

Parsha Pearls

Nitzavim

"You Are standing"

Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20

Katan Bet/Gadol



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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Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

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

Monday:	Deut. 26:1-15	First-fruits and 3 rd tithe declaration and presentation to the priest
Tuesday:	Deut. 26:16-27:8	Covenant proclamations; Instructions for stone altar construction at Mt. Eybal, with Torah inscriptions
Wednesday:	Deut. 27:9-26	Curses spoken from Mt. Eybal for disobedience
Thursday:	Deut. 28:1-14	The blessings pronounced for obedience
Friday:	Deut. 28:15-29:8	Additional curses pronounced for disobedience; Preamble to renewal of the Sinaitic covenant

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will take a look at the covenant which Yahweh is making with this next generation while they are camped in the land of Mo'ab. We will learn about the blessings of obedience to the covenant, and the curses that will result from forgetting and departing from it. The focus is a strong admonition to uphold the covenant, based on the declaration that obedience to Yahweh's Word is not difficult. Now, let's read selected verses from Deut. 29 & 30.

PARSHA POINTS

A Call to Enter into Yahweh's Covenant

- Mosheh reminds all the children of Yisra'el to *guard* the words of Yahweh's covenant and to do them, so that they prosper in all that they do. Their purpose in being gathered together this day is so that they may enter into covenant with Yahweh their Elohim and His oath - 29:9-12
- All those who stand before Yahweh this day are called to covenant with Him (29:10-11):
 - the leaders
 - all the tribes
 - the elders
 - the officers
 - all the men of Yisra'el
 - your little ones
 - your wives
 - your sojourner - from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water



- However, it is not with you alone, who stand here today, that I am making this covenant and this oath. I also covenant with him who is not here with us today - 29:14-15

Yahweh's Warning

- Mosheh reminds them of the things Yisra'el saw as they passed through the nations: abominations and idols made of wood, stone, silver and gold - 29:16-17
- They are warned against turning away their hearts from Yahweh their Elohim to go and serve the mighty ones of those nations, which can lead to a root bearing bitterness or wormwood - 29:18
- Such bitterness is dangerous to the community; for when they hear the warnings of the curse, they become deceived into thinking that they are blessed and at peace, even though they walk in the stubbornness of their heart, adding drunkenness to thirst - 29:19
- Yahweh says that the one with such a rebellious heart (29:20-21):
 - will not be forgiven by Him
 - will have Yahweh settling upon him every curse that is written in this book
 - will have his name blotted out from under the heavens
 - shall be separated out from all the tribes of Yisra'el, for evil
- When the generation that comes after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, shall see the plagues and the sicknesses which Yahweh has sent to you, they shall say (29:22-24):
 - All its land is sulfur (gophrit), salt (melach), and burning (serephah)
 - It is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass (esev) grow there
 - It is like the overthrow of Sedom and Amorah (Sodom and Gomorrah), Admah and Tseboyim (towns near Sedom and Amorah), which Yahweh overthrew in His displeasure and His wrath
 - Why has Yahweh done so to this land?
 - What does the heat of this great displeasure mean?
- It shall be said (29:25-28):
 - *It is because they have forsaken the covenant of Yahweh Elohim of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim*
 - *It is because they went and served other mighty ones and bowed themselves to them - mighty ones that they did not know and that He had not given to them*
 - This is why the displeasure of Yahweh burned against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book
 - Therefore Yahweh uprooted them from the land in displeasure, wrath, and in great rage, and cast them into another land, as it is today
- The secret matters belong to Yahweh our Elohim, but what is revealed belongs to us and to our children forever, to do all the Words of this Torah - 29:29



Turning Back to Yahweh With all Your Heart and With all Your Being

- WHEN all these words come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you shall bring them back to your heart while among the nations where Yahweh your Elohim drives you, and shall turn back to Yahweh your Elohim, and obey His voice, as you are commanded, to do it *with all your heart and with all your being*, you and your children, THEN Yahweh your Elohim shall (30:1-3):
 - turn back your captivity
 - have compassion on you
 - turn back and gather you from all the peoples where Yahweh your Elohim has scattered you
- IF any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under the heavens, THEN Yahweh your Elohim shall (30:4-6):
 - gather you and from there He does take you
 - bring you to the land which your fathers possessed and you shall possess it
 - do good to you, and increase you more than your fathers
 - circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, to love Yahweh your Elohim *with all your heart and with all your being*, so that you might live
 - put all these curses on your enemies, on those who hate you and those who persecute you
- IF you turn back and obey the voice of Yahweh, and do all His commands which He commands, and IF you obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim to guard His commands and His laws which are written in this Book of the Torah, and IF you turn back to Yahweh your Elohim *with all your heart and with all your being*, THEN Yahweh shall (30:8-10):
 - make you have excess in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground for good
 - turn back to rejoice over you for good, as He rejoiced over your fathers



You Can Do It!

- This command which I am commanding you today (30:11-13):
 - It is not too hard for you, nor is it far off
 - It is not in the heavens for you to say, "Who shall ascend into the heavens for us, and to bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?"
 - It is not beyond the sea, to say, "Who shall go over the sea for us, and to bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?"
- The Word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart - to do it - 30:14

Choices to Make

- I have set before you today life and good, death and evil in that I am commanding you today to (30:15-16):
 - love Yahweh your Elohim
 - walk in His ways
 - guard His commands, His laws, and His right-rulings
- IF you do these things, THEN you shall live and increase, and Yahweh your Elohim shall bless you in the land which you go to possess - 30:16
- But IF your heart turns away and you do not obey, and shall be drawn away, and shall bow down to other mighty ones and serve them, THEN you shall certainly perish and shall not prolong your days in the land which you are passing over the Yarden (Jordan) to enter and possess - 30:17-18
- Yahweh calls the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you as He sets before you life and death, the blessing and the curse - 30:19
- Therefore you shall (30:19-20):
 - choose life, so that you live, both you and your seed
 - love Yahweh your Elohim
 - obey His voice
 - cling to Him
- Yahweh is your life and the length of your days, that you dwell in the land which He swore to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob - 30:20



