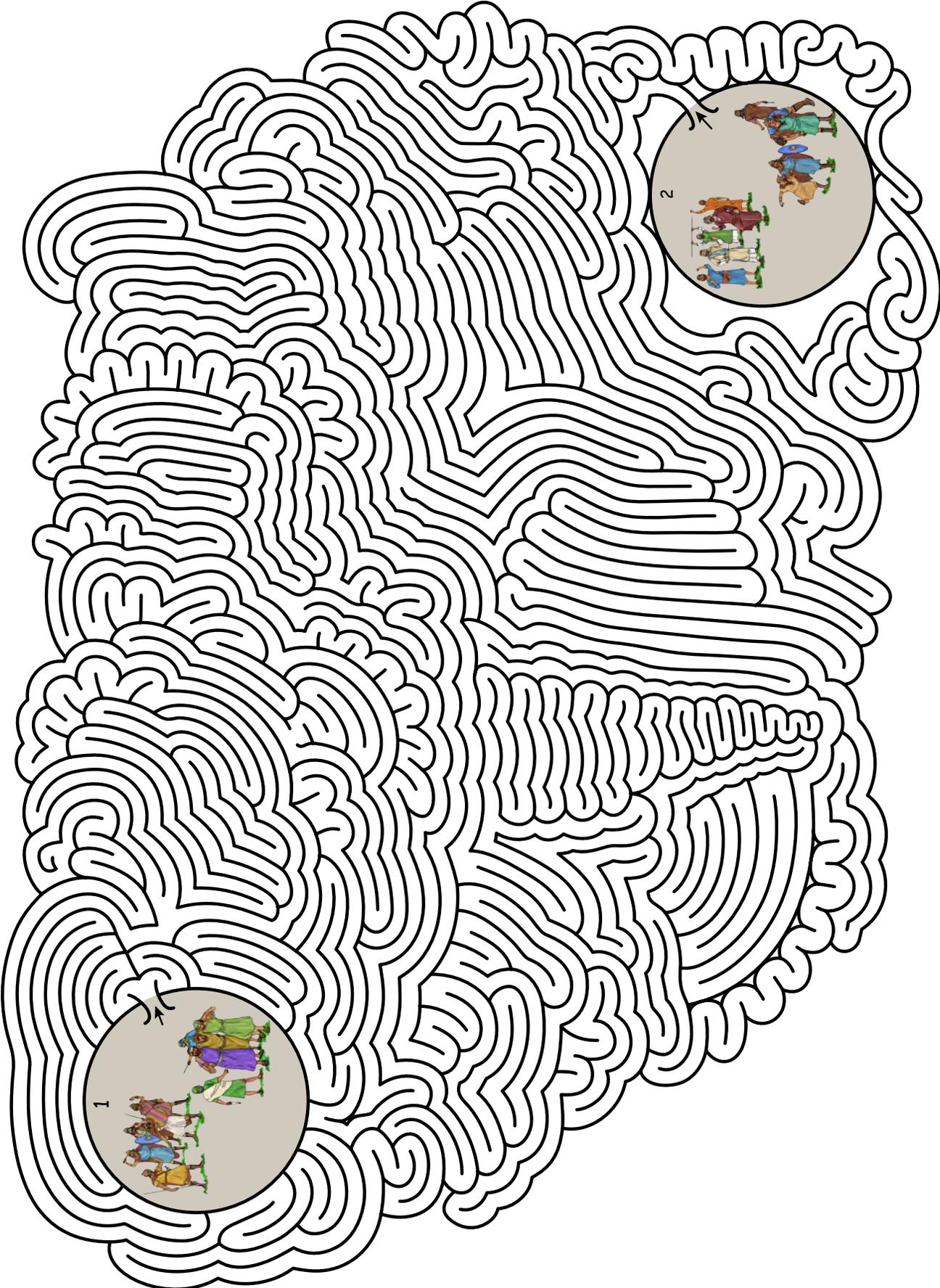
2. His hands were **steady** until the going down of the sun.
4. Who was Mosheh's father-in-law? **Yitro**
5. Who was Mosheh's oldest son?  
**Gereshom**
6. Mosheh chose **able** men to rightly rule.
7. Who was Mosheh's wife? **Tsipporah**
8. Amaleq came and fought with Yisra'el in **Rephidim**.
10. What did they put under Mosheh's hands when they became heavy? **stone**

