

Parsha Pearls

Nitzavim

"You Are Standing"

Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
Katan Aleph



In This Edition:

51.1 - Choose Life

Deuteronomy 29:9-29; 30:1-20



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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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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.

Choose Life

Shalom children! Welcome back to another Little Gems story! Last week, we talked about the first-fruits and the 3rd year tithe that the Yisra'elites are to bring before the priest and before Yahweh. **(Place first-fruits on board.)** In this week's story, Mosheh is still talking to the people about everything that Yahweh is commanding them. **(Place Mosheh on board.)** He is getting really close to the end of his speech now, and soon the people will get to cross over into the land of Kena'an to start a new chapter of their lives. Mosheh is getting near the end of his life and will not be going with them, so Yehoshua will become their leader when it is time for them to go into the land. **(Place Yehoshua on board.)** But right now, they are listening to Mosheh while they are still camped in the land of Mo'ab.

Okay, so let's see what else Yahweh wants the Yisra'elites to know about their covenant with Him. Mosheh tells them that they are to guard the words of Yahweh's covenant and to do them. And he says that if they do this, they will prosper and will have a good quality of life. Mosheh tells them that these instructions are not just for some of them, but for all of them: the leaders, all the tribes, the old people, the young people, the men, the women, and even the people who are journeying and working with them. And that includes people who were not actually standing there at that moment. **(Place leaders, 12 tribes, older couple, group of Yisra'elites, and non-Yisra'elites on board.)**

Mosheh warns the people that if they do not listen to Yahweh and instead decide to serve other mighty ones, things won't go very well for them. He tells them that being stubborn and rebellious leads to bad things happening, like being separated from Yisra'el, suffering sickness and famine, and even their land being cursed. **(Place the word 'curses' on board and scatter people all over the board.)** Yikes! I'm sure that made them very sad. **(Place sad Yisra'elites on board.)**



But wait! There is good news coming! Mosheh tells them that when they turn away from Yahweh and all this bad stuff happens to them, they can still make a choice to come back and follow Yahweh. And when they start listening to Him and return to Him with all their heart and with all their being, then Yahweh will gather them back together as His people again! **(Place the word 'blessings' on board, and regather people on board into a group.)** And then many, many good things will come. Yay! **(Replace sad Yisra'elites with happy Yisra'elites, and place land of Kena'an scene and baskets of food on board.)**

The people are reminded that these mitzvot are not too hard to do. Nobody has to go up to the heavens and bring something down for them so that they can do it. They can make the choice themselves. They can choose life and blessing if they listen and obey.

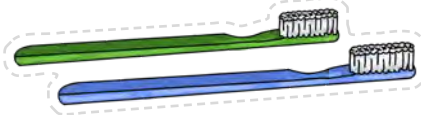
Here is an example that many of us can understand. Your parents, or the other adults who look after you, would not tell you that you needed to do something if they knew you wouldn't be able to do it. When they tell you that you need to clean your room, brush your teeth, eat your vegetables, or do your schoolwork, they know that if you really work hard and give it your best effort, then you will be able to do these things. **(Place sock, toothbrushes, vegetables, and schoolbooks on board.)** And when we are obedient and listen to the people who are teaching us these things, it helps us have a better quality of life. If we don't do these things, what could happen? **(We may get sick, get bad grades in our classes, lose our toys, etc.)**

Here's another example. Have you ever seen very small children learning how to walk, talk, eat, or dress? **(Place walking toddlers on board.)** You might not remember being that small, but learning the skills that are needed takes effort on their part. They might not get it right the first time, and so they have to practice. But eventually, if they follow the instructions of their parents and caretakers, they get it and they are able to do these things on their own.

The message here is that we can do it! Mosheh is telling the Yisra'elites that if they will listen and obey and love Yahweh by doing the things in the Torah **(place girl and boy holding Torah scroll on board)** that we have spent so many weeks learning about, then Yahweh will bless them and give them life. How wonderful that is for them and for us!

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!