DIGGING DEEPER

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

- Notice that Yahweh is asking this next generation to personally enter into covenant with Him, as they were either under 20 or not yet born when Yahweh made the covenant with the first generation. Discuss Yahweh's reason for wanting each person to personally declare their allegiance to enter into covenant with Him, as opposed to automatically entering in just because your parents were in covenant.
- At what age does Scripture indicate a person is accountable? Discuss entering into covenant even if your parents may not be submitted to it. Notice who may enter into covenant with Yahweh. He does not leave anyone out, from the leaders to the one who draws your water.
- Discuss how the people would have understood entering into covenant with Yahweh, specifically 'berit ve'alah' (covenant with curses) and the results of taking the covenant lightly and breaking it. Do we as modern-day believers take it as seriously as if we were standing there before Mosheh?
- Deut. 29:19 says that Yahweh will not forgive the one who walks in the stubbornness of their heart to follow or worship other mighty ones. Discuss how this is very different from Christian theology, which teaches that Yahweh will forgive anything you do. Yahweh furthermore declares that He will blot out that person's name from under the heavens (Deut. 29:20). Do you think Yahweh is referring to being rejected from entering the kingdom?
- Notice that Yahweh does not only punish the people who break Torah, but He curses the land itself. Find verses that support this. Do you believe there is a link between Yisra'el the land and Yisra'el the people?
- Deut. 29:29 says that some things are revealed to us and that some things are not. In other words, the secret things are not for us to know. Are there any things that Yeshua told us are not for us to know? What about end-time events and date-naming?
- Discuss the path that leads to the blessings (life) and the path that leads to the curses (death). (Lev. 26; Deut. 11:26-28)
- Deuteronomy 30 talks about returning (teshuvah) to Yahweh. When we get off the path, how do we get back on the path and reposition ourselves under Yahweh's covering (canopy of protection)?
- Yahweh says that His Torah is not too difficult to do. How does this compare to what mainstream teachers 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 cardstock, they can be kept in a box to reinforce learning.

Gophrit (**גפרית**) - sulfur

Melach (**מלח**) - salt

Serephah (**שרפה**) - burning

Esev (**עשב**) - grass

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.

There are no numbers for this lesson

WORD MATCH

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

Esev

Burning

Gophrit

Grass

Melach

Salt

Serephah

Sulfur



FLASHCARDS

מלח

Melach

Me-lach

salt

עשב

Esev

E-sev

grass

גפרית

Gophrit

Goph-rit

sulfur

שרפה

Serephah

Ser-e-phah

burning

WRITING HEBREW

Melach (salt)

מלח

Chet Lamed Mem
מ

Esev (grass)

עשב

Vet Sin Ayin
ע

Gophrit (sulfur)

גפרית

Tav Yod Resh Fey Gimel
ג

Serephah (burning)

שרפה

Hey Fey Resh Sin
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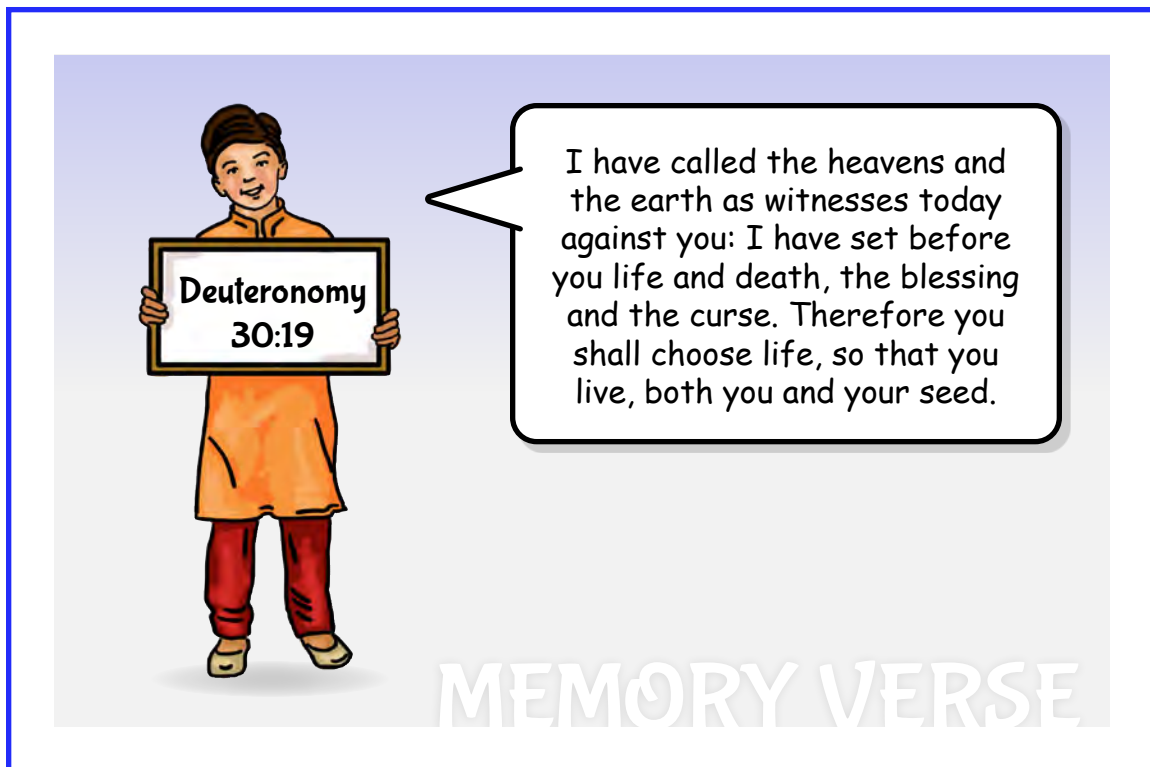


Counting What You Gained

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 Deuteronomy 30:19. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



Deuteronomy
30:19

I have called the heavens and the earth as witnesses today against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore you shall choose life, so that you live, both you and your seed.

MEMORY VERSE

SEEKING TREASURE



1.

What 2 things are we supposed to enter into with Yahweh as mentioned in 29:12 & 14?

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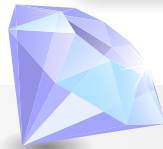


2.

The covenant is just for those who were standing before Mosheh.

T / F

(29:15)



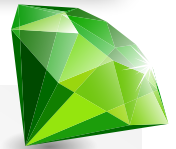
3.

