

# Parsha Pearls

# Korach

"Qorah"

Numbers 16:1 - 18:32

Katan Bet/Gadol



In This Edition:

38.1 - Enough Of You!

Numbers 16



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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:	Num. 16:1-22	The rebellion of Qorah, Dathan and Abiram and the 250 tribal leaders
Tuesday:	Num. 16:23-50	The punishment of the rebels; The plague upon Yisra'el for grumbling
Wednesday:	Num. 17	The budding of Aharon's rod
Thursday:	Num. 18:1-19	The duties of the priesthood and Lewites; The offerings for the priests
Friday:	Num. 18:20-32	The Torah regarding land inheritance; Tithes for the priests and Lewites

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will continue on our journey in the wilderness with the children of Yisra'el. Here we will learn about a Qehathite named Qorah and his cohorts of the tribe of Re'uben, who coveted different positions from the ones Yahweh had appointed for their tribes. We will witness their anger against Mosheh and the tragic outcome of their rebellion. Now, let's read Num. 16.

## PARSHA POINTS

- These are the men who rose up before Mosheh (16:1-2):
  - Qorah, son of Yitshar, son of Qehath, son of Lewi
  - Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliyab and On, sons of Peleth, sons of Re'uben
  - 250 (**matayim chamishim**) men of name, tribal leaders in the congregation (**edah**)



- These men assembled against Mosheh and Aharon and declared, "Enough of you!" - 16:3
- They declared that they were also set-apart, and demanded to know why Mosheh and Aharon elevated themselves above the assembly - 16:3
- Upon hearing their accusation, Mosheh immediately fell on his face - 16:4
- Mosheh then challenged these men to inquire of Yahweh who He had truly set-apart to Himself, and that His answer might be made known to everyone - 16:5
- Mosheh told the angry men that on the following day they were to take fire holders and put fire in them, along with incense, and to bring them before Yahweh - 16:6-7



- Mosheh then took the same statement that they had flung at him and turned it back on them, saying, "Enough of you, sons of Lewi!" - 16:7
- Mosheh reminded these sons of Lewi of the privileged, set-apart status that Yahweh had given them, and confronted them with the following questions (16:8-11):
  - *Isn't it enough* (too little a thing) that Yahweh separated you from the congregation of Yisra'el for the duty of the Dwelling Place, to stand before the entire congregation to serve Him?
  - *Isn't it enough* that He has brought you near to Himself, yet you also seek the priesthood (**kehunah**)?
  - Why are you picking on Aharon by grumbling against him?
- Mosheh sternly alerted them to the fact that they had set themselves against Yahweh Himself - 16:11
- Mosheh sent for Dathan and Abiram, but they refused his summons and challenged Mosheh with these words (16:12-14):
  - *Isn't it enough* (too little a thing) that you have failed to bring us into the land of milk and honey?
  - Do you plan to kill us in the wilderness, in order to take total rule over us?
  - *Isn't it enough* that you haven't given us our promised inheritance of fields and vineyards?
  - Are you going to now bore out our eyes (idiom for 'pull the wool over our eyes') ?
- Dathan and Abiram repeated their refusal to go to Mosheh - 16:14
- Mosheh was upset with their decision, and asked Yahweh to take his side, knowing that he was innocent of their accusations - 16:15
- Mosheh commanded Qorah and his company, along with Aharon, to appear before Yahweh on the following day - 16:16
- They were each to take their fire holders, put fire in them, with incense laid on the fire, and appear before Yahweh at the door of the Tent of Meeting - 16:17
- Qorah and his men assembled the entire congregation against Mosheh and Aharon, and came boldly to the door of the Tent of Meeting - 16:19
- Yahweh's esteem then appeared to all the congregation. Yahweh warned Mosheh and Aharon to back away, because He intended to kill them all - 16:19-21
- Mosheh and Aharon fell on their faces, pleading with Yahweh to refrain from punishing the whole congregation for the sins of a few men - 16:22
- Yahweh then commanded the children of Yisra'el to move away from the tents of Qorah, Dathan, and Abiram - 16:23-24
- Mosheh and the elders went to the tents of Abiram and Dathan and commanded the congregation to turn away from the tents of these wrong men. He told the people not to touch anything belonging to them, lest they be consumed in the sins of the rebels - 16:26



- Mosheh laid before the congregation the proof that Yahweh would now give, to show that Yahweh had sent him to do His works. He said that the ground (**adamah**) would open up and swallow these men alive who had scorned Yahweh, along with all that belonged to them - 16:28-30



- Just as Mosheh finished speaking, the earth opened up and swallowed up all the men who rebelled, with all their households and all their goods, and they went down into She'ol (grave/pit) - 16:31-33
- The children of Yisra'el were terrified when they saw this, and fled from the scene, so as to not be swallowed up as well - 16:34
- At the Tent of Meeting, as the 250 men were trying to offer up incense as a test to see whom Yahweh had chosen, fire come down from Yahweh and consumed them as well - 16:35

- Yahweh asked that El'azar, son of Aharon, take the fire holders out of the blaze because they were set-apart. They were to beat them into a covering for the altar, as a sign to the children of Yisra'el - 16:36-39



- The covering made from the beaten fire holders was to be a visible reminder that no stranger (no one outside of the line of Aharon) must ever come near to offer incense before Yahweh - 16:40
- The children of Yisra'el grumbled against Mosheh and Aharon, accusing them of killing the people of Yahweh - 16:41
- Yahweh's esteem then descended in the cloud over the Tent of Meeting, and Yahweh claimed that He intended to consume the children of Yisra'el - 16:42-45

- Once again, Mosheh and Aharon fell on their faces before Yahweh. Mosheh directed his brother Aharon to take his fire holder and offer incense to Yahweh (prayers) to atone for the congregation, because a plague from Yahweh had begun to strike the people down - 16:45-46



- Aharon hurried to make atonement for the people, for he saw that the plague had already broken out among them. He positioned himself between those that were living and those who had died, and the plague stopped - 16:47-48

- Those who had already died in the plague were 14,700, in addition to those who had died on account of Qorah's rebellion - 16:49



# DIGGING DEEPER

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

- Go to parsha Bemidbar and research where Qorah, Dathan and Abiram's tents stood in relationship to each other. Did their placement give them easier access to talk and grumble with each other? (Num. 2:10; 3:29)
- Qorah had the most prestigious of the duties of the tribe of Lewi. Why do you think Qorah was not satisfied with his position (Num. 3:29-32; 4:15-16)? Could he have been jealous of Aharon's sons - especially as they had El'azar overseeing all their duties (Num. 3:32; 4:16)?
- Yahweh had recently given Yisra'el the instruction regarding tzitziyot - a sign to show that they were all set-apart to Him. Do you think Qorah felt equal to Mosheh and Aharon as a result of this? (Num. 15:40)
- Why do you think Dathan and Abiram took part in the rebellion? Since they were from the tribe of Re'uben, the firstborn, might they have resented that they were bypassed for temple service in favor of the Lewites?
- When Dathan and Abiram refused to come to Mosheh, were they sending a message that they did not accept his authority any longer?
- When they claimed that Mosheh was pulling the wool over their eyes, do you think they felt they were truly misled by Mosheh or were they trying to plant doubt in others?
- What is She'ol? (Num. 16:30, 33)



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# Searching Out Hebrew

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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.

