

Parsha Pearls

Vayeilech

"And he went"

Deuteronomy 31:1 - 31:30
Katan Bet/Gadol



In This Edition:

52.1 - Be Strong and Courageous!
Deuteronomy 31:1-29



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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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If you are new to Parsha Pearls, we have created an [Introduction](#) document outlining how to use our lessons, as well as a [Scriptural Inspiration](#) document, which explains our titles and the Scriptural inspiration for them. We pray that Parsha Pearls blesses your home and that your children will grow to love the Word and to never depart from keeping Torah. As always, feel free to email us at parshapearls@mtoi.org if you have any questions.

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Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

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

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

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, Mosheh composes a farewell message of exhortation to the next generation of Yisra'elites from those who left Mitsrayim. He stresses obedience to the commandments of Yahweh and a prophecy that the children of Yisra'el will indeed break the Covenant and Yahweh's displeasure will burn against them. Mosheh will complete the Book of the Torah which will be placed by the ark of the Witness as well as compose the Song of Mosheh that he will teach the children of Yisra'el as a witness to them. Most important, we will witness the transferring of leadership to Yehoshua with the famous words to be strong and courageous. Now, let's read Deut. 31:1-29.

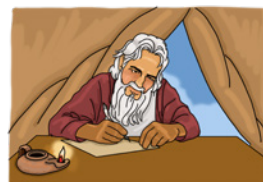
PARSHA POINTS

- Mosheh spoke these words to the children of Yisra'el before their crossing over into the land of Kena'an, "I am 120 (**meah esrim**) years old today and am no longer able 'to go out and come in'" - 31:1
- Yahweh told me, "You do not pass over the Yarden" - 31:2
- Yahweh your Elohim Himself is passing over before you. He shall destroy these nations from before you and you possess them. Yehoshua himself is passing over before you, as Yahweh has spoken - 31:3
- Yahweh shall do to them as He did to Sihon and to Oğ, the sovereigns of the Amorites and their land, when He destroyed them (Bemidbar 21:21-35, Devarim 2:24-35; 3:1-11) - 31:4
- And Yahweh shall give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to all the command which I have commanded you - 31:5
- "Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be afraid of them. For it is Yahweh your Elohim who is going with you. He does not fail you nor forsake you" - 31:6
- And Mosheh called Yehoshua and said to him before the eyes of all Yisra'el: (31:7-8)
 - "Be strong and courageous, for you are going with this people to the land which Yahweh has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you are to let them inherit it"
 - "And it is Yahweh who is going before you, He Himself is with you. He does not fail you nor forsake you. Do not fear nor be discouraged"
- Mosheh wrote this Torah and gave it to the priests, the sons of Lēwi, who bore the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, and to all the elders of Yisra'el - 31:9
- Mosheh commanded them, saying: (31:10-13)
 - "At the end of seven (**sheva**) years, at the appointed time, the year of release (**shmitah**), at the Festival of Booths, when all Yisra'el comes to appear before Yahweh your Elohim in the place which He chooses, read this Torah before all Yisra'el in their hearing"
 - "Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and your sojourner who is within your gates, so that they hear, and so that they learn to fear Yahweh your Elohim and guard to do all the Words of this Torah"
 - "And their children, who have not known it, should hear and learn to fear Yahweh your Elohim as long as you live in the land you are passing over the Yarden to possess"
- And Yahweh said to Mosheh, "See, the days have drawn near for you to die. Call Yehoshua, and present yourselves in the Tent of Appointment, so that I command him" - 31:14
- Mosheh and Yehoshua went and presented themselves in the Tent of Appointment - 31:14
- And Yahweh appeared at the Tent in a column of a cloud, and the column of a cloud stood above the door of the Tent - 31:15



- Yahweh said to Mosheh: (31:16-21)

- "See, you are about to sleep with your fathers. And this people shall rise and whore after the mighty ones of the strangers of the land into the midst of which they shall enter and forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them"
- "Then My displeasure shall burn against them in that day, and I shall forsake them and hide My face from them, and they shall be consumed"
- "And many evils and distresses shall come upon them, and it shall be said in that day, 'Is it not because our Elohim is not in our midst that these evils have come upon us?'"
- "And I shall certainly hide My face in that day, because of all the evil which they have done, for they shall turn to other mighty ones"
- "And now write down this song for yourselves and teach it to the children of Yisra'el"
- "Put it in their mouths, so that this song is to Me for a witness against the children of Yisra'el"
- "And I shall bring them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they shall eat and be satisfied and be fat, then they shall turn to other mighty ones, and they shall serve them, and scorn Me and break My covenant"
- "And it shall be, when many evils and distresses come upon them, that this song shall answer before them as a witness. For it is not to be forgotten in the mouths of their seed, for I know their thoughts which they are forming today, even before I bring them to the land of which I swore to give them"