Yahweh compares His punishment upon the land of Kena'an to what ancient cities?

Circle the correct choices.

Sedom Tseboyim Amorah Yarden
Hazor Beyth El Admah

(29:23)

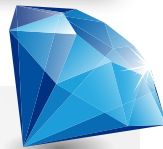


4.

The secret matters are revealed to everyone.

T / F

(29:29)



5.

How many times does the expression "with all your heart and with all your being" occur in Deuteronomy 30?

Circle the correct choice.

1 2 3



6.

What body part is mentioned

3 times in 30:6?



7.



How many times is the word
'fruit' mentioned in 30:9?

8.

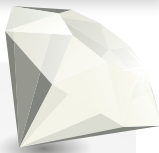


Yahweh's commandments are too
hard and very far away.

T / F

(30:11)

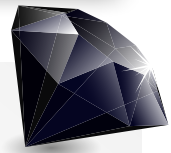
9.



To be able to do Yahweh's Word, we
need not travel to what 2 places?

(30:12-13)

10.



"For the _____ is very

_____ you, in your

_____ - to

_____ it."

(30:14)



WORD SEARCH

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



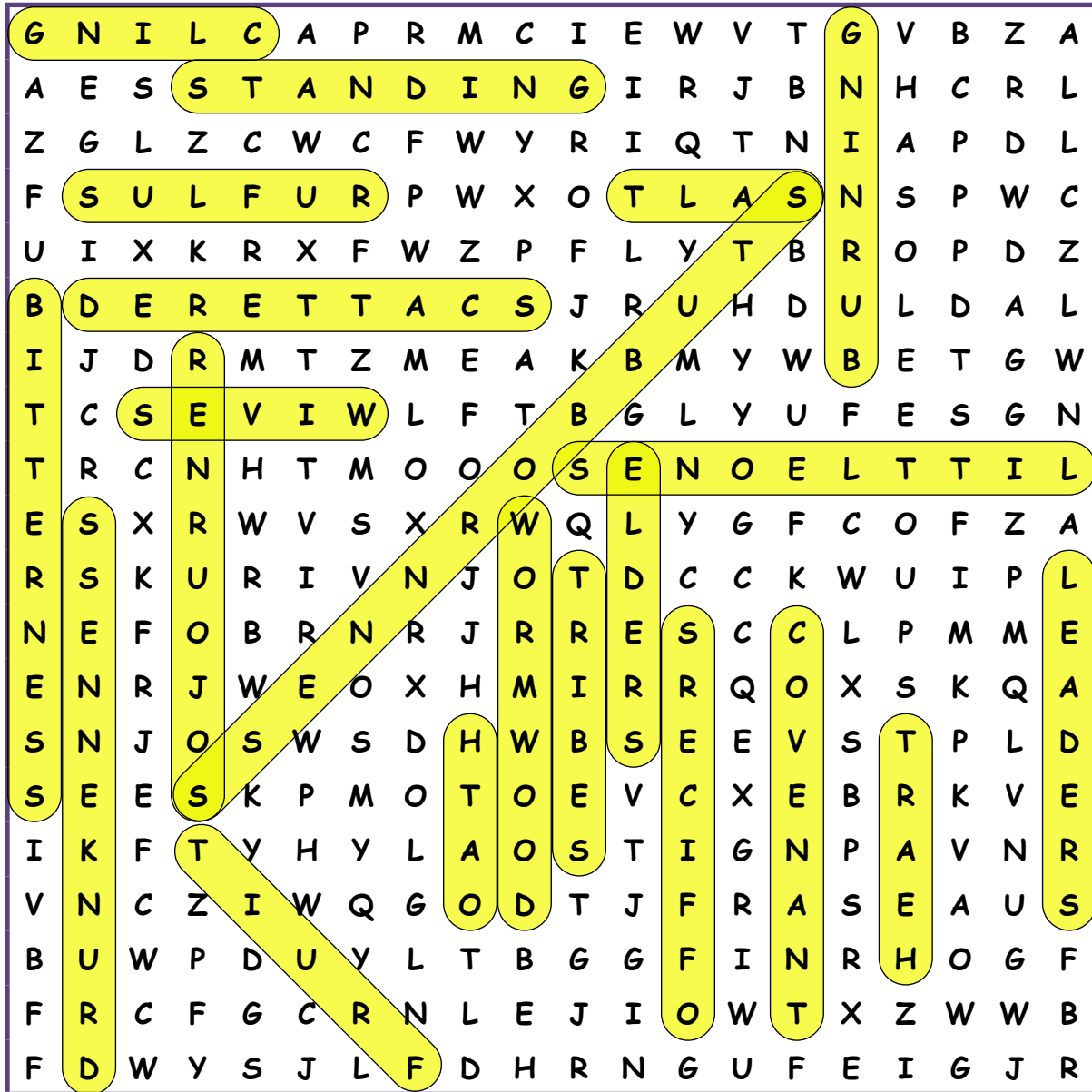
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Answer Key