Edah ( **עדה** ) - congregation/company/assembly

Kehunah ( **כהונה** ) - priesthood

Adamah ( **אדמה** ) - earth/ground

She'ol ( **שאול** ) - grave/pit

## 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.

250 - matayim chamishim

# WORD MATCH

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

Adamah

Congregation

Edah

Earth

Kehunah

Grave

She'ol

Priesthood



# FLASHCARDS

כהונה

**Kehunah**

Ke-hu-nah

priesthood

שְׂאֵל

**She'ol**

She-ol

grave/pit

עדה

**Edah**

E-dah

congregation/company/assembly

אדמה

**Adamah**

Ad-a-mah

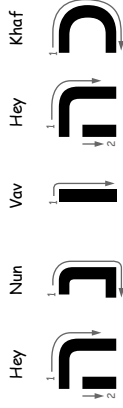
earth/ground



# WRITING HEBREW

Kehunah (priesthood)

כהונה



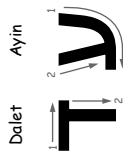
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Edah (congregation/company/assembly)

עדה



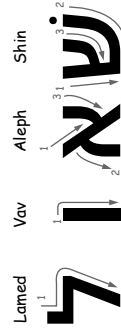
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She'ol (grave/pit)

שאול



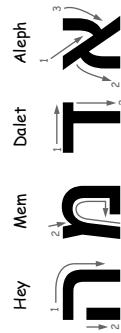
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Adamah (earth/ground)

אדמה



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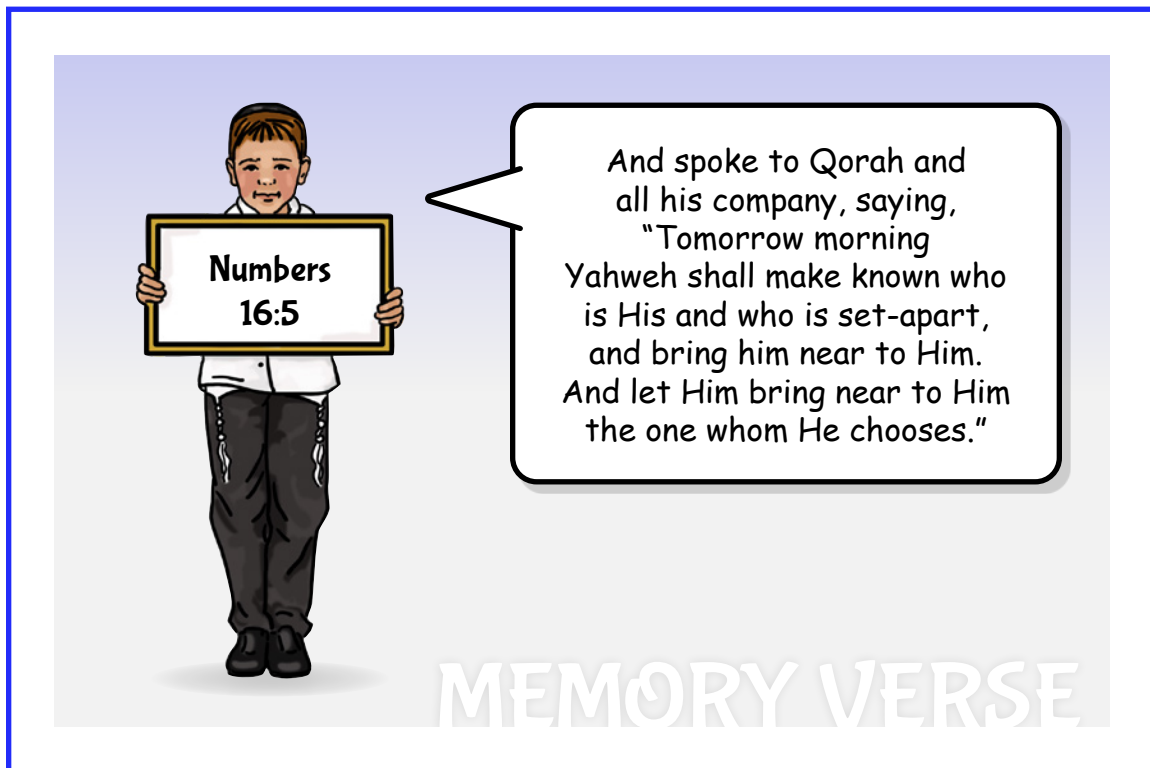


# Counting What You Gained

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 Numbers 16:5. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



Numbers  
16:5

And spoke to Qorah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning Yahweh shall make known who is His and who is set-apart, and bring him near to Him. And let Him bring near to Him the one whom He chooses."

MEMORY VERSE



# SEEKING TREASURE



1.

What tribe was Qorah from?

\_\_\_\_\_

What tribe were Dathan and Abiram from?

\_\_\_\_\_

(16:1)



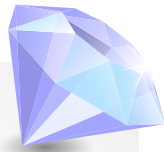
2.

How many other men rose up in rebellion against Mosheh and Aharon?

**Circle the correct choice.**

2500      25,000      25      250

(16:2)

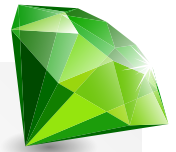


3.

What 3 words did both sides say to each other?

\_\_\_\_\_

(16:3, 7)



4.

What were these men wanting/seeking?

**Circle the correct choice.**

more pay      priesthood  
to go back to Mitsrayim

(16:10)

5.

What item was each man to bring with him to determine who Yahweh had chosen for the priesthood?

**Circle the correct choice.**

bow and arrow      fire holders      spear

(16:6, 17)





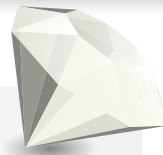
6.

What happened to Qorah, Dathan, and Abiram and their possessions (tents, wives and children)?

Circle the correct choices.

- earth 'swallowed' them up
- plague came upon them all
- went down alive to She'ol
- fire came down and consumed them

(16:30-33)



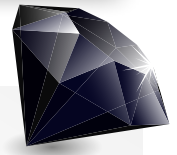
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What happened to the 250 men who were offering incense?

Circle the correct choice.

- earth 'swallowed' them up
- plague came upon them all
- went down alive to She'ol
- fire came down and consumed them

(16:35)



8.

What happened to the fire holders?

Circle the correct choice.

- They were beaten into plowshares
- They were beaten into a covering

(16:38, 39)



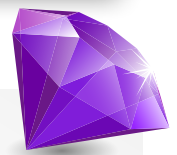
9.

What happened to the people who still grumbled after seeing all these things happen to the other rebellious men?

Circle the correct choice.

- earth 'swallowed' them up
- plague came upon them all
- went down alive to She'ol
- fire came down and consumed them

(16:46-47)



10.

How many people died as a result of the plague?

Circle the correct choice.