- And Mosheh wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Yisra'el - 31:22
- And He commanded Yehoshua son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and courageous, for you are to bring the children of Yisra'el into the land of which I swore to them, and I Myself am with you" - 31:23
- And it came to be, when Mosheh had completed writing the Words of this Torah in a book, until their completion, that Mosheh commanded the Lēwites, who bore the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, saying: (31:24-29)

- "Take this Book of the Torah, and you shall place it beside the ark of the covenant of Yahweh your Elohim, and it shall be there as a witness against you"
- "For I myself know your rebellion and your stiff neck. See, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against Yahweh, then how much more after my death?"
- "Assemble unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, so that I speak these words in their hearing and call the heavens and the earth to witness against them"
- "For I know that after my death you shall do very corruptly and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil shall come to you in the latter days, because you do what is evil in the eyes of Yahweh, to provoke Him through the work of your hands"



DIGGING DEEPER

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

- Research the expression in v. 2 which says that Mosheh was not able to go out and come in. What does that mean? Was he feeble and old or just an acknowledgment of his time to transfer leadership to Yehoshua?
- Why did Mosheh give the book of the Torah to the priests, to the Lewites who carried the ark, and to the leaders of Yisra'el? What were their duties? What is the book of the Torah?
- We see that the entire book of Deuteronomy was to be read every 7th year during the Festival of Sukkot. What is the significance of the 7th year? What happened at the shmittah (year of release)?
- Read Nehemiah 8:14-18 where the prophet Ezra obeyed the command to read the Torah at Sukkot the 7th year.
- Discuss the importance of Yahweh choosing and approving of Yehoshua as the next leader.
- Why do you think Yahweh instructed Mosheh to write a song and teach it to the children of Yisra'el? Could it be so that when things befell them that they would know that Yahweh had said these things would happen as to not doubt His sovereignty?
- Why do you think the book of the Torah was placed beside the ark of the Witness and not inside like the 2 tablets, Aharon's rod, and the manna pot.



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.

Chazak (חַזַּק) - strong

Amats (אַמַּץ) - courageous

Ohel Moed (אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד) - Tent of Appointment

Ammud anan (עַמּוּד עָנָן) - pillar of cloud

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.

7 - sheva

120 - meah esrim

WORD MATCH

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

Courageous

Ammud Anan

Pillar of Cloud

Ohel Moed

Strong

Amats

Tent of Appointment

Chazak



FLASHCARDS

אמץ

Amats

a-mats

courageous

עמוד ענן

Ammud anan

am-mud a-nan

pillar of cloud

חזק

Chazak

cha-zak

strong

אהל מועד

Ohel Moed

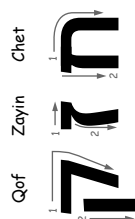
o-hel mo-ed

Tent of Appointment

WRITING HEBREW

Chazak (strong)

חזק



Amats (courageous)

אמץ



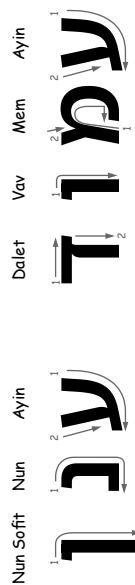
Ohel Moed (Tent of Appointment)

אהל מועד



Ammud anan (pillar of cloud)