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WIVES

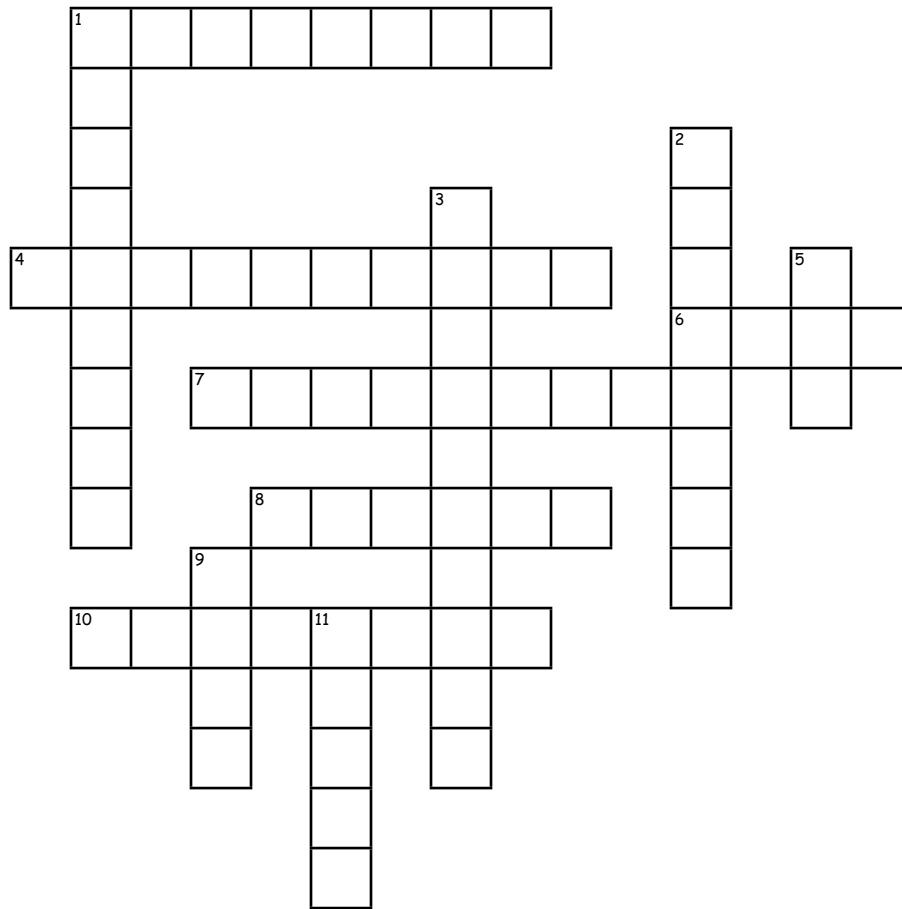
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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



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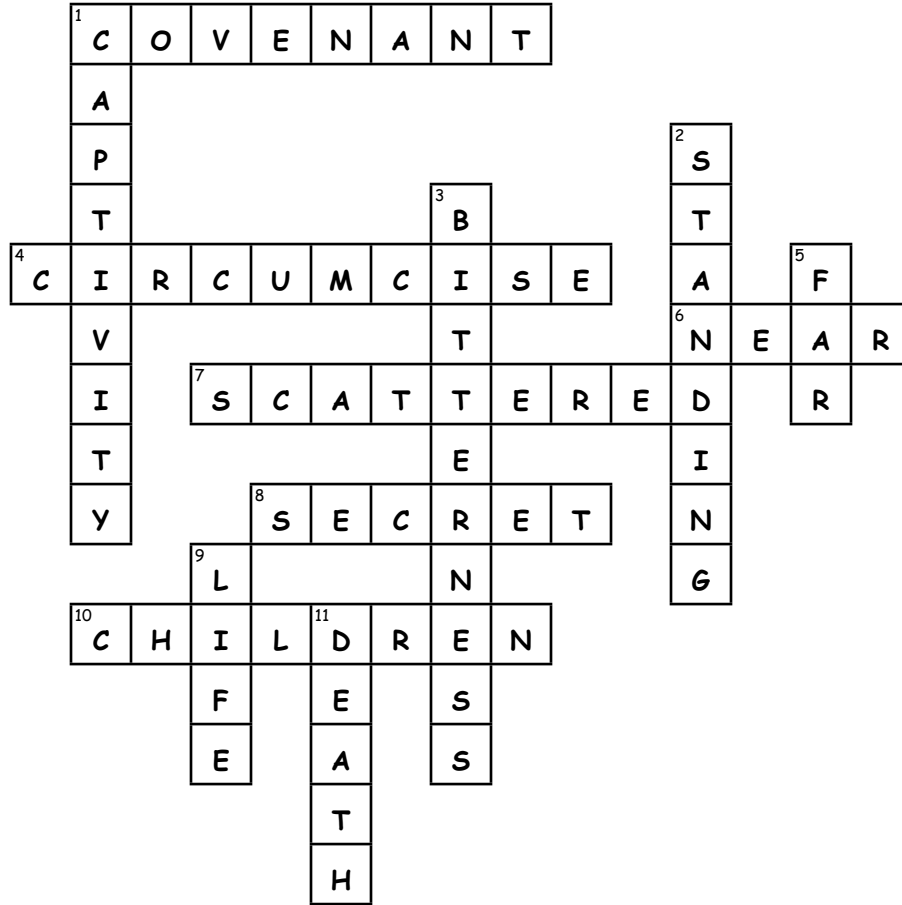
1. And not with you alone I am making this _____ and this oath.
4. Yahweh your Elohim shall _____ your heart.
6. The Word is very _____ you, in your mouth and in your heart - to do it.
7. He shall turn back and gather you from all the peoples where Yahweh your Elohim has _____ you.
8. The _____ matters belong to Yahweh our Elohim.
10. What is revealed belongs to us and to our _____ forever, to do all the Words of this Torah.

Down

1. Then Yahweh your Elohim shall turn back your _____.
2. All of you are _____ today before Yahweh your Elohim.
3. Lest there be among you a root bearing _____ or wormwood.
5. For this command which I am commanding you today, it is not too hard for you, nor is it _____ off.
9. Therefore you shall choose _____, so that you live, both you and your seed.
11. See, I have set before you today life and good, _____ and evil.