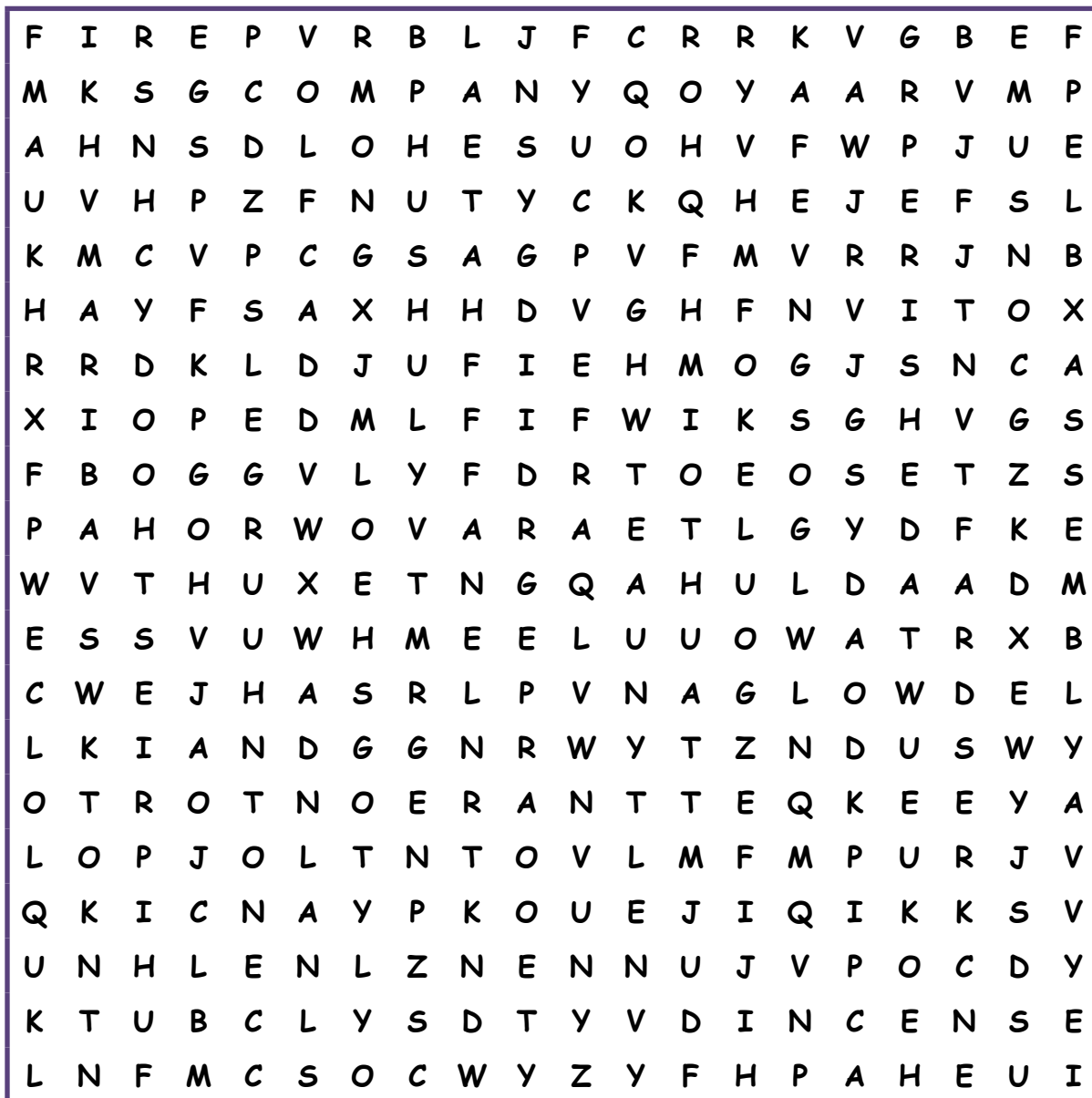
- 147
- 1,470
- 14,700
- 147,000

(16:49)



# WORD SEARCH

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



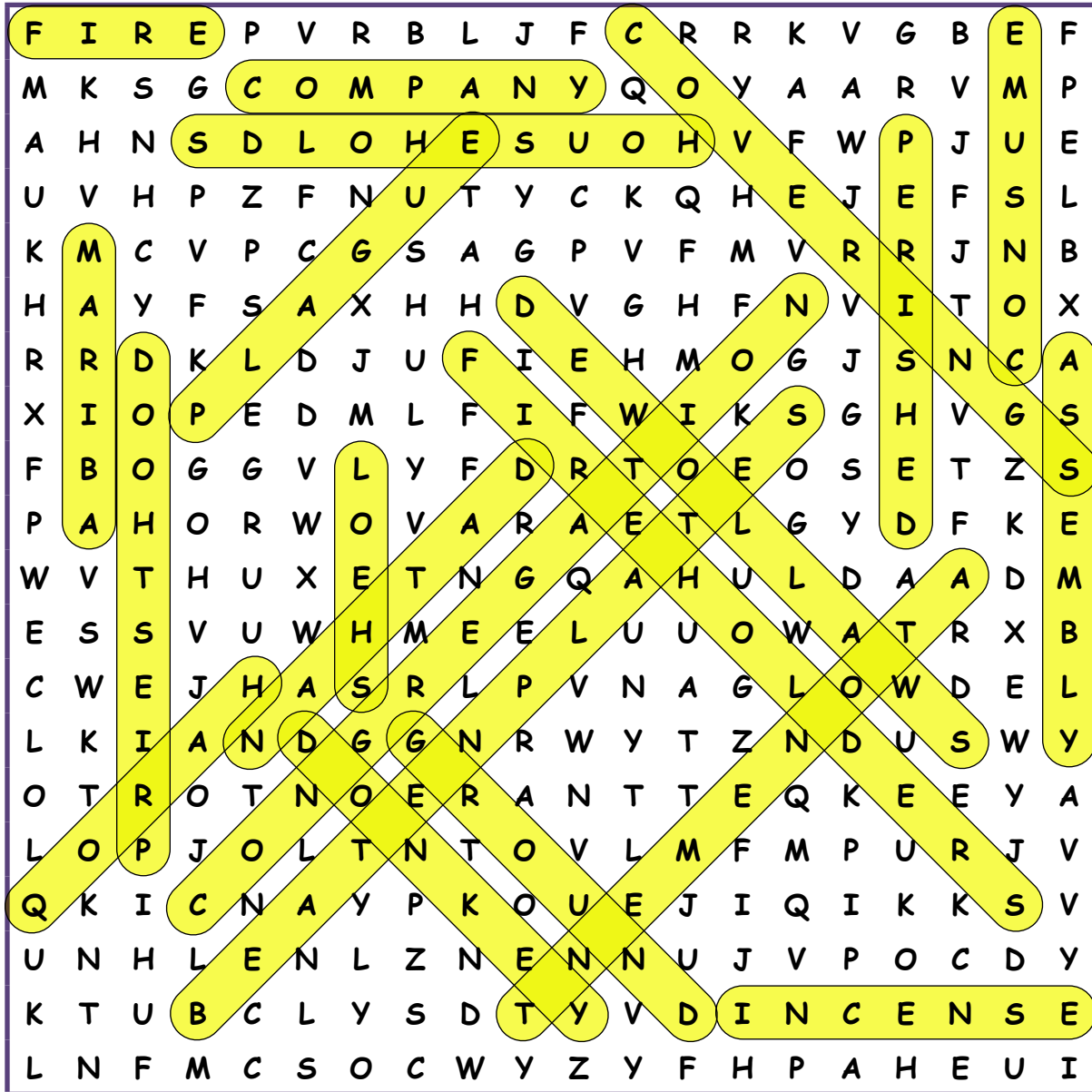
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# Answer Key