Toothbrushes



Vegetables



Leaders



Schoolbooks

BLESSINGS

Blessings

CURSES

Curses



Group of Yisra'elites

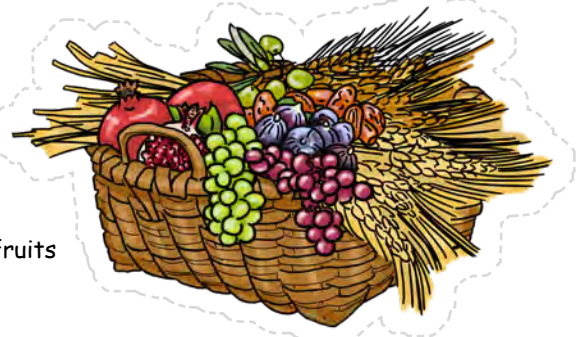


Boy holding Torah scroll



Girl holding Torah scroll

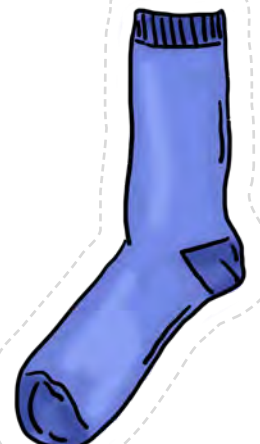
First-fruits



Baskets of food



Non-Yisra'elites



Sock



Happy Yisra'elites



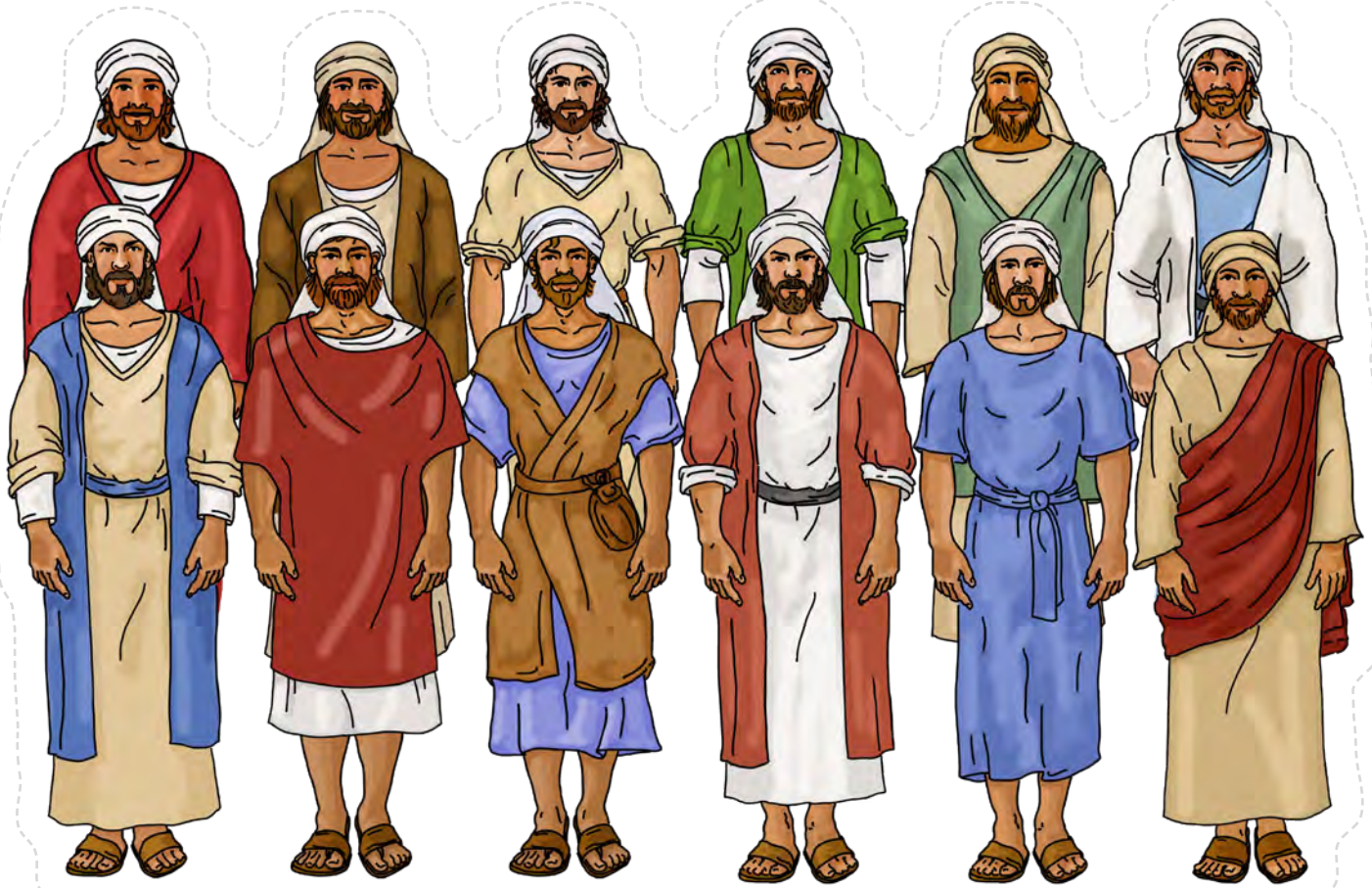
Mosheh



Sad Yisra'elites



Yehoshua



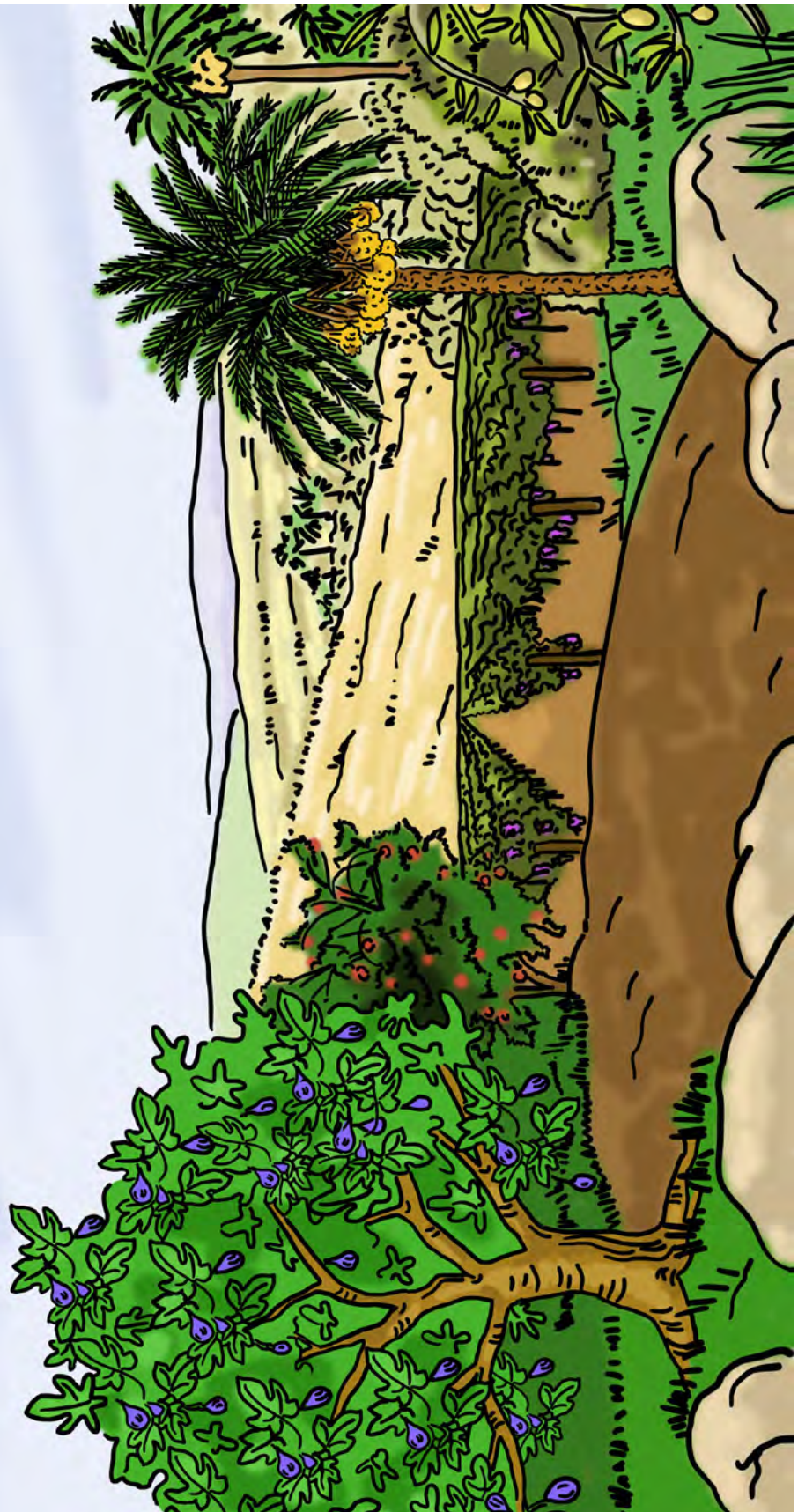
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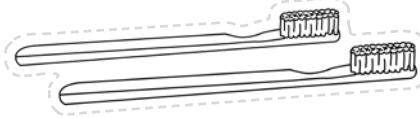