עמוד ענן

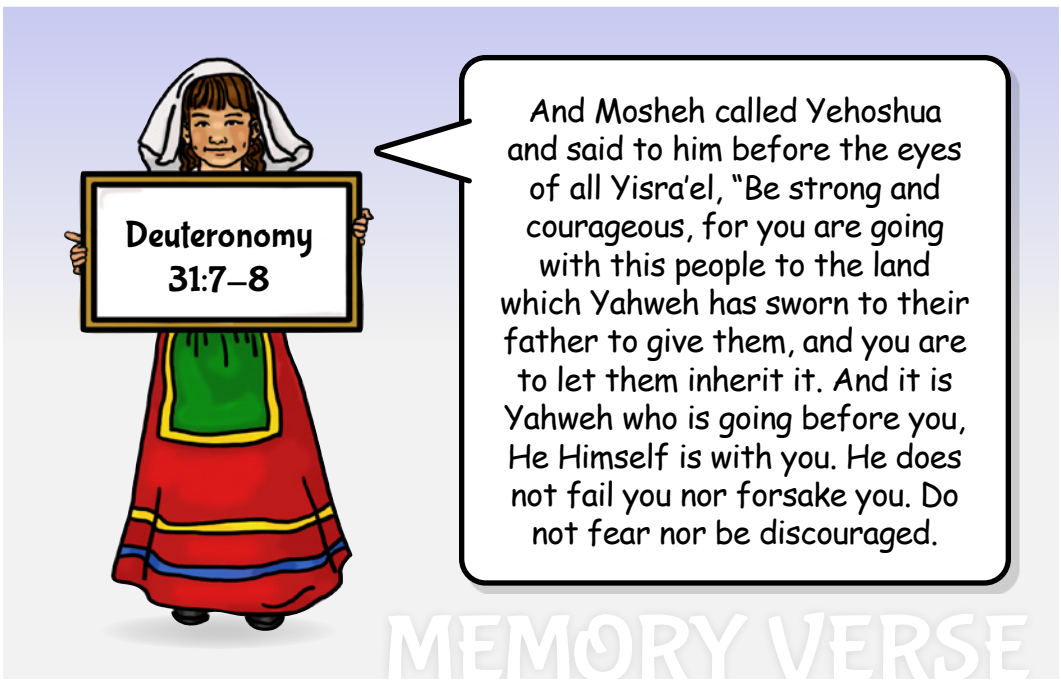


Counting What You Gained

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 31:7-8. You can review the verse with them by reciting it out loud, acting it out, putting it to music...whatever works for you.



Deuteronomy
31:7-8

And Mosheh called Yehoshua and said to him before the eyes of all Yisra'el, "Be strong and courageous, for you are going with this people to the land which Yahweh has sworn to their father to give them, and you are to let them inherit it. And it is Yahweh who is going before you, He Himself is with you. He does not fail you nor forsake you. Do not fear nor be discouraged.

MEMORY VERSE

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

Use this space to write out the verse memorized.



SEEKING TREASURE

1.

How old is Mosheh?

Circle the correct choice.

72 82 92 102 120

(31:2)



2.

"Be _____ and
_____, do not fear nor be
_____ of them. For it is Yahweh
your Elohim who is going with _____.
He does not _____
you nor _____ you."

(31:6)



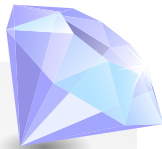
3.

Who did Mosheh command to be
strong and courageous?

Circle the correct choice.

Kaleb Hur
Yehoshua El'azar

(31:7)



4.

Mosheh gave the Torah to the
priests and the elders.

T / F

(31:9)



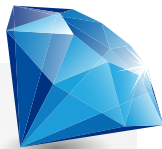
5.

Which festival is the Torah to
be read every 7th year?

Circle the correct choice.

Shavuot Yom Teruah
Yom HaKippurim Sukkot

(31:10)



6.

Assemble the _____, the
_____ and the _____ and the
little ones, and your _____
who is within your gates, so that they
_____ and learn to _____
Yahweh your Elohim and _____ to do
all the Words of this _____.

(31:12)



7.



Yahweh told Mosheh that the time was coming near for him to _____.

Circle the correct choice.

take a vacation get a haircut

pass away get a pet

(31:14)

9.



How many times does Mosheh tell Yehoshua to be strong and courageous in this chapter?

Circle the correct choice.

1 2 3 4

(31:7, 23)

8.

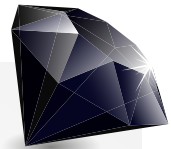


Yahweh told Mosheh to write a poem.

T / F

(31: 19)

10.



Where was the book of the Torah to be placed after Mosheh completed writing it?

Circle the correct choice.