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 DATHAN  
 ABIRAM  
 ASSEMBLY  
 COMPANY  
 FIRE HOLDERS  
 FIRE

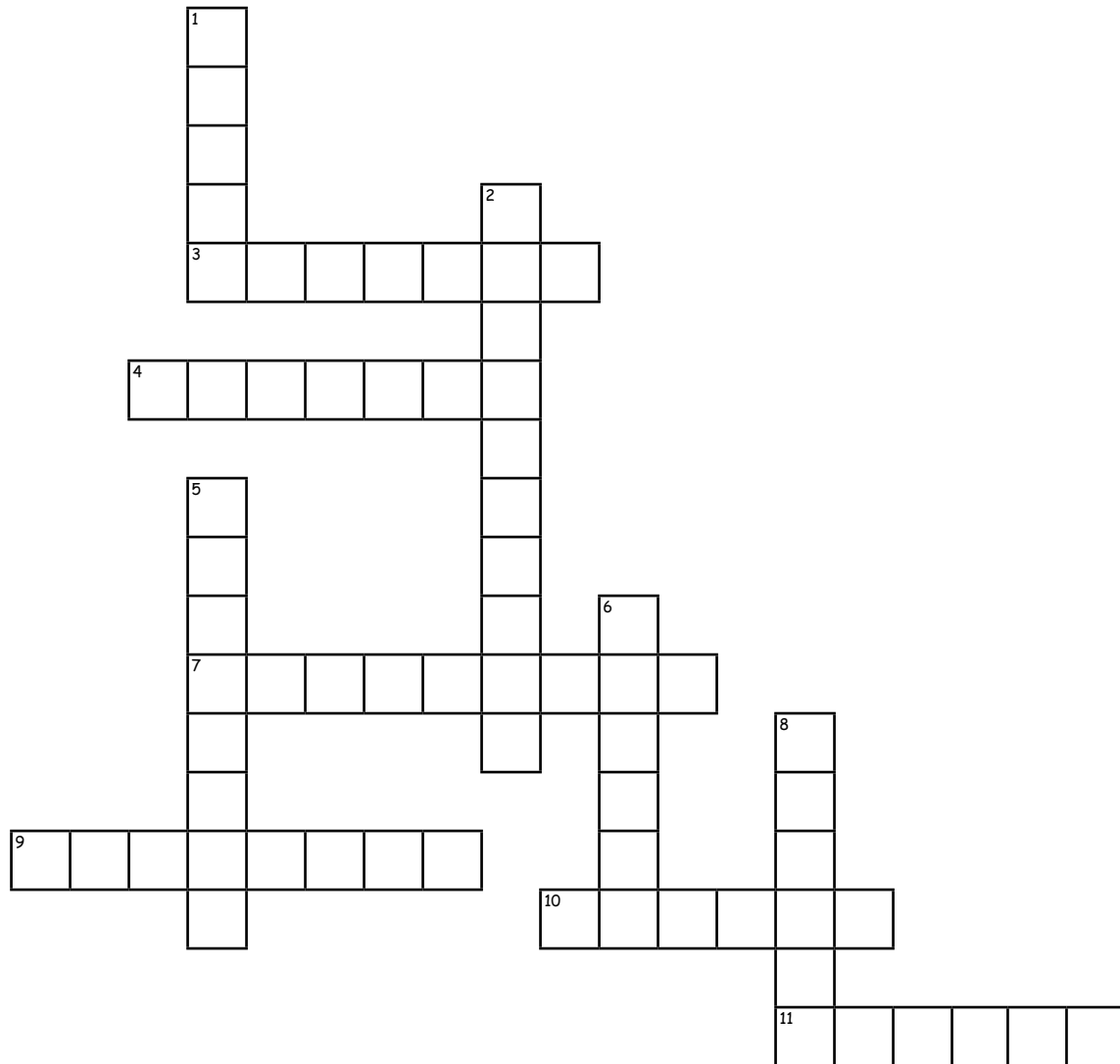
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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



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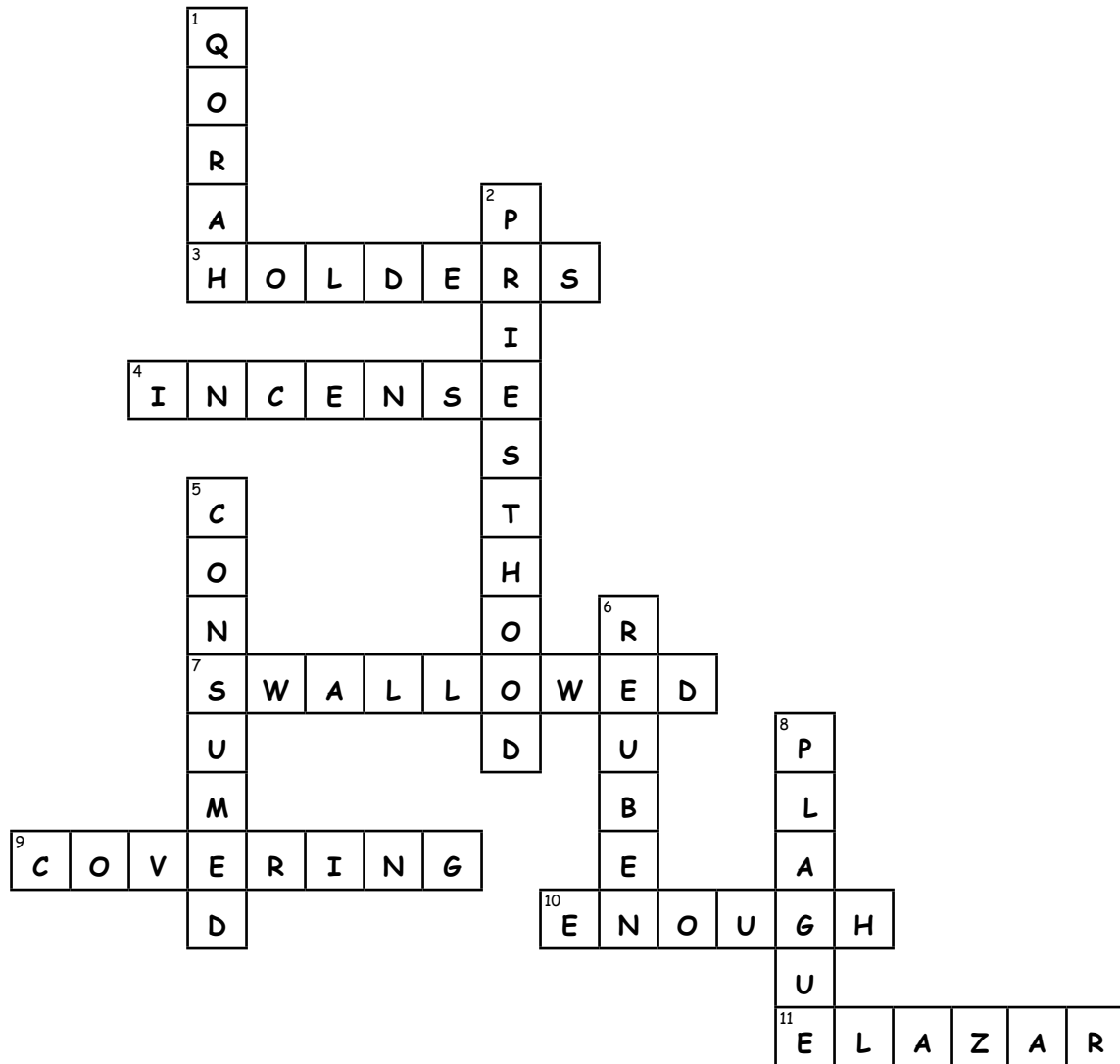
3. The rebels were told to bring fire \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The men were to put fire and \_\_\_\_\_ in their fire holders.
7. The earth opened its mouth and \_\_\_\_\_ up the men.
9. What was made out of the bronze fire holders?
10. Both sides said, "\_\_\_\_\_ of you!"
11. Who picked up the burnt fire holders?