Older Couple



Walking toddlers





Toothbrushes



Vegetables



Leaders



Schoolbooks



Group of Yisra'elites

BLESSTNGS

Blessings

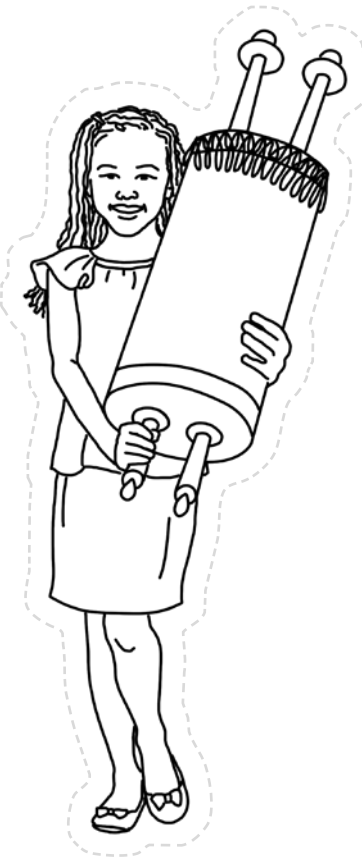
CURSES

Curses





Boy holding Torah scroll



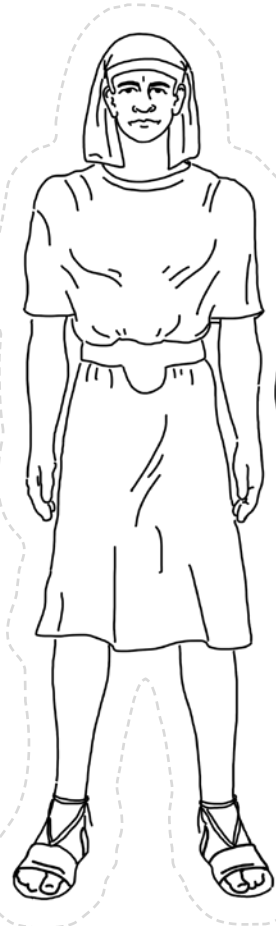
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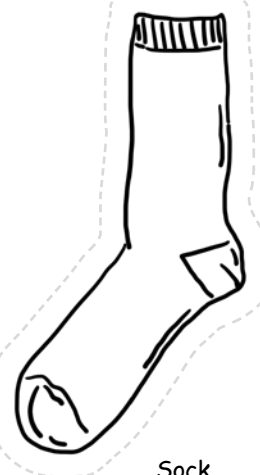
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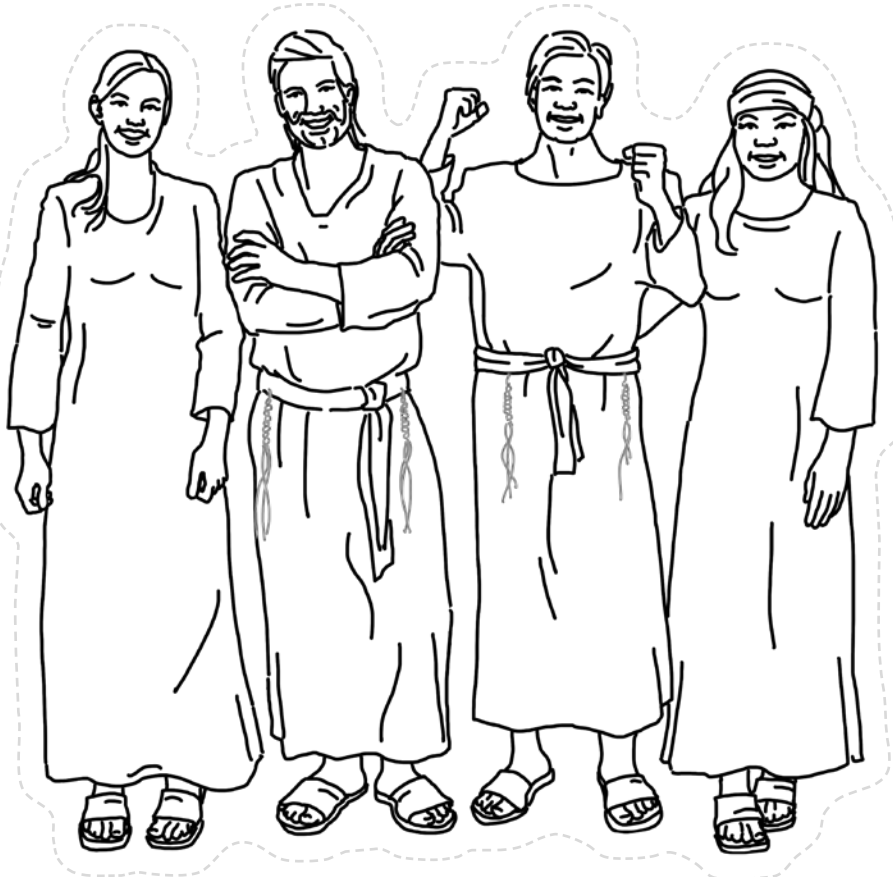
Baskets of food