Answer Key



Across

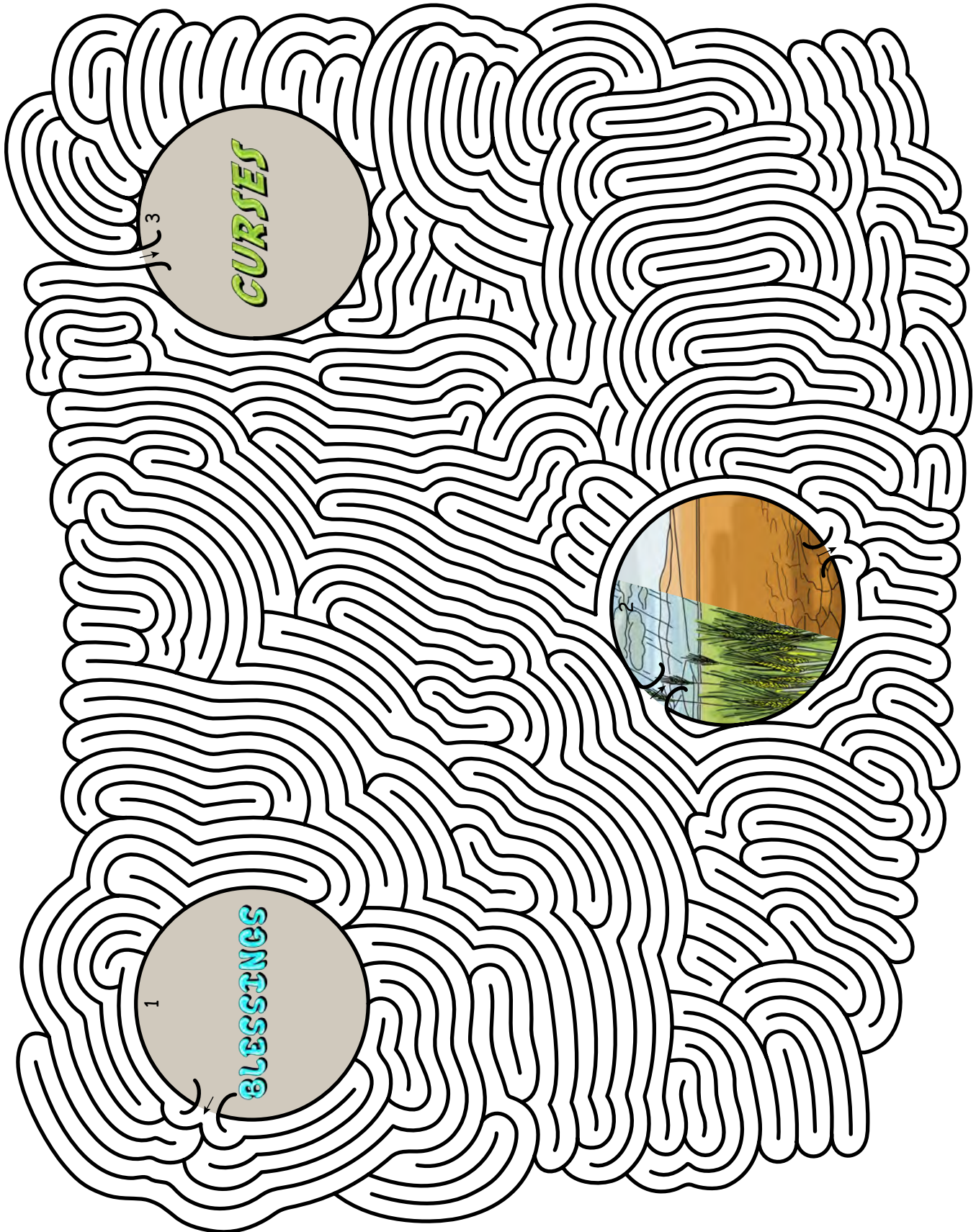
- And not with you alone I am making this **covenant** and this oath.
- Yahweh your Elohim shall **circumcise** your heart.
- The Word is very **near** you, in your mouth and in your heart - to do it.
- He shall turn back and gather you from all the peoples where Yahweh your Elohim has **scattered** you.
- The **secret** matters belong to Yahweh our Elohim.
- What is revealed belongs to us and to our **children** forever, to do all the Words of this Torah.

Down

- Then Yahweh your Elohim shall turn back your **captivity**.
- All of you are **standing** today before Yahweh your Elohim.
- Lest there be among you a root bearing **bitterness** or wormwood.
- For this command which I am commanding you today, it is not too hard for you, nor is it **far** off.
- Therefore you shall choose **life**, so that you live, both you and your seed.
- See, I have set before you today life and good, **death** and evil.



MAZE



Precious Possessions

NOTEBOOK PAGE

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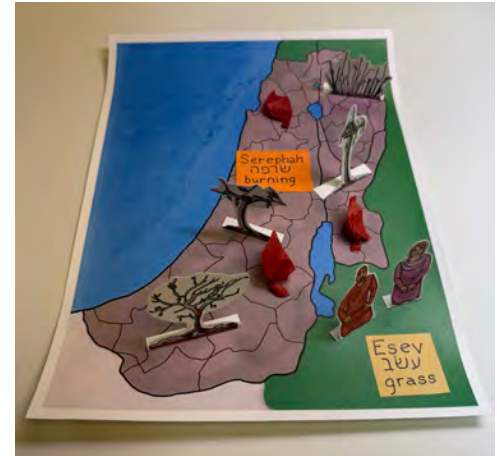
- Cardstock - white
- Craft tissue - red
- Ruler - to assist in folding tabs
- Glue or glue dots - to adhere flames to Main Page
- Double-sided tape
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons, or markers
- Notebook Page Templates: Main Page & A (BW) or Main Page & B (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Notebook Page Templates of choice on white cardstock.

Curses for Disobedience

Deuteronomy 29:22-28

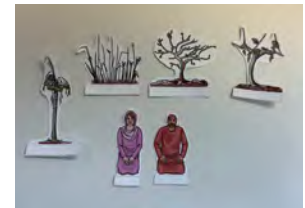


Instructions for the Notebook Page:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Notebook Templates. (P1)
- Using a ruler to assist you, fold the tabs inward on the images. (P2a, P2b)

Adding the Characters & Flames to the Main Page

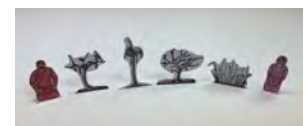
- Run double-sided tape onto the tabs of the images and start adding to the Main Page as follows: (P3)



P1



P2a



P2b



P3

Instructions for the Notebook Page Cont'd:

- Sad man and woman outside of Yisra'el (P4a)
- Dried up wheat stalks, date palm, grape vines, and olive tree anywhere on the dried up ground in Yisra'el (P4b)
- Roll up as many red tissue papers as desired and adhere to the land in between the dried-up crops. (P5a, P5b, P5c)
- Your page is now ready for the Hebrew Words. (P6)



P4a



P4b



P5a

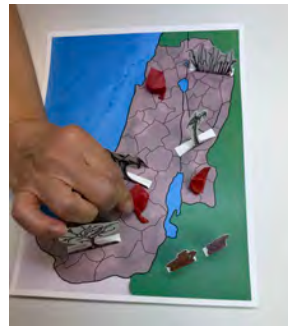


P5b

Hebrew Words

- Write the following directly onto the Main Page or a piece of colored cardstock and glue to the page:

- 1) Serephah 2) שרפה 3) Burning (P7)
- 1) Esev 2) עשב 3) Grass (P8)



P5c



P6

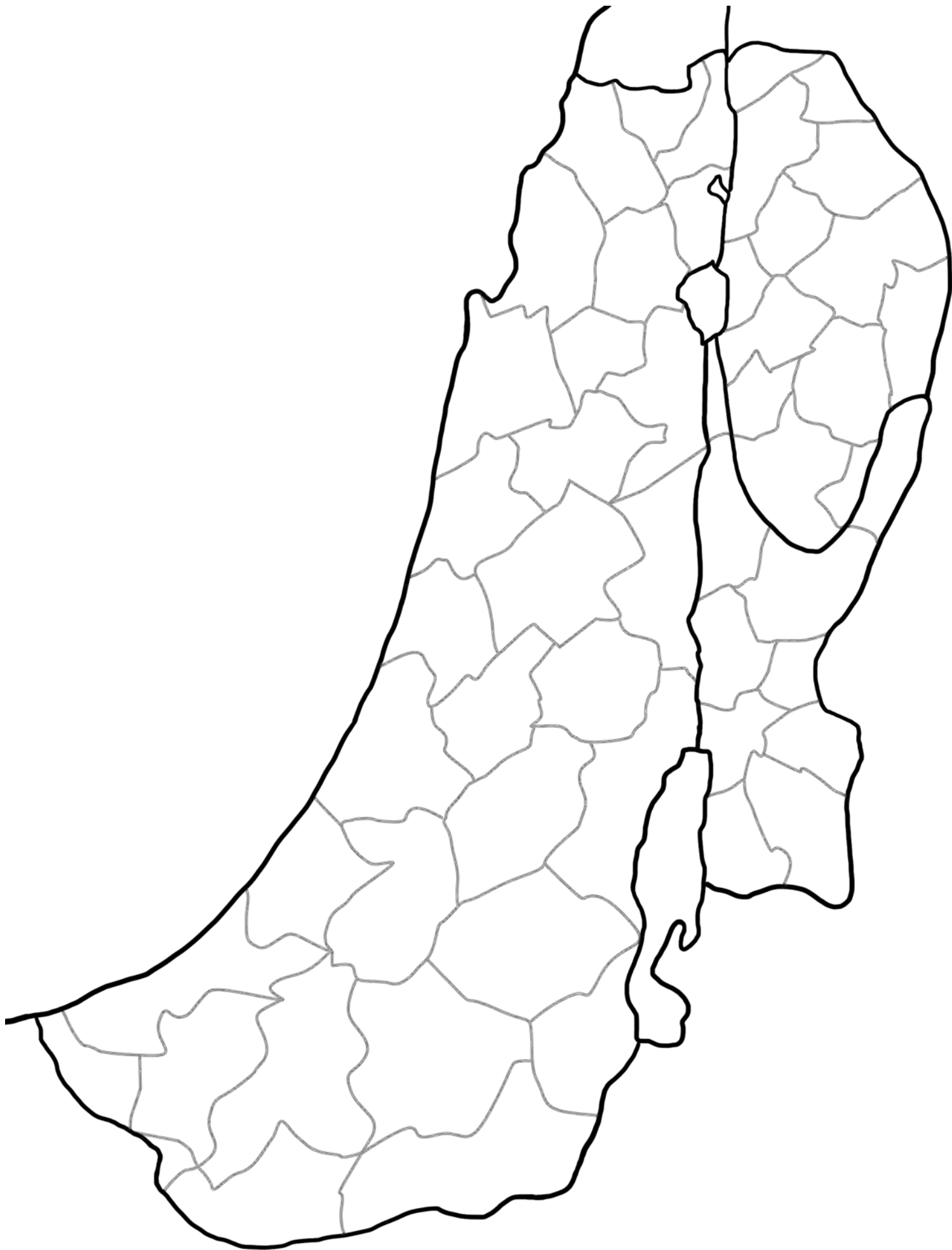
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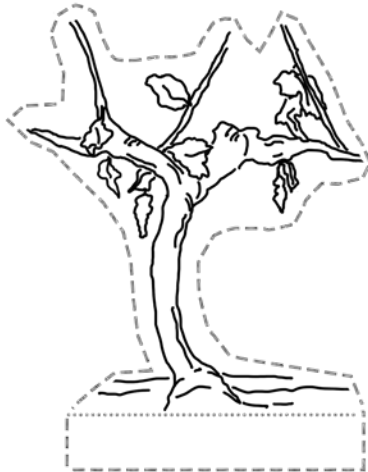
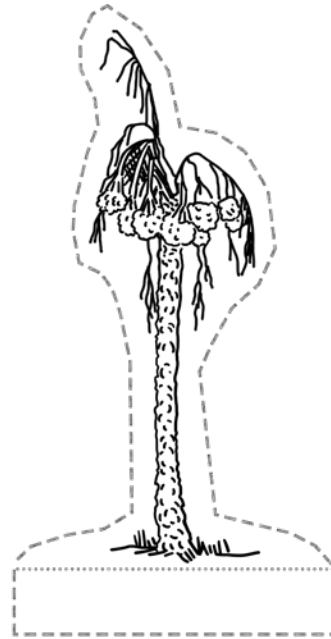
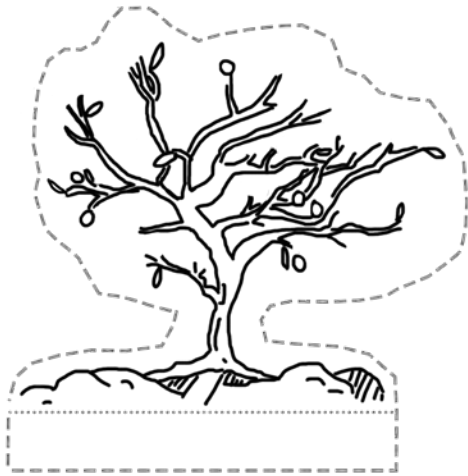
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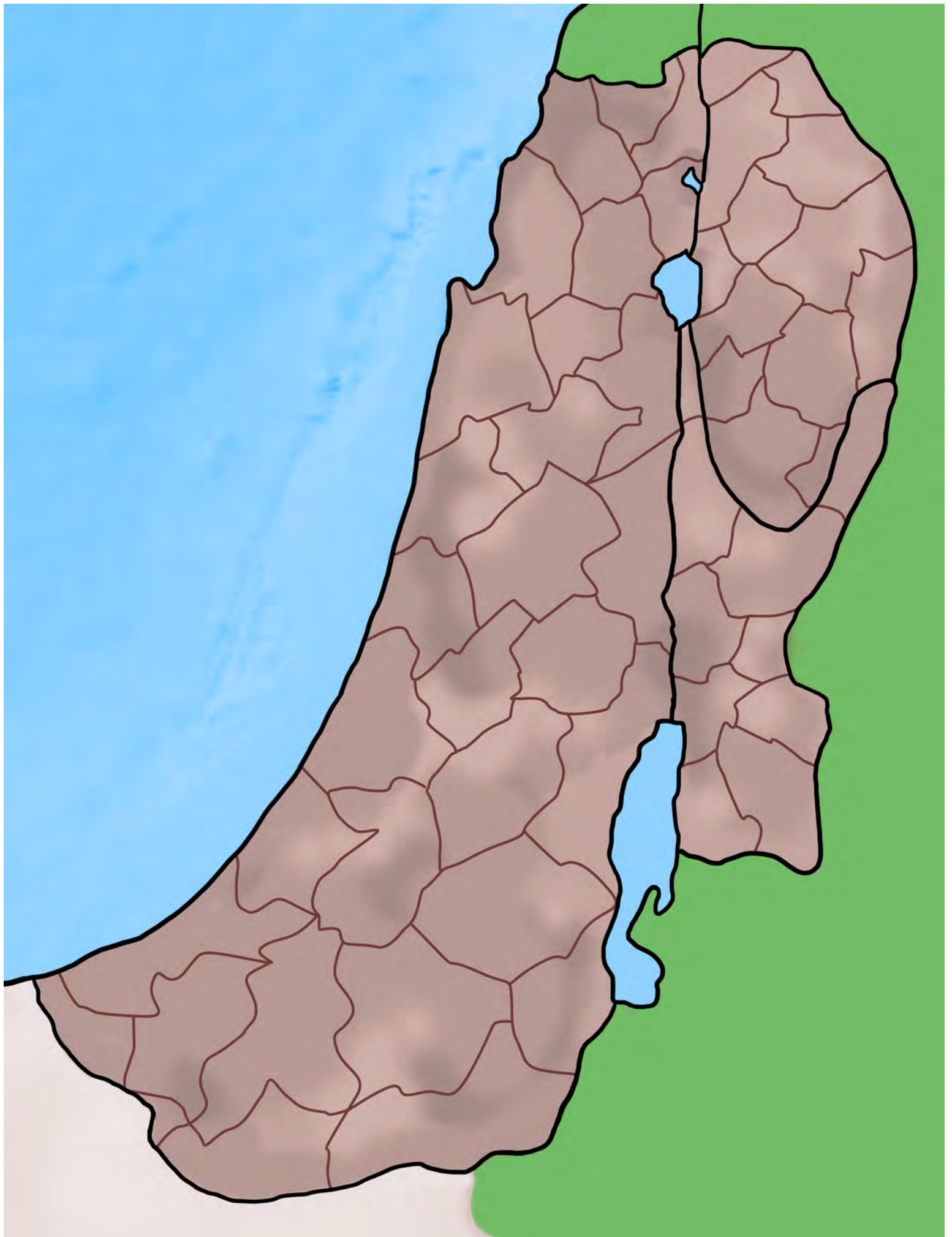