## Down

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was from the tribe of Lewi.
2. These men were seeking the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A fire came down from Yahweh and \_\_\_\_\_ the 250 men.
6. Dathan and Abiram were from the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Those who died in the \_\_\_\_\_ were 14,700.



# Answer Key



## Across

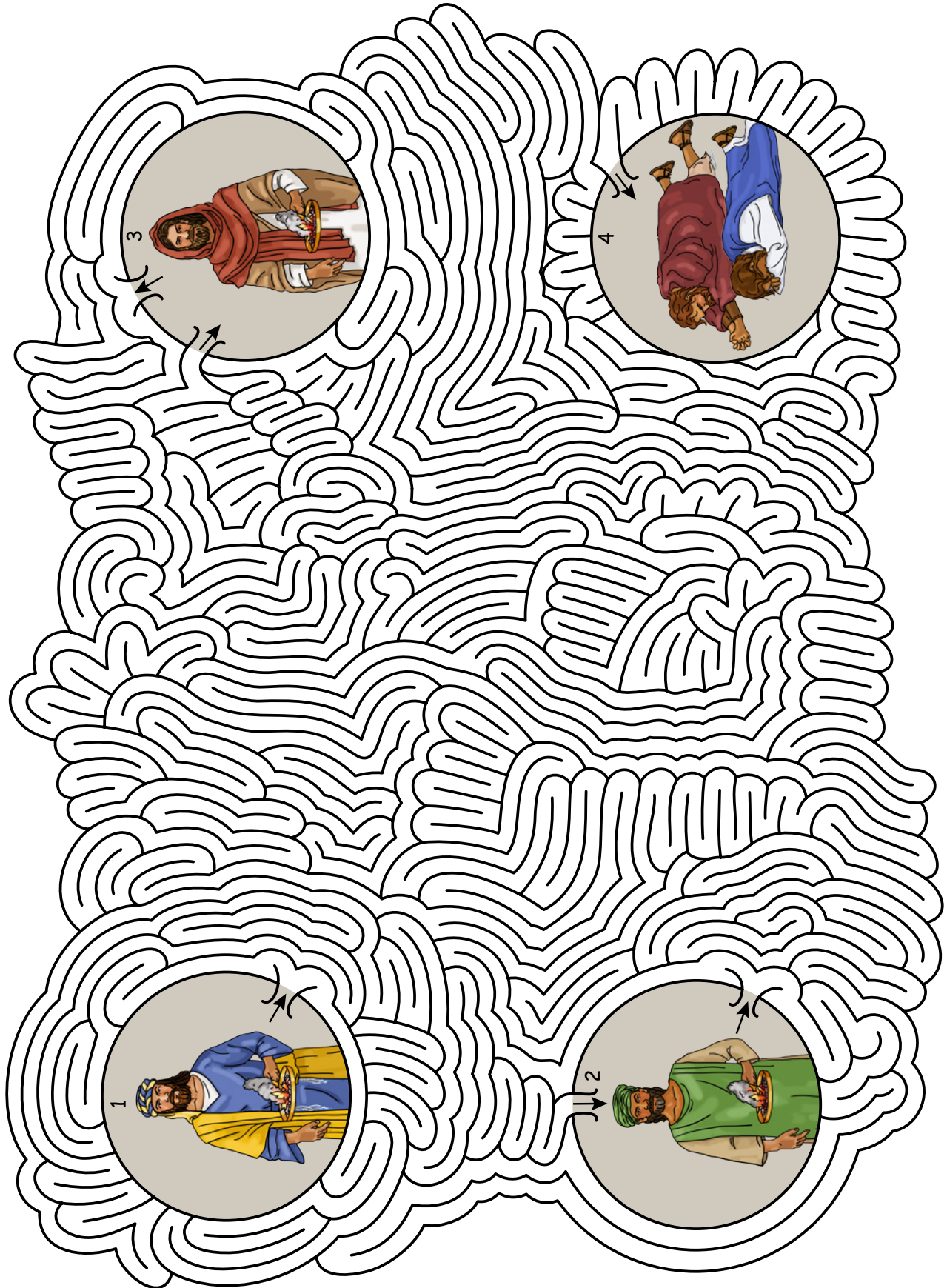
- The rebels were told to bring fire **holders**.
- The men were to put fire and **incense** in their fire holders.
- The earth opened its mouth and **swallowed** up the men.
- What was made out of the bronze fire holders? **covering**
- Both sides said, "**Enough** of you!"
- Who picked up the burnt fire holders? **El'azar**

## Down

- Qorah** was from the tribe of Lewi.
- These men were seeking the **priesthood**.
- A fire came down from Yahweh and **consumed** the 250 men.
- Dathan and Abiram were from the tribe of **Re'uben**.
- Those who died in the **plague** were 14,700.