Non-Yisra'elites



Sock



Happy Yisra'elites



Mosheh

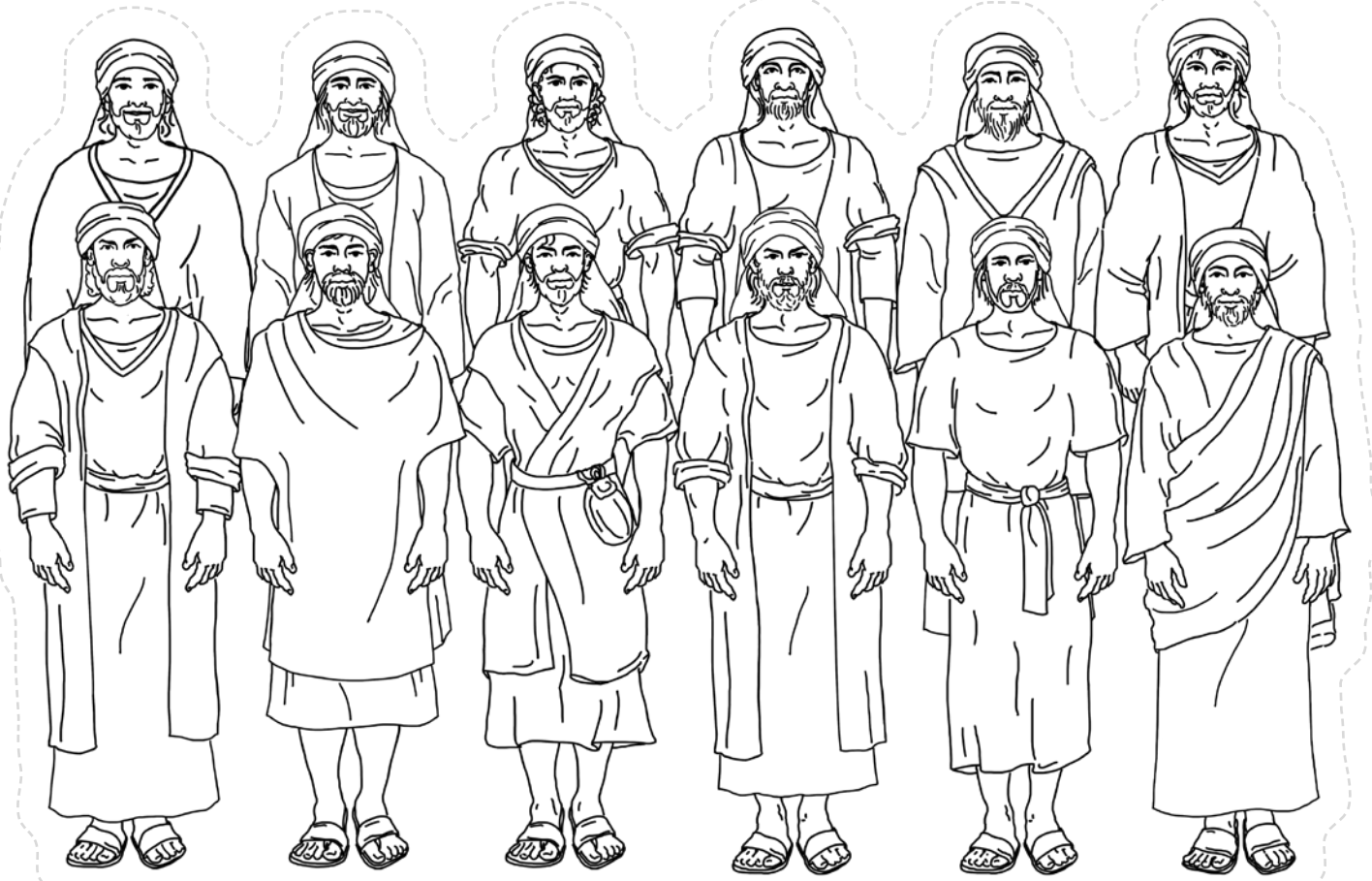


Sad Yisra'elites



Yehoshua

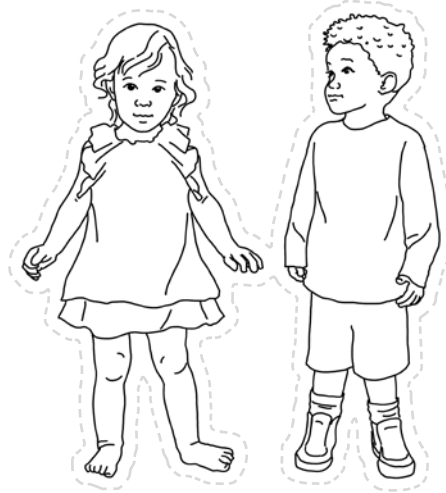




12 Tribes



Older Couple



Walking toddlers

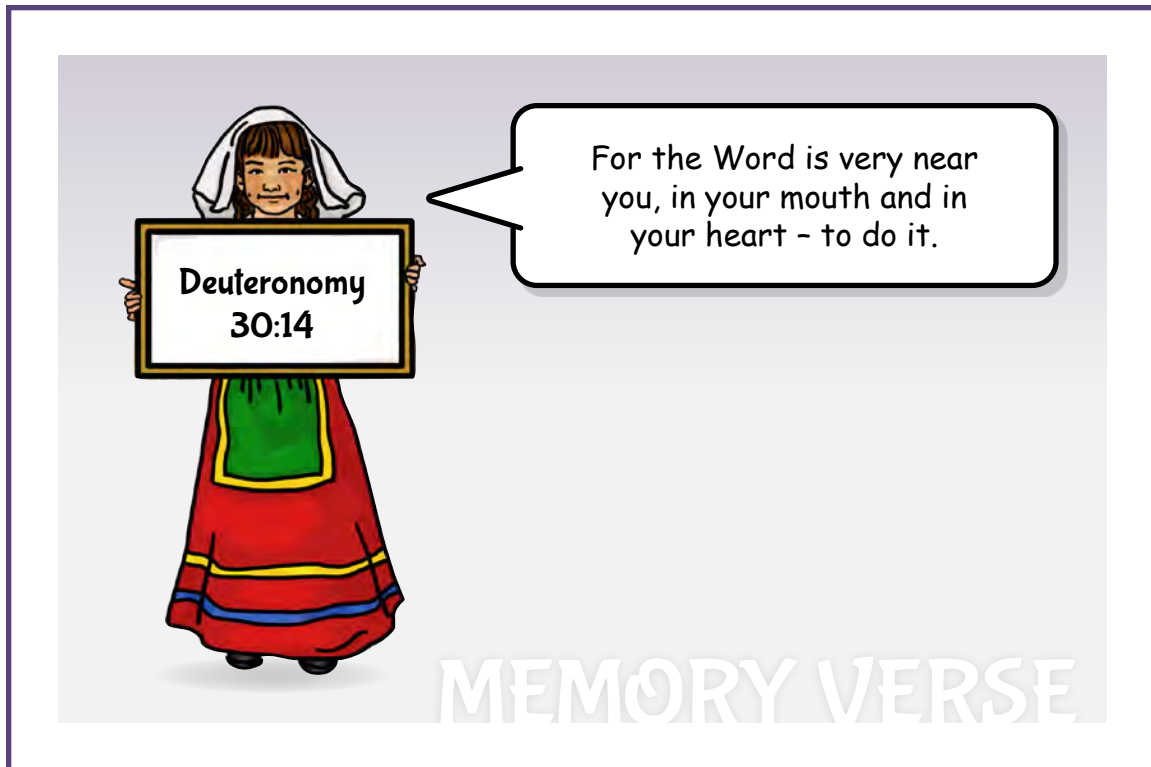


Counting What You Gained

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

STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan Aleph memory verse for this Torah portion is Deuteronomy 30:14. 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. Which picture best depicts one breaking the first and second commandment? (29:17-18)