behind the ark of the Witness

on a bookshelf

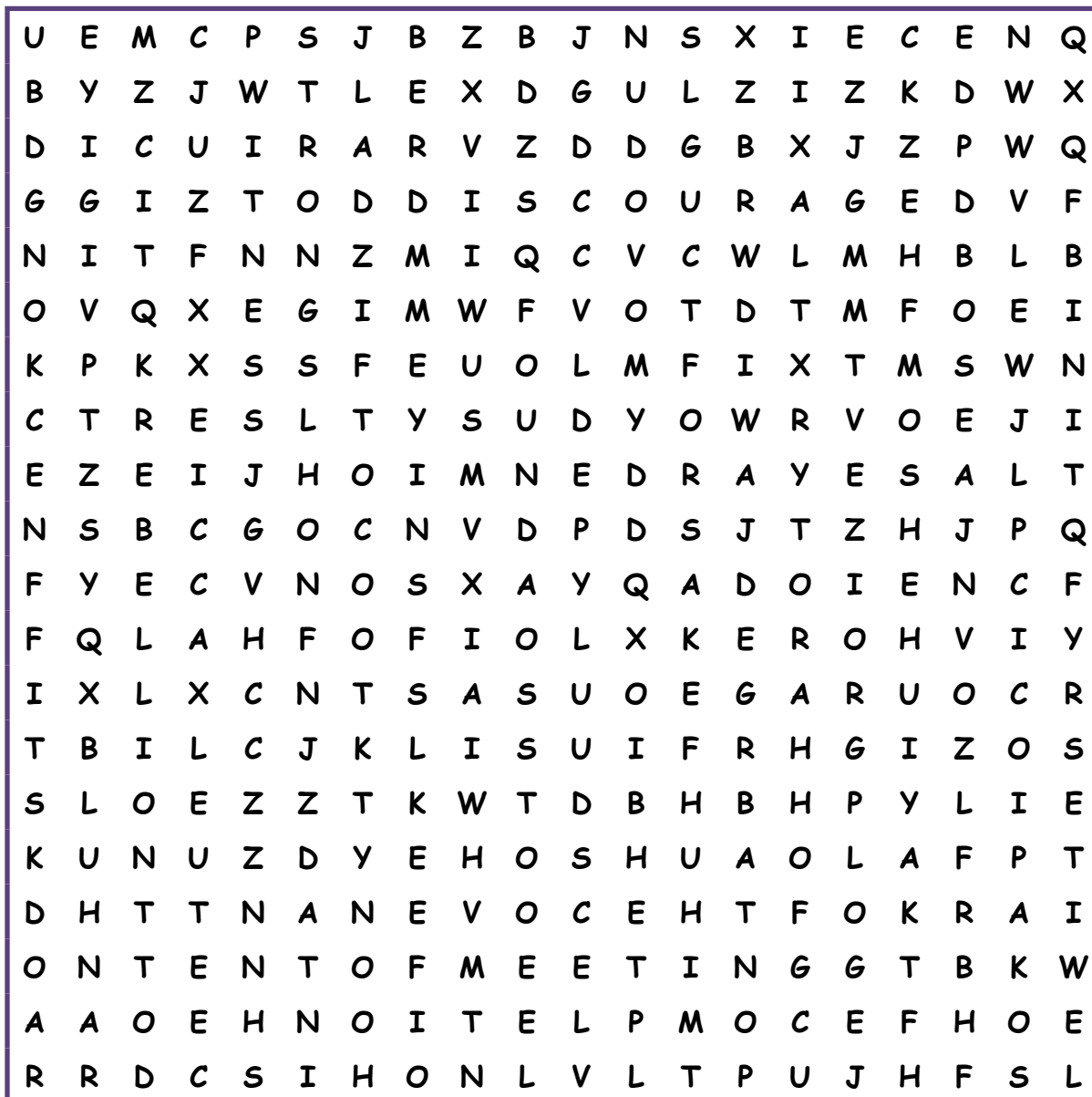
beside the ark of the Witness

in a vault

(31:26)

WORD SEARCH

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



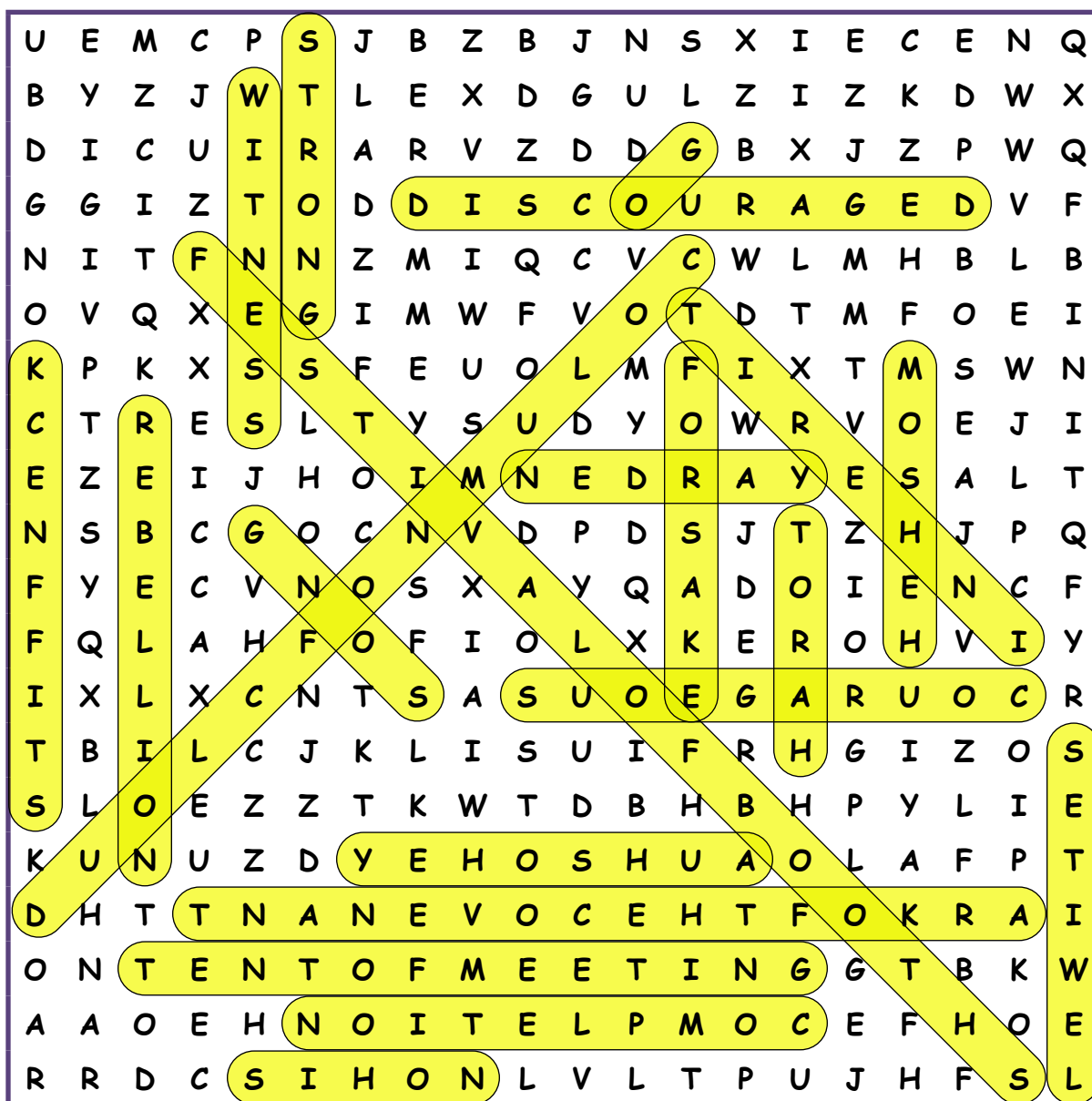
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YARDEN
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SIHON
OG
STRONG
COURAGEOUS