## Down

1. The hard **matters** were brought to Mosheh, but the small **matters** were brought to the rulers.
3. Mosheh, Aharon and **Hur** went up to the top of the mountain.
4. Who prevailed when Mosheh's hands were up? **Yisra'el**
5. Yahweh's hand is against Amaleq from **generation** to **generation**.
9. Who was Mosheh's youngest son?  
**Eli'ezer**



# MAZE



# Precious Possessions

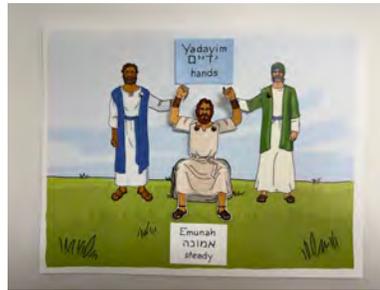
## NOTEBOOK PAGE

## Aharon and Hur Support Mosheh

Exodus 17:12

### Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Brads
- X-acto knife
- Puncturing tool
- Double-sided adhesive foam dimensional
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Notebook Templates: Main Page & A (BW) or Main Page & B (color)



### Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Notebook Templates of choice on white cardstock.

### Instructions for the Notebook Page:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Template pieces. (P1)
- Using an X-acto knife, make a slit on Aharon and Hur's shoulder along the dotted lines. (P2a, P2b)
- Using a puncturing tool, poke a hole through the 'x' on Aharon and Hur's shoulder. (P3a, P3b)



P1



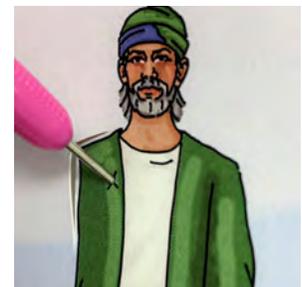
P2a



P2b



P3a



P3b

## Instructions for the Notebook Page cont'd:

- Using a puncturing tool, poke a hole through the 'x' on Aharon and Hur's arm. (P4a, P4b)
- Using a puncturing tool, poke a hole through Mosheh's arms and Mosheh. (P5a, P5b, P5c)
- Slide Aharon's arm piece through the slit. (P6a, P6b)
- Insert a brad through Aharon's shoulder and arm piece and open in the back to secure. (P7a, P7b)



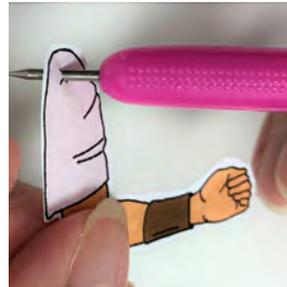
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P4b



P5a



P5b



P5c



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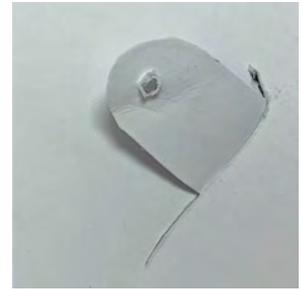
P7b

## Instructions for the Notebook Page cont'd:

- Slide Hur's arm piece through the slit. (P8a, P8b)
- Insert a brad through Hur's shoulder and arm piece and open in the back to secure. (P9a, P9b)
- Aharon and Hur's arms can be raised or lowered. (P10a, P10b)
- Adhere a double-sided adhesive foam dimensional onto the back of Mosheh. (P11)
- Insert a brad through Mosheh's shoulders and arms pieces and open in the back to secure. (P12a, P12b)
- Place Mosheh on the Main Page so that he is sitting on the rock. (P13)
- Mosheh's arms can be raised or lowered with Aharon and Hur holding them up. (P14a, P14b)



P8a



P8b



P9a



P9b



P10a



P10b

### Hebrew Words

- Write the following directly on the Main Page or on a piece of colored cardstock and glue to the page:
  - 1) **Emunah**
  - 2) **אמונה**
  - 3) **steady** (P15)
  - 1) **Yadayim**
  - 2) **ידיים**
  - 3) **hands** (P16)