2. What did Yahweh say would happen to the person who is stubborn and still does NOT listen to His Words? (29:21)

BLESSINGS

CURSES

3. What did Yahweh say would happen to their land if they disobey? (29:22-23)



4. What did Yahweh say would happen to the person who turns back to Yahweh and listens to His Words? (30:16)

BLESSINGS

CURSES

5. What picture best depicts those who choose to obey Yahweh in order to receive life? (30:19)



angry



crying



happy

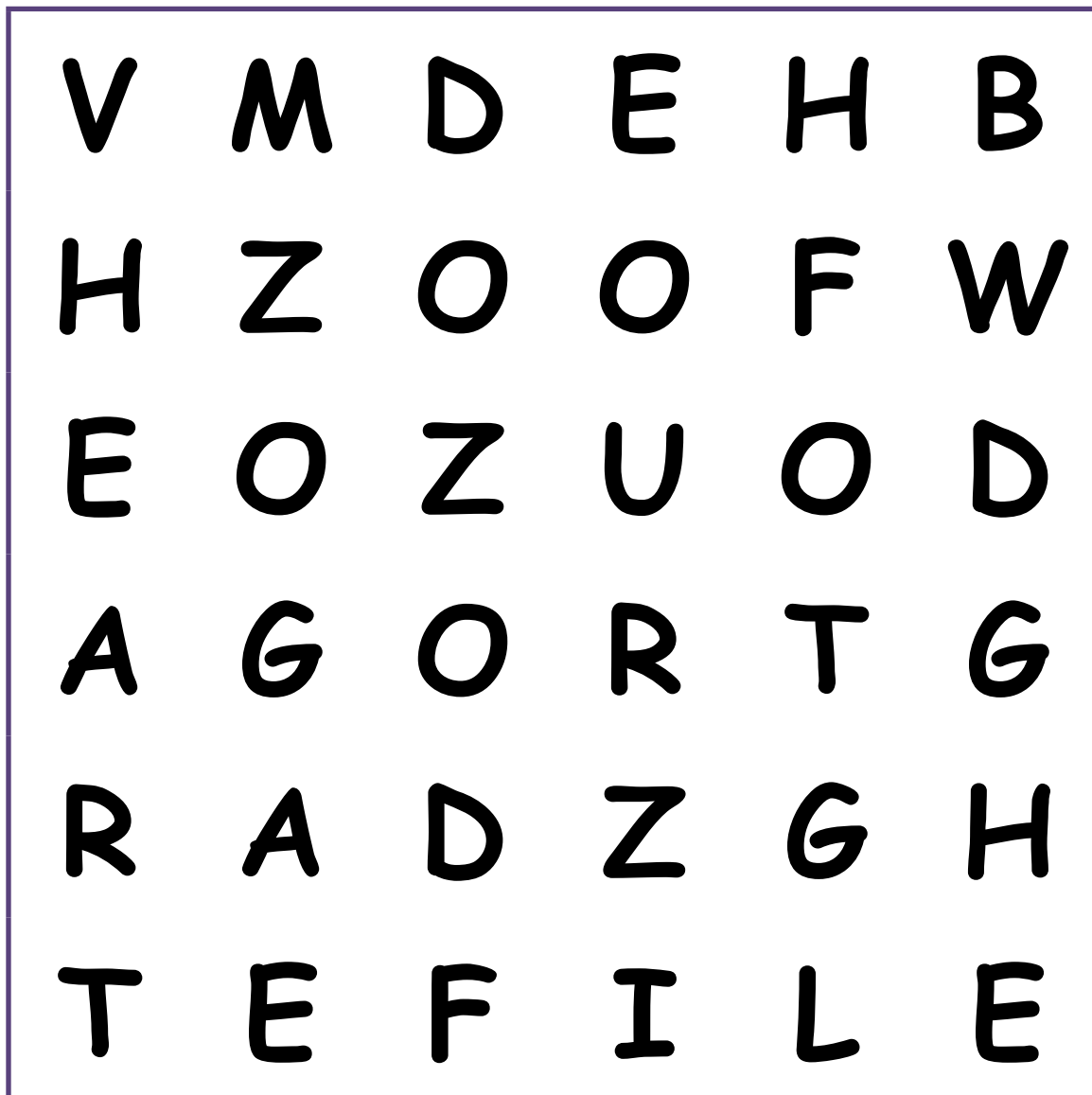


sad



WORD SEARCH

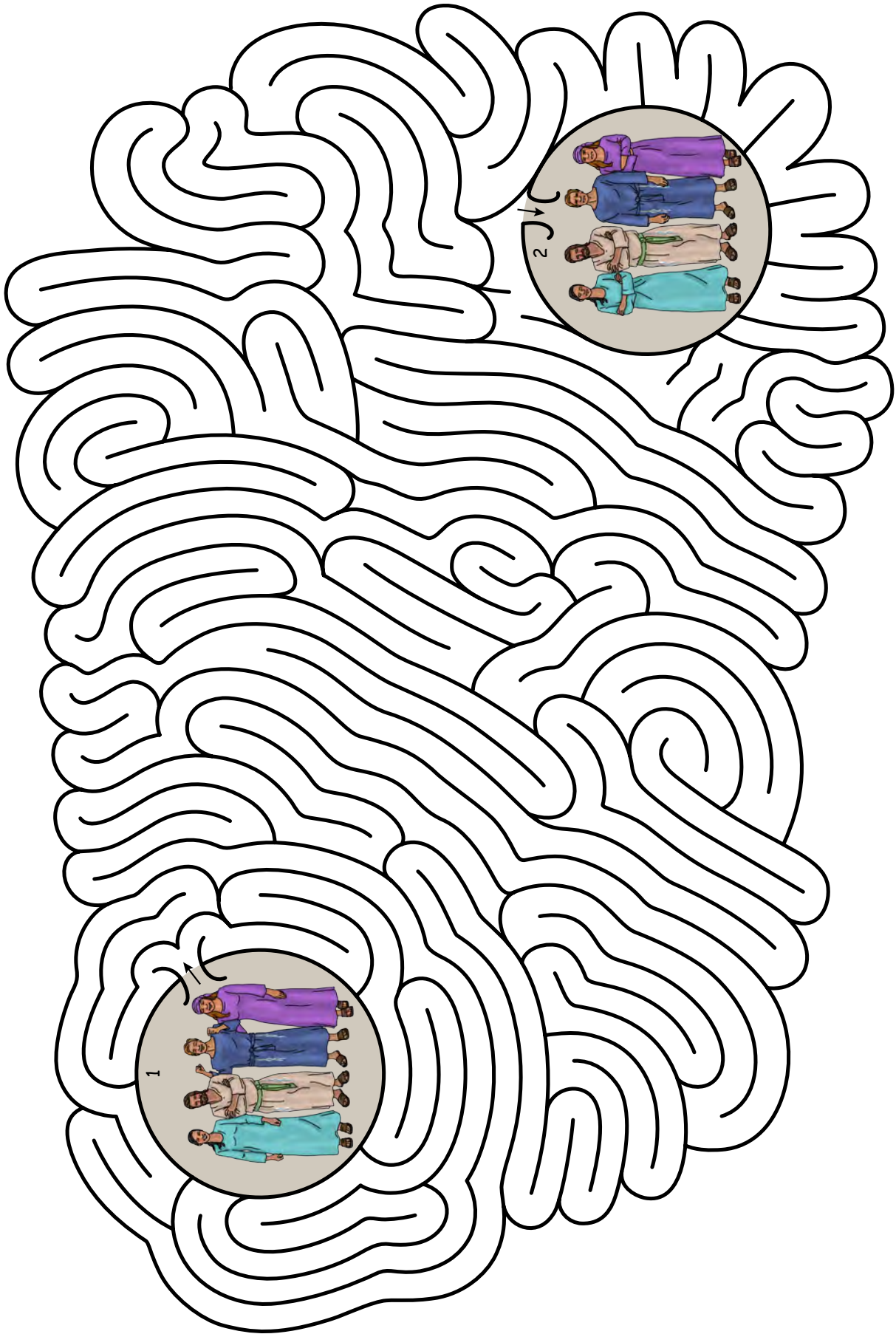
Search for the hidden words from this week's parsha.



WORD
MOUTH
HEART
LIFE
GOOD



MAZE



Precious Possessions

CRAFT

A Turning Heart

Deuteronomy 29:18

Materials:

- Cardstock - white (for felt version) or red & black (for paper version)
- Felt - red & black (for felt version)
- Glitter glue (for writing TORAH)
- Puffy paint - green, yellow
- Hot glue gun (for felt version)
- Double-sided tape (for paper version)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Craft Templates: A (BW) or B (colored)



Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Templates of choice on cardstock.