INHERIT
DISCOURAGED
TORAH
ARK OF THE COVENANT
FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS
TENT OF MEETING
COLUMN OF CLOUD

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Answer Key



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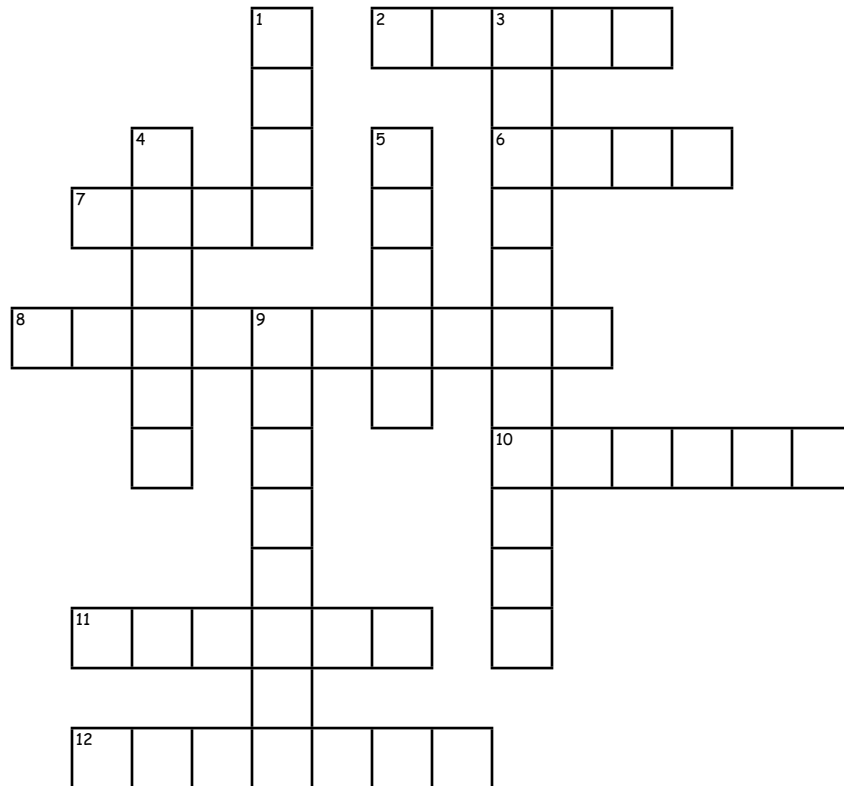
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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