P11



P12a



P12b



P13

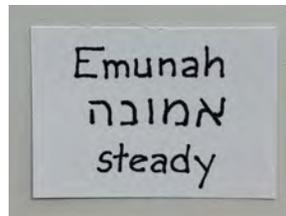
*You now have a visual representation of Aharon and Hur standing on both sides of Mosheh to give him support and to steady his arms.*



P14a



P14b

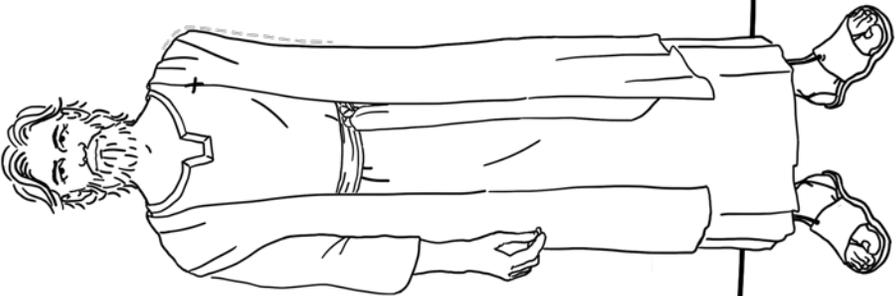
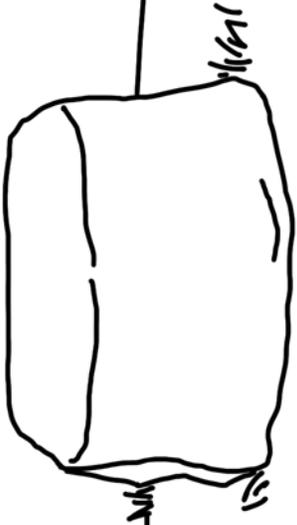
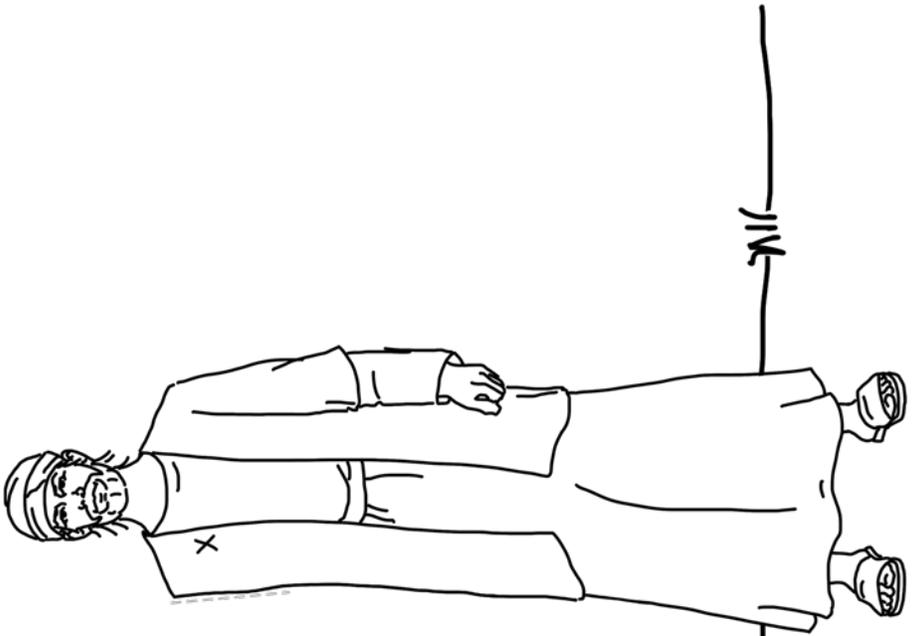


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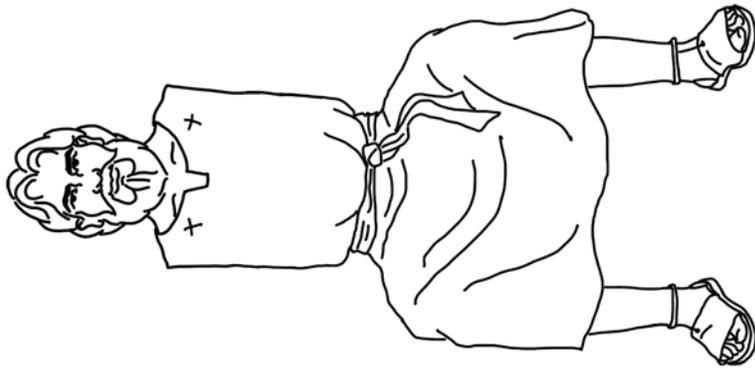
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Aharon's Arm