# MAZE



# Precious Possessions

## NOTEBOOK PAGE

### Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Clear cellophane
- X-acto knife
- Puncturing tool
- Brads
- Velcro adhesive dots
- Double-sided adhesive tape
- Clear tape
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Craft Templates: Main Page & A (BW) or Main Page & B (color)

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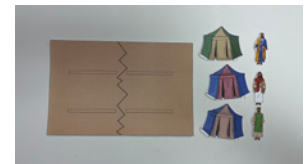
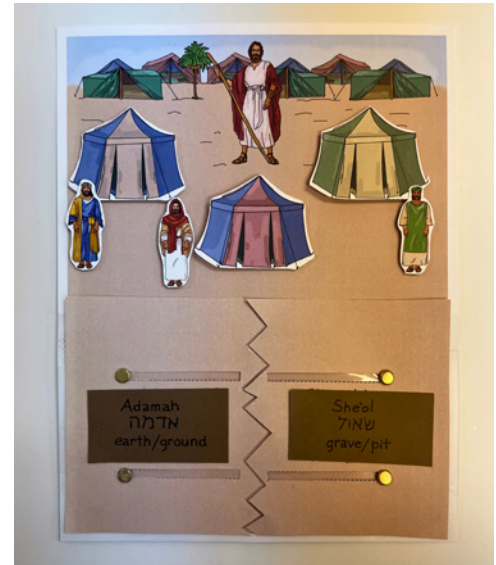
- Print Craft Templates of choice on white cardstock

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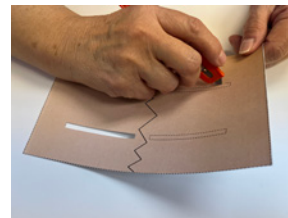
- Cut out Template pieces. (P1)
- Using an X-acto knife, cut out the rectangles inside the dotted lines. (P2a, P2b)
- Using scissors, cut the jagged lines to separate the template. (P3a, P3b)
- Place the separated ground pieces on the Main Page making sure to line it up at the bottom and using a pencil, make dots inside the 4 rectangles at the ends away from the jagged lines for brad placement. (P4)
- Using a puncturing tool, poke holes through the 4 pencils dots on the Main Page. (P5)

## Ground Swallows up Rebels and their Tents

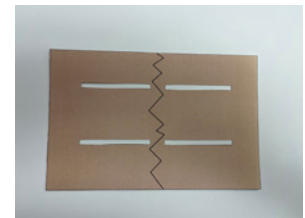
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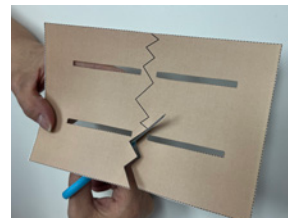
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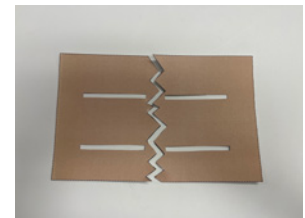
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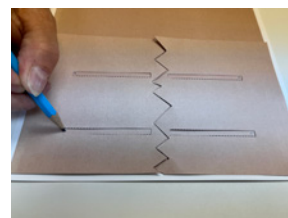
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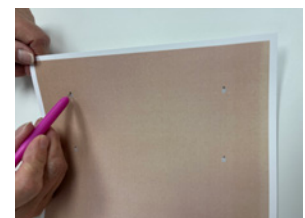
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P3b



P4



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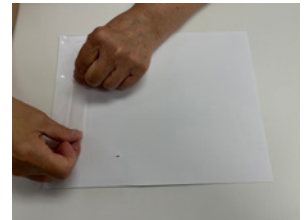
- Place cellophane onto the Main Page at the bottom where the ground will be placed. (P6)
- Roll double-sided adhesive tape along the bottom sides of the white borders so that when you lay the cellophane over the page you are adhering the sides to the Main Page. (P7)
- Fold over excess cellophane onto the back and tape to secure. (P8)
- Using a puncturing tool, poke holes through the cellophane where the previous holes are already. (P9)
- Place the 2 ground pieces over the cellophane tape and insert brads through the holes on the cellophane and Main Page. (P10)
- When you pull the 2 grounds pieces apart, you should be able to see the cellophane. (P11)



P6



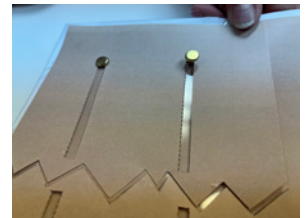
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P8



P9



P10



P11

## Instructions for the Notebook Page Cont'd:

### Adding the Men and Tents

- Place both sides of the *Velcro* adhesive dots onto the back of the 3 men and 3 tents making sure that the adhesive side is facing outward. (P12)
- Place the 3 men and 3 tents on the Main Page above the ground as desired. (P13a, P13b)

### Hebrew Words

- Write the following directly on the Main Page in between the brads or on a piece of colored cardstock and glue to the page:
  - 1) **Adamah**    2) **אדמה**    3) **earth/ground** (P14)
  - 1) **She'ol**    2) **שאול**    3) **grave/pit** (P15)
- You can pull apart the ground and remove the men and tents from the *Velcro* and place into the cellophane pocket to represent the men being swallowed up by the ground. (P16)
- You can also close up the ground and leave the men and tents there. (P17)

*You now have a visual representation of the event that took place when Qorah, Dathan, Abiram and 250 leaders of the congregation came up against Mosheh, Aharon and Yahweh.*