Across

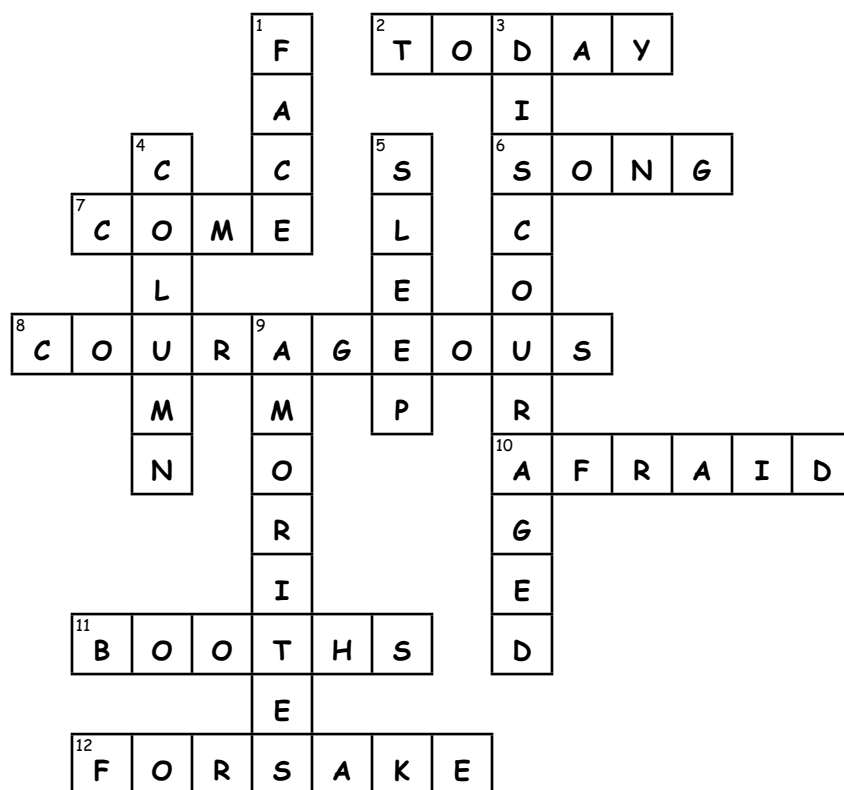
2. I am 120 years old _____.
6. Write down this _____ as a witness against the children of Yisra'el.
7. I am no longer able to go out or _____ in.
8. Be strong and _____!
10. Do not fear or be _____ of them.
11. Read this Torah at the festival of _____.
12. He does not fail you nor _____ you.

Down

1. I shall certainly hide my _____ in that day.
3. Do not fear or be _____.
4. Yahweh appeared at the Tent in a _____ of cloud.
5. You are about to _____ with your fathers.
9. Sihon and Og were sovereigns of the _____.