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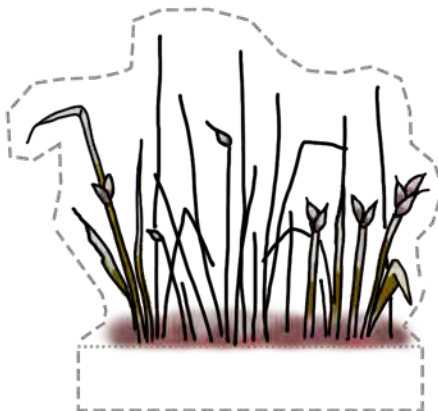
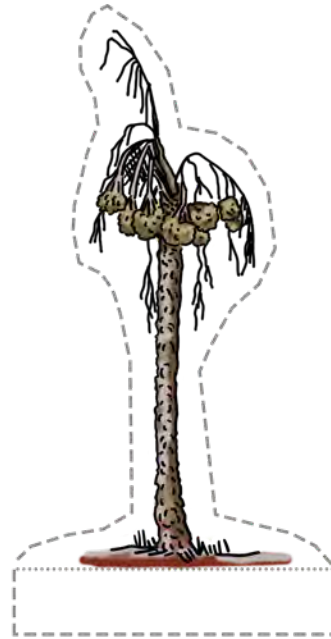
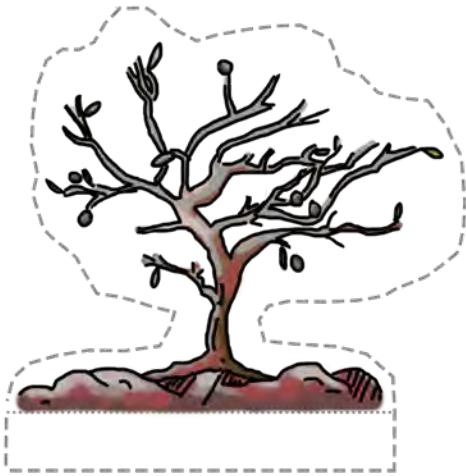