*Note that you will need a sheet of red and black cardstock if you want to do the paper version.

Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out Craft Templates. (P1)



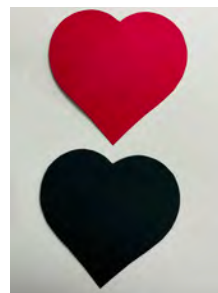
P1

Paper Version

- Cut out the red and black heart. (P2a, P2b)
- Roll double-sided tape onto the back of the wormwood template, and place onto the black heart. (P3a, P3b)
- If desired, embellish the wormwood plant with green and yellow puffy paint. (P4a, P4b)
- Set aside to dry. (P5)



P2a



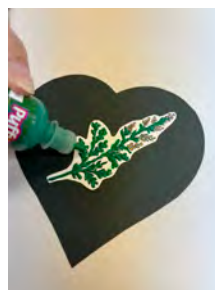
P2b



P3a



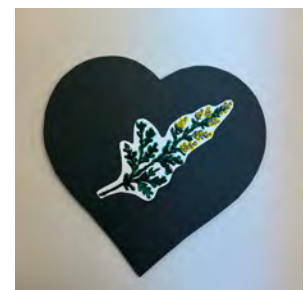
P3b



P4a



P4b



P5

Instructions for the Craft Cont'd:

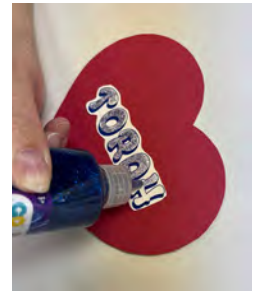
- Roll double-sided tape onto the back of the 'TORAH' template, and place onto the red heart. (P6a, P6b)
- Using glitter glue, puffy paint, markers, crayons, or coloring pencils, fill in 'TORAH' on the red heart. (P7)
- Set aside to dry. (P8)
- Once both hearts are completely dry, roll double-sided tape onto the back of one of the hearts. (P9)
- Connect the back of the red heart to the black heart so that you have the red heart with 'TORAH' written on your heart on one side and the black heart with the wormwood plant on the other side. (P10)