Answer Key



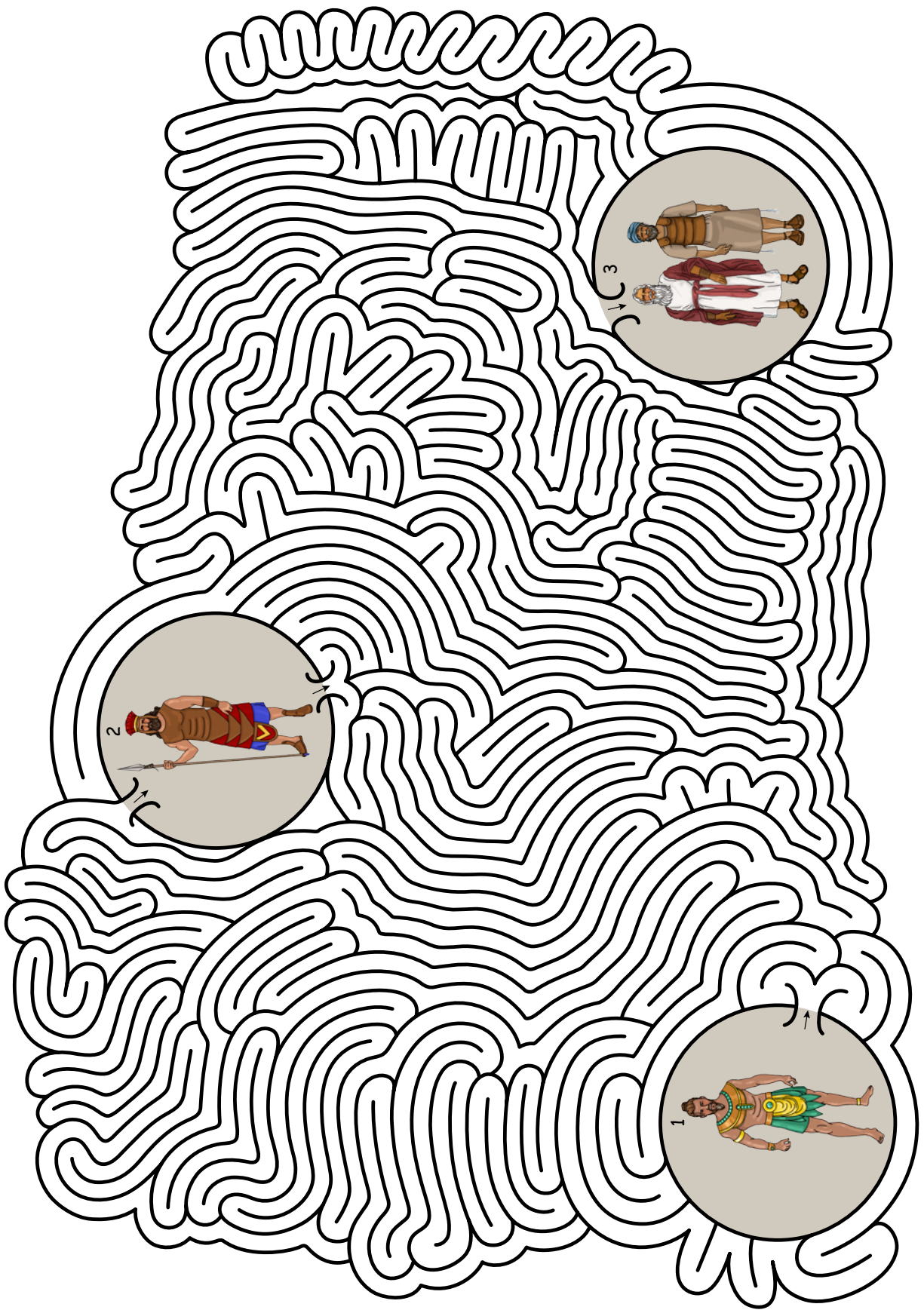
Across

2. I am 120 years old **today**.
6. Write down this **song** as a witness against the children of Yisra'el.
7. I am no longer able to go out or **come** in.
8. Be strong and **courageous**!
10. Do not fear or be **afraid** of them.
11. Read this Torah at the festival of **booths**.
12. He does not fail you nor **forsake** you.

Down

1. I shall certainly hide my **face** in that day.
3. Do not fear or be **discouraged**.
4. Yahweh appeared at the Tent in a **column** of cloud.
5. You are about to **sleep** with your fathers.
9. Sihon and Og were sovereigns of the **Amorites**.

MAZE



Precious Possessions

NOTEBOOK PAGE

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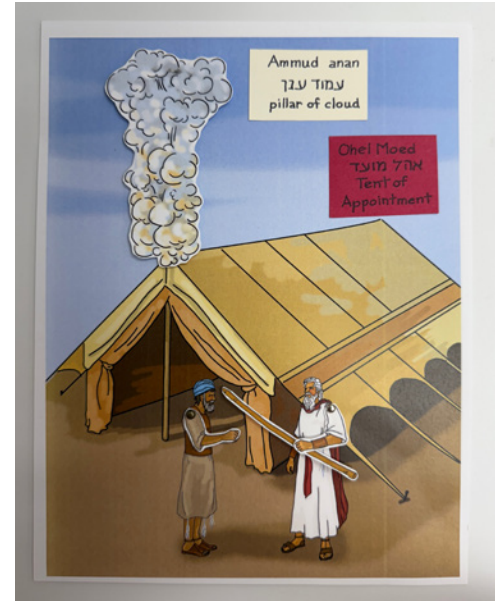
- Cardstock - white
- Double-sided adhesive foam dimensional
- Glue dot
- Puncturing tool
- Brads - small
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Notebook Templates: Main Page & A (BW) or Main Page & B (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Notebook Templates of choice on white cardstock.

Transferring Leadership to Yehoshua

Deut. 31:3, 7-8, 14-15, 23

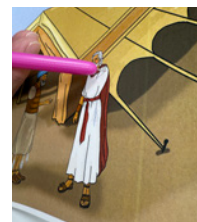


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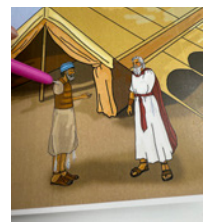
- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Template pieces. (P1)
- Using a puncturing tool, poke a hole through the indicated dot areas on the Main Page. (P2a, P2b)
- Using a puncturing tool, poke a hole through the indicated dot areas on Mosheh and Yehoshua's shoulders. (P3a, P3b)



P1



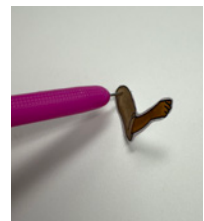
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P2b



P3a



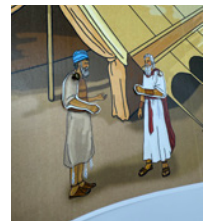
P3b

Instructions for the Notebook Page cont'd:

- Insert a brad through the following, and open in the back to secure:
 - Mosheh's arm and the Main Page (P4a)
 - Yehoshua's arm and the Main Page (P4b)
- Adhere a double-sided adhesive foam dimensional to the back of the cloud and place on the Main Page over the Tent of Appointment door. (P5a, P5b)
- Place a glue dot on the back of Mosheh's left hand and connect the rod to the glue dot. (P6a, P6b)



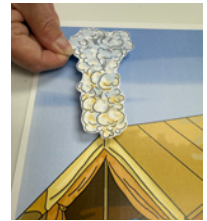
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P4b



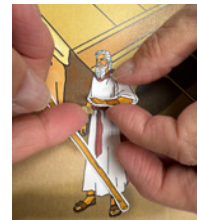
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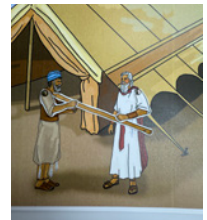
P5b

Hebrew Words

- Write the following directly on the Main Page or on a piece of colored cardstock and glue to the page:
 - 1) Ammud Anan 2) עמוד ענן 3) Pillar of Cloud (P7)
 - 1) Ohel Moed 2) אהל מועד 3) Tent of Appointment (P8)