P12



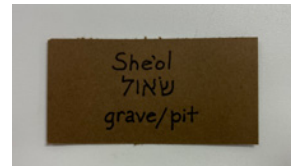
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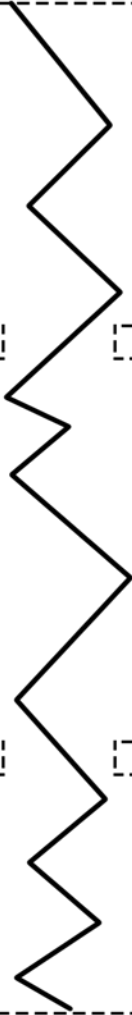
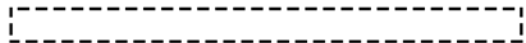
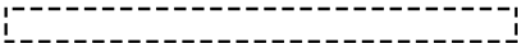
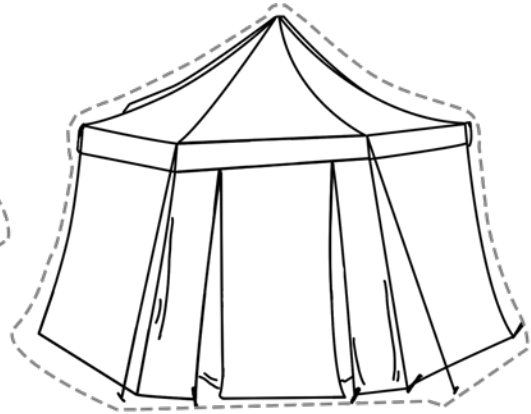
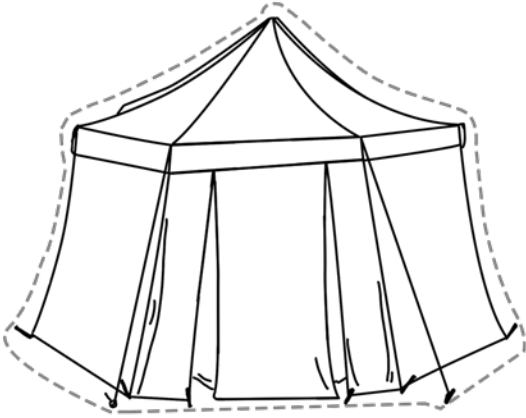
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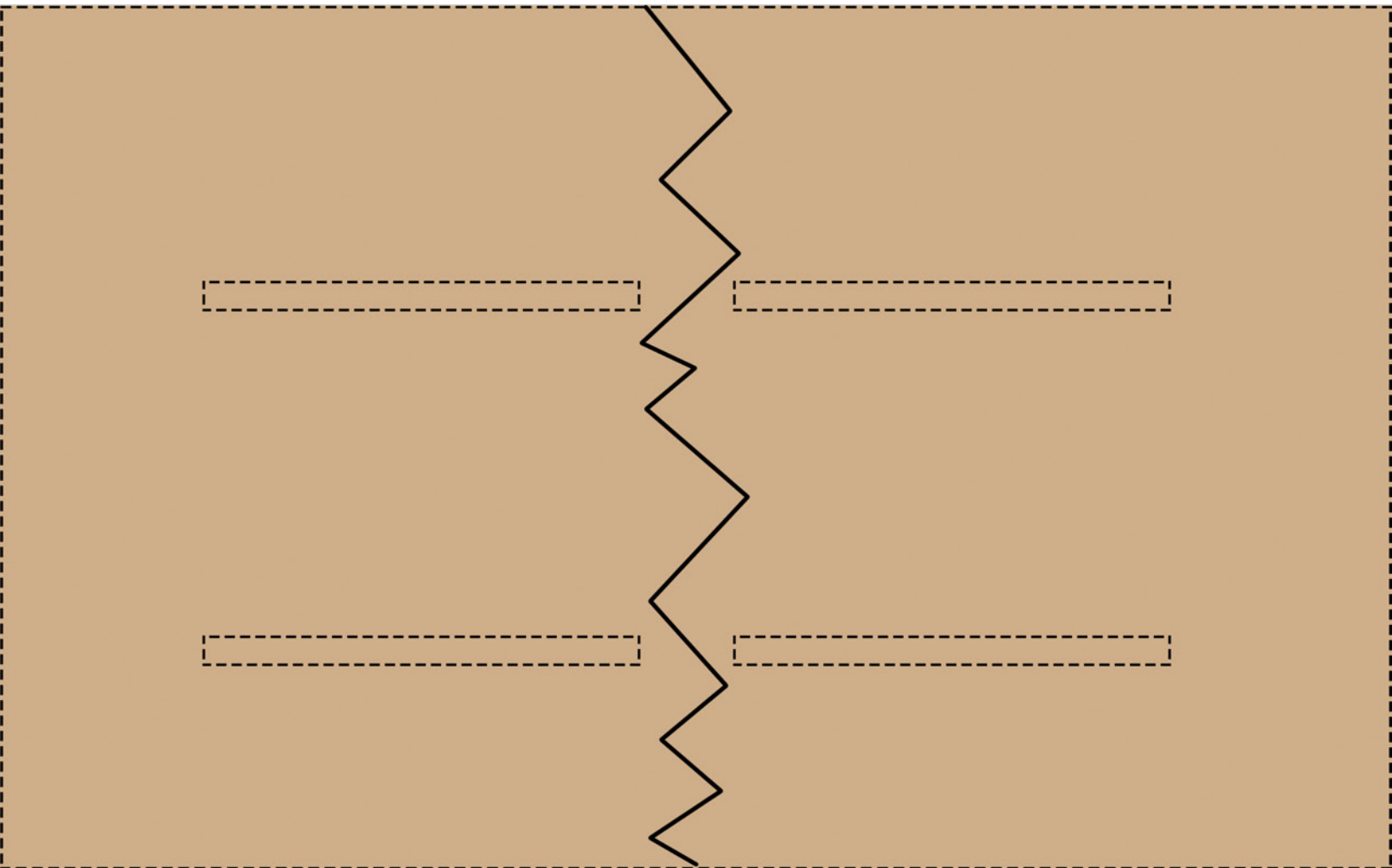


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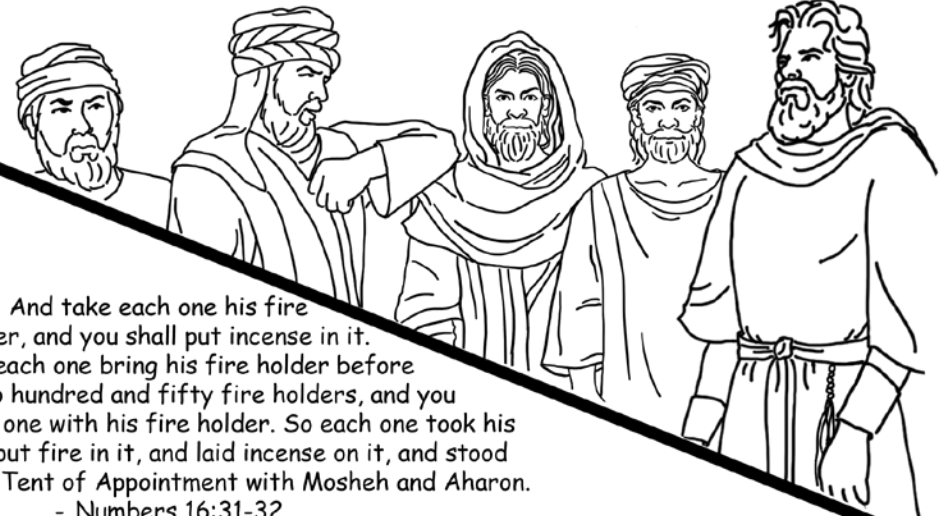


Craft Template B (color)



And Qorah, son of Yitshar, son of Qehath, son of Lēwi, took both Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliyab, and On, son of Peleth, sons of Re'ubēn, and they rose up before Mosheh with some of the children of Yisra'el two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, called ones of the meeting, men of name.

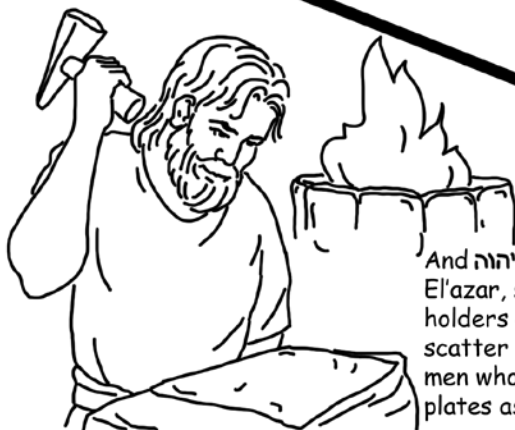
- Numbers 16:1-2



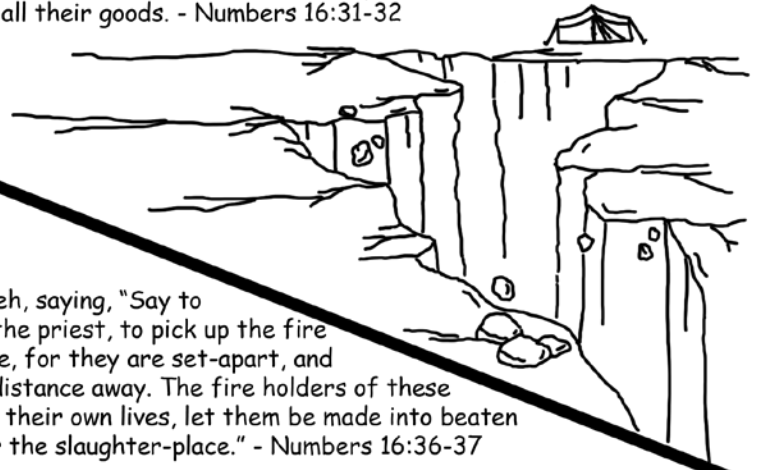
And take each one his fire holder, and you shall put incense in it. And let each one bring his fire holder before יהוה, two hundred and fifty fire holders, and you and Aharon, each one with his fire holder. So each one took his fire holder, and put fire in it, and laid incense on it, and stood at the door of the Tent of Appointment with Mosheh and Aharon.