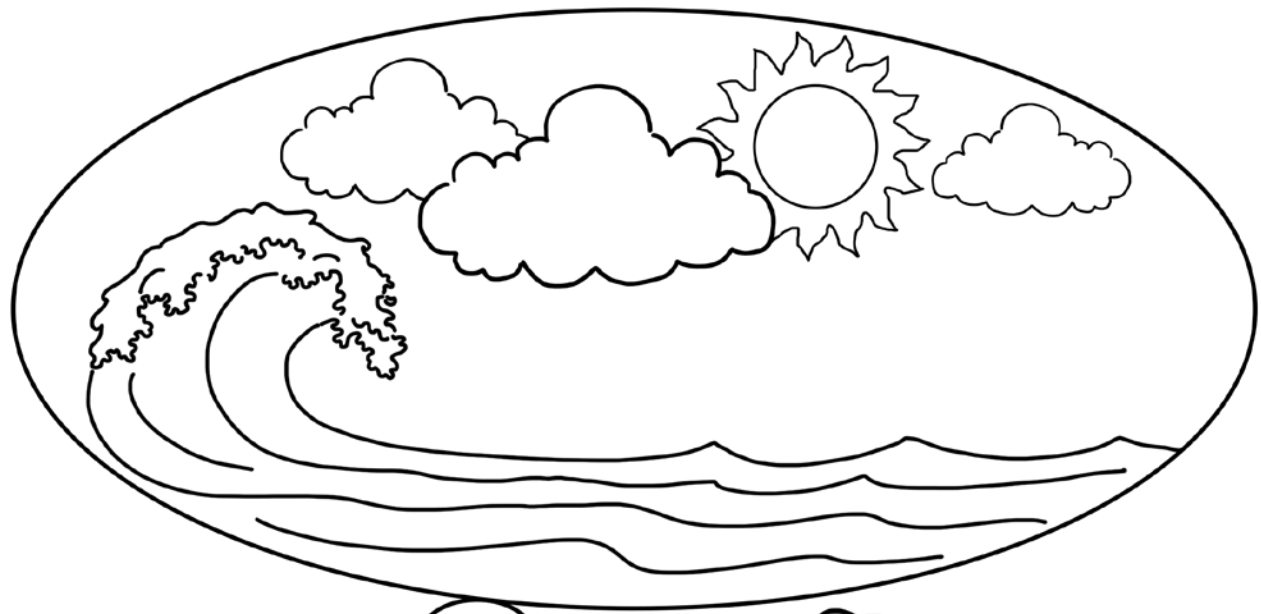
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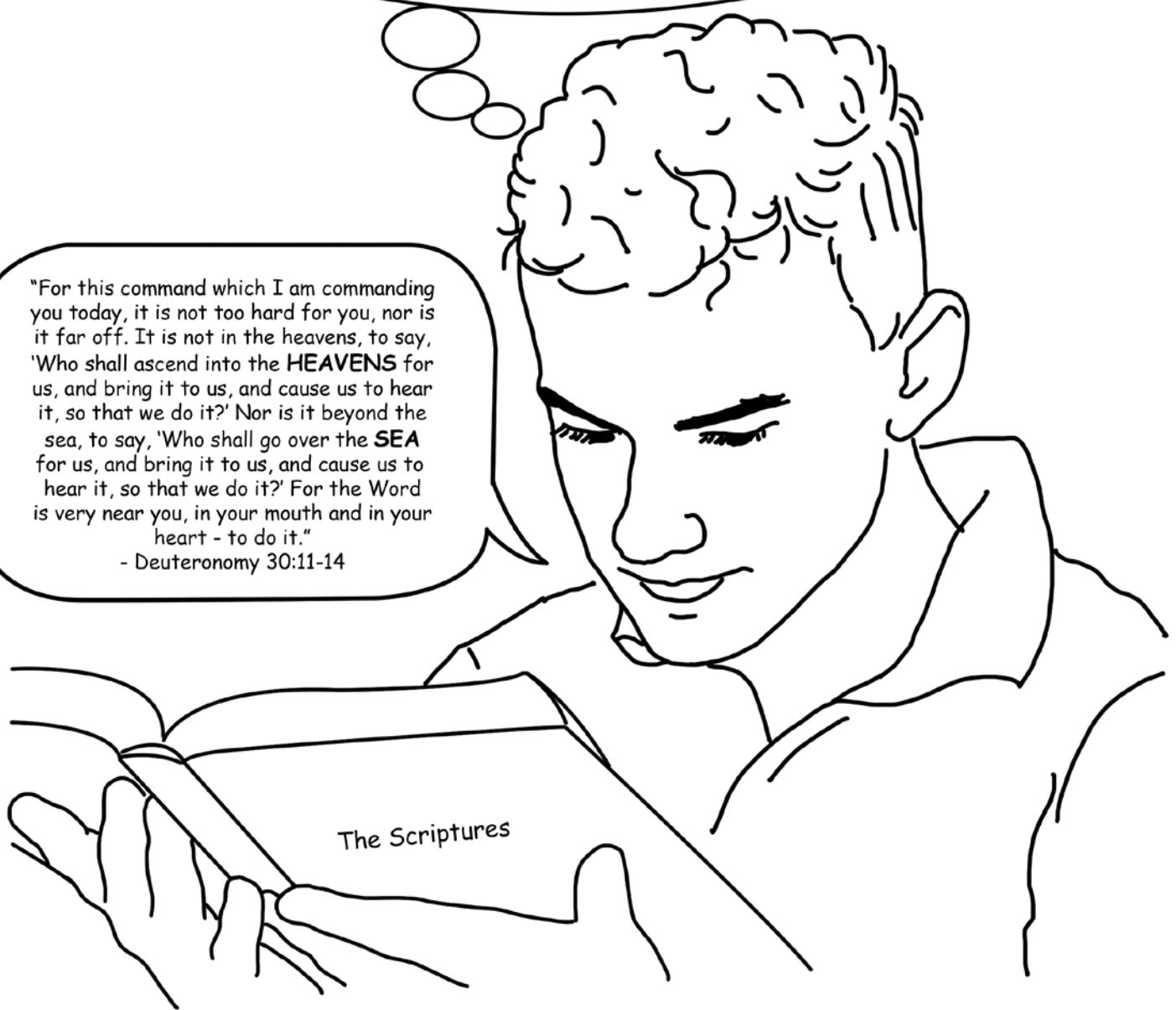
Notebook Template B (BW)





"For this command which I am commanding you today, it is not too hard for you, nor is it far off. It is not in the heavens, to say, 'Who shall ascend into the **HEAVENS** for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, to say, 'Who shall go over the **SEA** for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, so that we do it?' For the Word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart - to do it."

- Deuteronomy 30:11-14



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.

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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