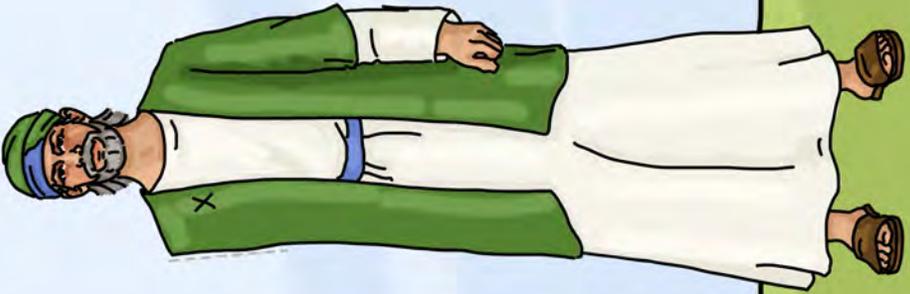
Mosheh's Arms



Hur's Arm



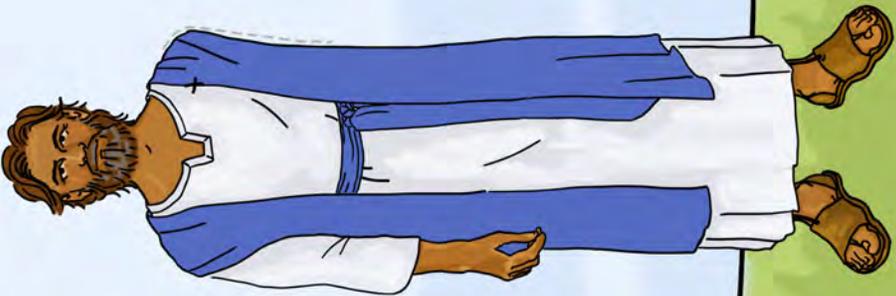
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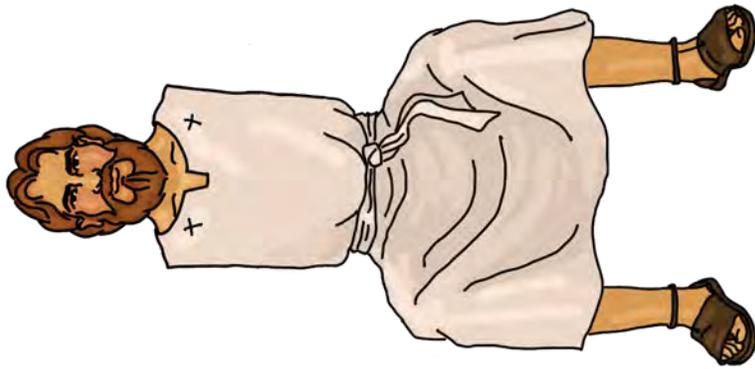