P6a



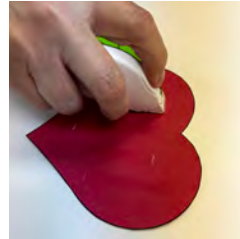
P6b



P7



P8



P9



P10

Felt Version

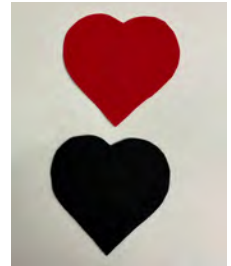
- Using a marker, trace the heart template onto red and black felt and cut out. (P2a, P2b, P2c)
- Using the wormwood plant template as an example, draw the plant onto the black heart, using green and yellow puffy paint. (P3a, P3b)
- Set aside to dry. (P4)
- Using glitter glue or puffy paint color of choice, write 'TORAH' onto the red heart. (P5)
- Set aside to dry. (P6)
- Hot glue the back of the red and black felt heart to each other so that you have the red heart with 'TORAH' written on your heart on one side and the black heart with the wormwood plant on the other side. (P7a, P7b)



P2a



P2b



P2c



P3a



P3b



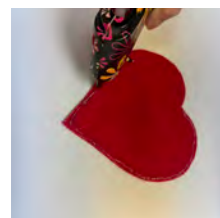
P4



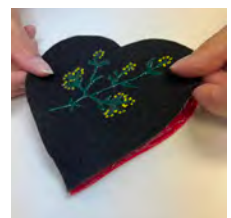
P5



P6

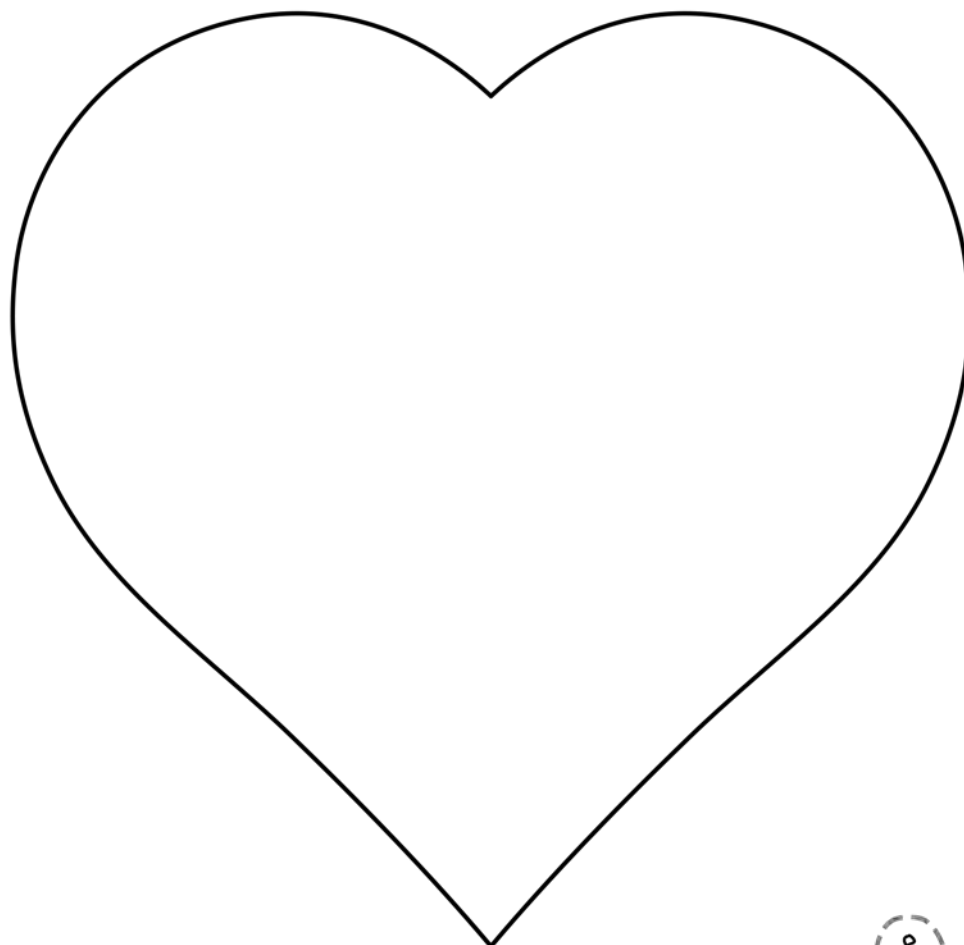


P7a



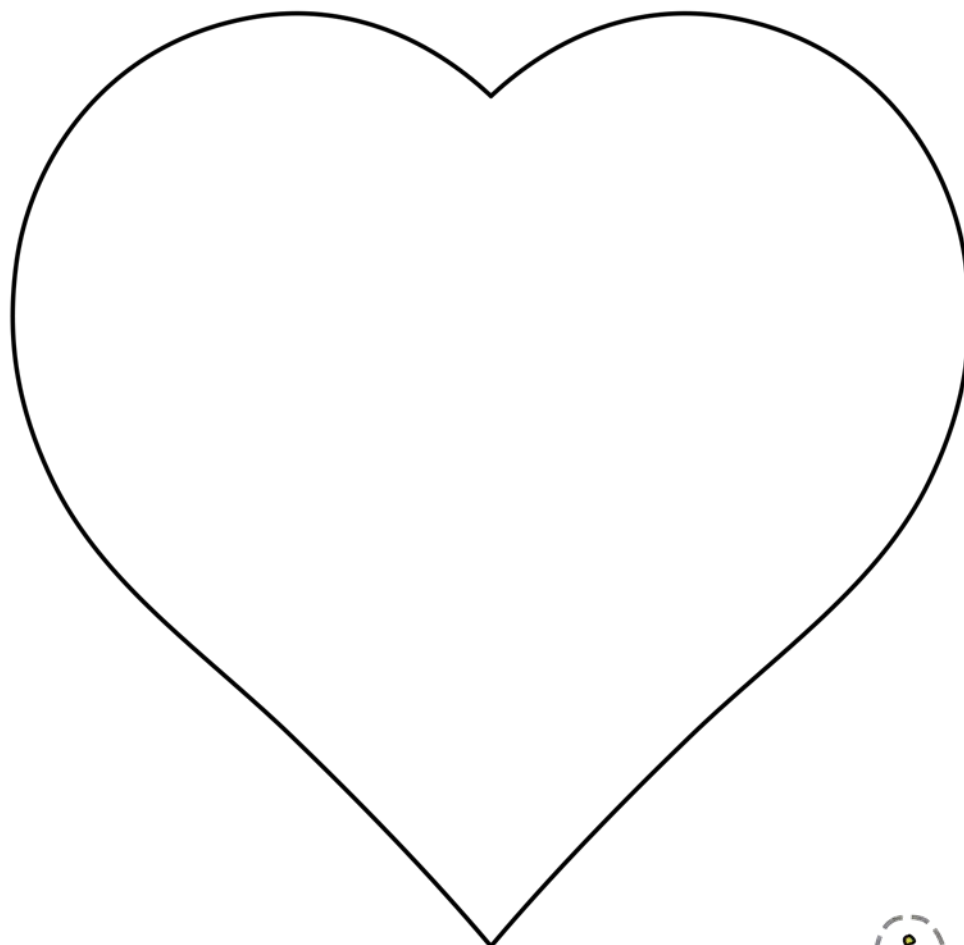
P7b

You now have a visual representation of Yahweh's instruction to guard the Torah and watch over one's heart so that it does not become bitter as wormwood.

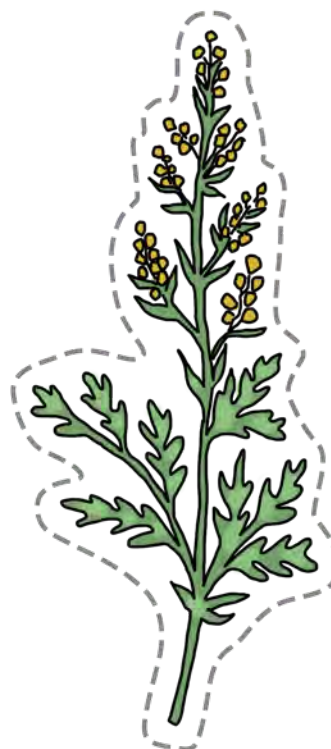


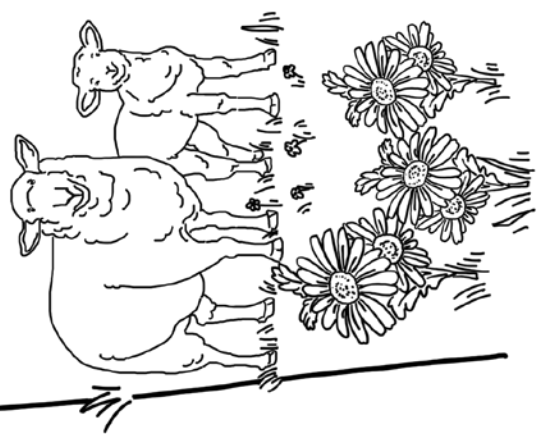
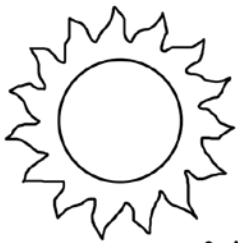
TORAH





TORAH





LIFE

DEATH

Love

Hate

Joy

Sorrow

Peace

War

Kindness

Mean

Goodness

Evil

Trustworthiness

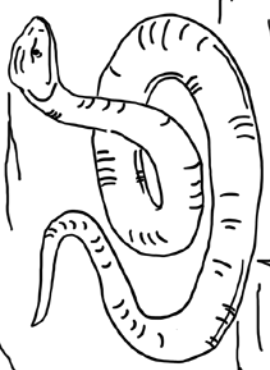
Unfaithful

Gentleness

Harshness

Self Control

Unrestrained



Sweetness of Torah

SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2017-09-10T09_49_53-07_00

I Choose Life*

Deuteronomy 30:19

You have set before us, two ways for us to go
In the valley of decision, I'll cleave to You Yahweh
Upholding Your precepts, obeying Your commands
You will lead us, Father, into the Promised Land

Chorus:

I choose life, I choose blessing
I choose to honor You, Yahweh
I choose life, I choose blessing, I choose to live by Your Word
I choose life

You've called us to be a people, a nation set apart
Your own prized possession, who will know the Father's heart