- Numbers 16:31-32

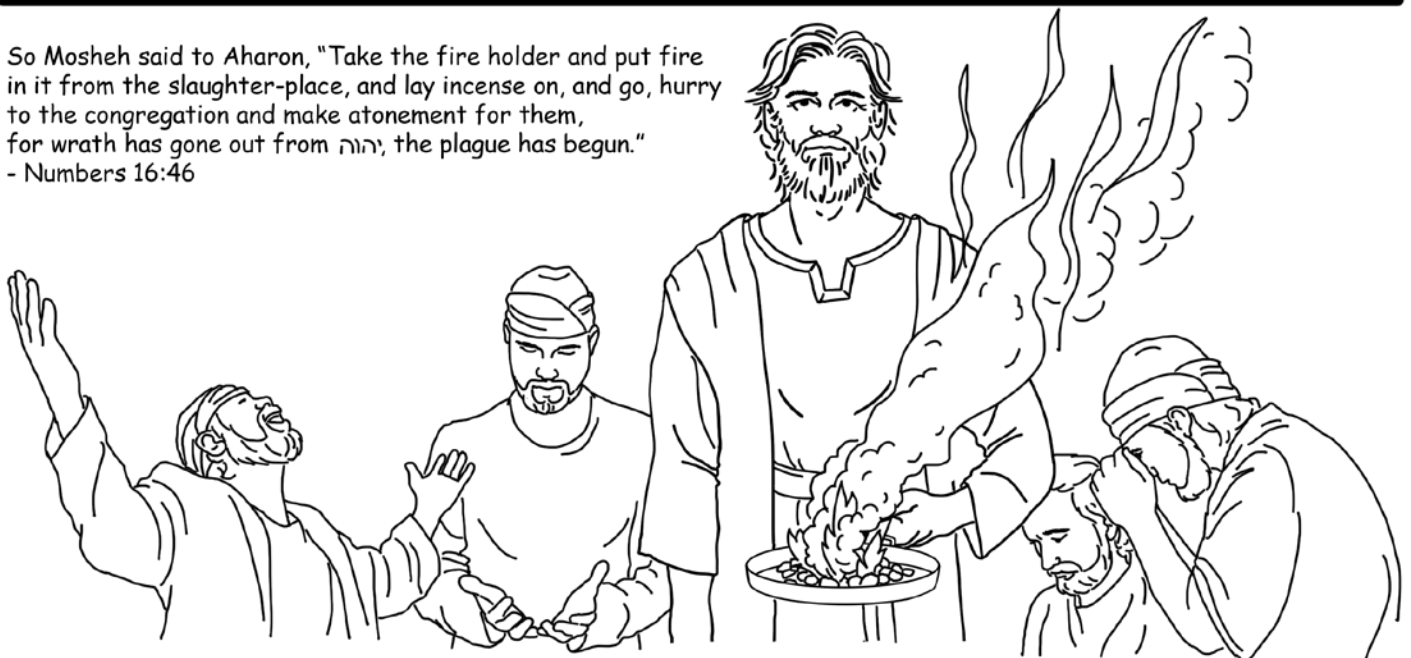
And it came to be, as he ended speaking all these words, that the ground under them split apart, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Qorah, with all their goods. - Numbers 16:31-32



And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, "Say to El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, to pick up the fire holders out of the blaze, for they are set-apart, and scatter the fire some distance away. The fire holders of these men who sinned against their own lives, let them be made into beaten plates as a covering for the slaughter-place." - Numbers 16:36-37



So Mosheh said to Aharon, "Take the fire holder and put fire in it from the slaughter-place, and lay incense on, and go, hurry to the congregation and make atonement for them, for wrath has gone out from יהוה, the plague has begun." - Numbers 16:46



KORAH

"Qorah"

Numbers 16:1 - 18:32

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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/2017-06-18T05\\_26\\_21-07\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2017-06-18T05_26_21-07_00)

Sing to tune of "Do you Know the Muffin Man?"

### Qorah wanted to be Boss

Qorah wanted to be boss, to be boss, to be boss

Qorah wanted to be boss, instead of Mosheh and Aharon

Yahweh opened up the ground, up the ground, up the ground

Yahweh opened up the ground and swallowed up Qorah

Yahweh chose Aharon, Aharon, Aharon

Yahweh chose Aharon as leader of the Lewites



# 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.

## Ground Swallows Up Rebels and Their Tents Muffin

Numbers 16:30-33



### Ingredients:

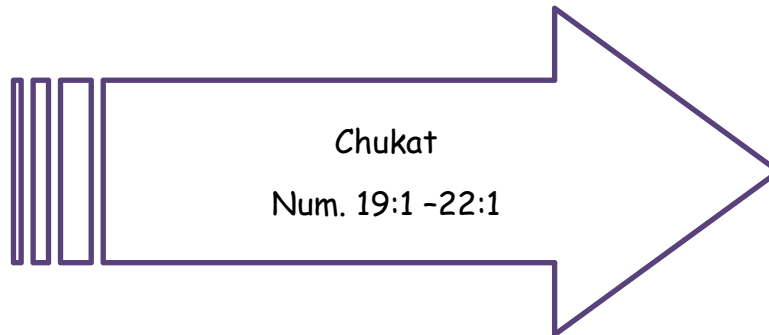
- Muffin mix of your choice (represents the ground/earth)
- 2 pretzel sticks (to hold up tent)
- *Fruit Roll Up* (represents the tents)
- *Teddy Grahams* (represents the people)

### Instructions:

Make muffins with a mix of your choosing. Tear or slit the crown of a muffin. Place a pretzel stick on each side of the crack on the top of the muffin and attach the *Fruit Roll Up* to represent a tent that would be swallowed up by the ground. Place *Teddy Grahams* in the tear in the muffin at different angles to represent the people falling into She'ol.

# Next Week's Treasure Hunt

## Next Week's Torah Portion



## Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Num. 19	The Red Heifer
Tuesday:	Num. 20:1-13	Death of Miryam; Mosheh strikes the rock at the waters of Meribah
Wednesday:	Num. 20:14-29	Passage through Edom denied; Death of Aharon; El'azar promoted to High Priest
Thursday:	Num. 21:1-9	The plague of snake-bites; Gazing on the Bronze Serpent
Friday:	Num. 21:10-22:1	The journey to Mo'ab; King Sihon and King Og defeated