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Aharon's Arm

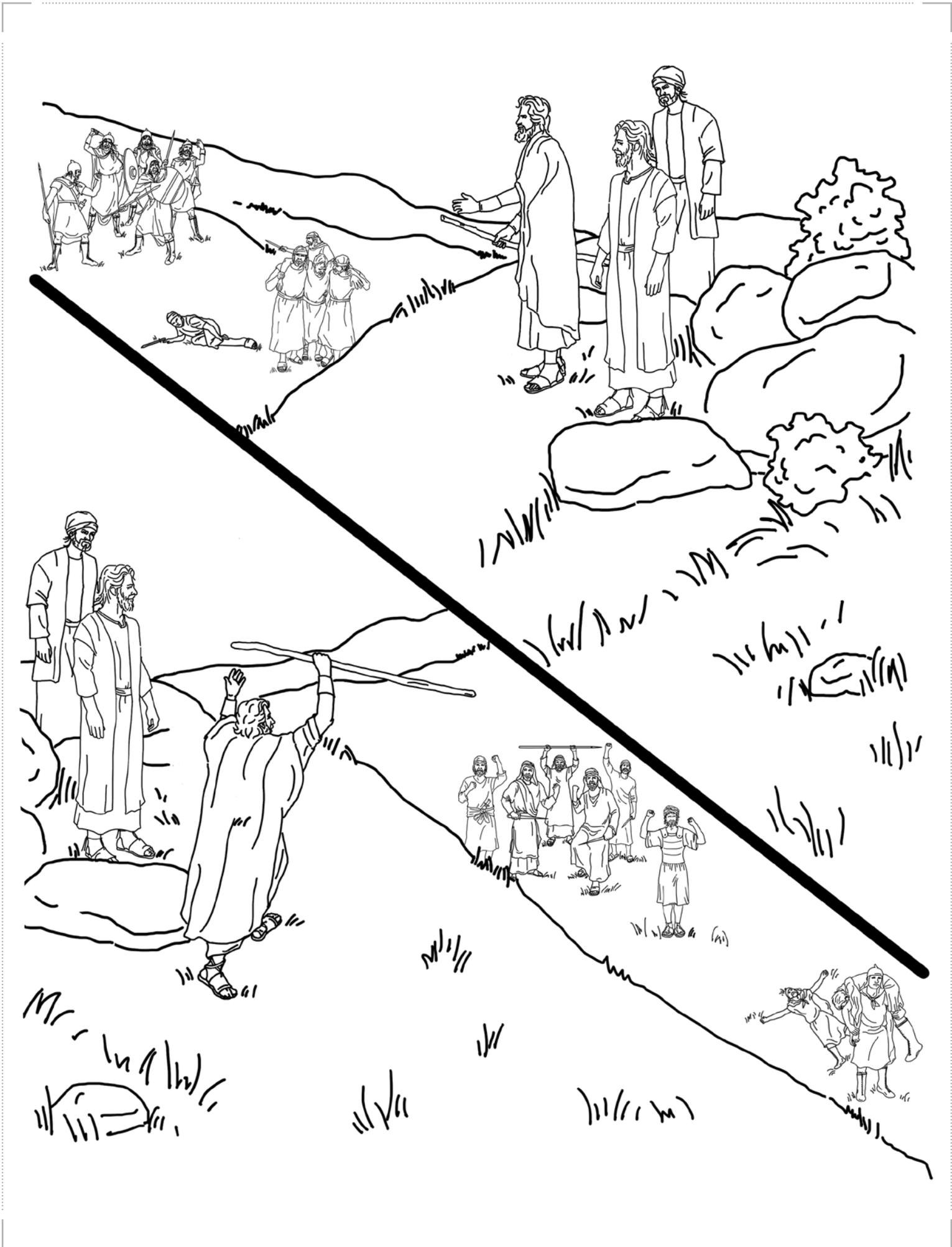


Mosheh's Arms



Hur's Arm





NITRO

"His excellency"  
Exodus 18:1 - 20:26

SEN

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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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### Seek Out Able Men

Yitro said to Mosheh,  
"You have so much work to do.  
Listen to my council,  
And I will help you."

"Seek out from the people, all the able men,  
Those who will fear Elohim.  
Seek out from the people, all the able men.  
And show them just what to do,  
And they will help you."

"Appoint some over thousands,  
And some over hundreds.  
Appoint them over fifties,  
And some over tens."

"Seek out from the people, all the able men,  
Those who will fear Elohim.  
Seek out from the people, all the able men.  
Show them just what to do,  
And they will help you.  
And they will help you."



# 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.

## Helping Hand

Exodus 17:12



### Ingredients:

- Clear plastic glove
- Snack of choice such as goldfish or popcorn
- Yarn (to tie glove)

### Instructions:

Take a plastic glove and fill the fingers with snack of choice. Once filled, tie the bottom of the glove with yarn. Enjoying your helping hand of goodies!

# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

## Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Ex. 21:1-27	Right-rulings
Tuesday:	Ex. 21:28-36	Right-rulings
Wednesday:	Ex. 22	Right-rulings
Thursday:	Ex. 23	Right-rulings; Land Sabbath; Weekly Sabbath; Annual Festivals
Friday:	Ex. 24	Appearing before Yahweh; Blood Covenant; Book of the Covenant read