So we're turning back to You Yah, to walk in Your holy ways
As I stand between the mountains, I will choose to obey

I choose life, L'chaim
I choose life, L'chaim
I choose life



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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.

Book of the Torah

Deuteronomy 30:10



Ingredients:

- 2 *Hershey's Nuggets* (per book)
- Double-sided tape
- Cardstock (color of choice for background) cut into rectangles slightly larger than the 2 nuggets set side-by-side
- Snack Template (provided) printed out on copy paper
- Thin ribbon (color of choice)

Instructions:

- Print the Snack Template on copy paper. Cut out as many verses as you will need. Run double-sided tape onto the front of the 2 chocolate nuggets.
- Then lay the verse over the 2 chocolate nuggets. Before placing the Book of the Torah over the cardstock, cut a piece of thin ribbon long enough to place in the center of the Book and to drape over the back so that you can secure it.
- Run double-sided tape onto the rectangle colored cardstock and place the Book of the Torah onto the tape making sure that the ribbon behind the Book is also secured to the cardstock.

Snack Template

Here is the verse for the snack. Print and cut out for one or multiple children.

For the Word is very near you, in your mouth	and in your heart - to do it. Deut. 30:14
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Next Week's Treasure Hunt

Next Week's Torah Portion



Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Deut. 31:1-6	Mosheh reiterates that he is not going into the land of Kena'an
Tuesday:	Deut. 31:7-12	Mosheh announces that Yehoshua will take his place as their leader; The command for a public reading of the Torah every 7 years
Wednesday:	Deut. 31:13-18	Yahweh predicts future apostasy
Thursday:	Deut. 31:19-22	Yahweh commands Mosheh to write a song as a witness for the children of Yisra'el
Friday:	Deut. 31:23-30	Mosheh gives the Lewites the Book of the Torah to be placed beside the Ark of the Witness; Mosheh assembles the elders and officers to hear the Words of Yahweh