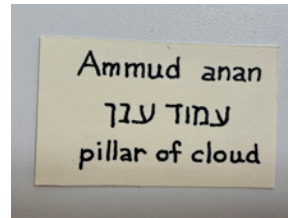


P6a



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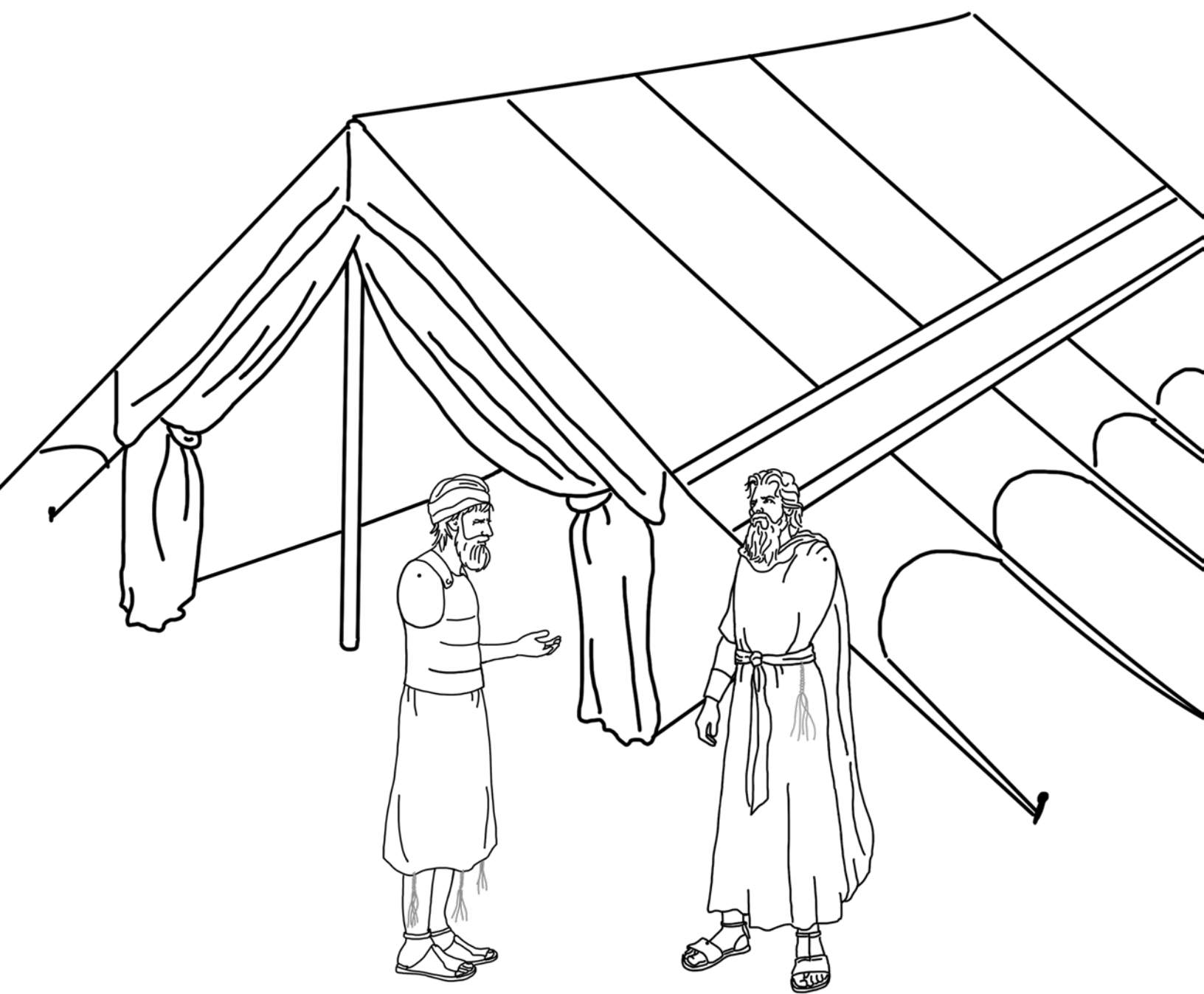
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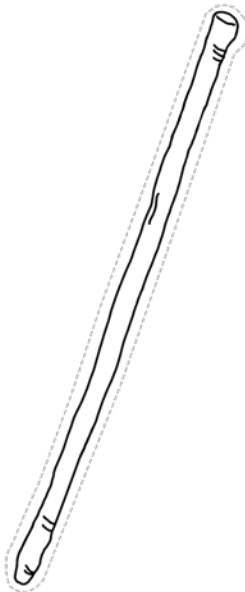
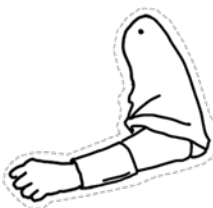
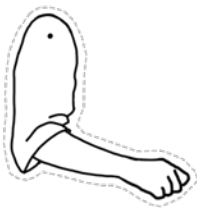
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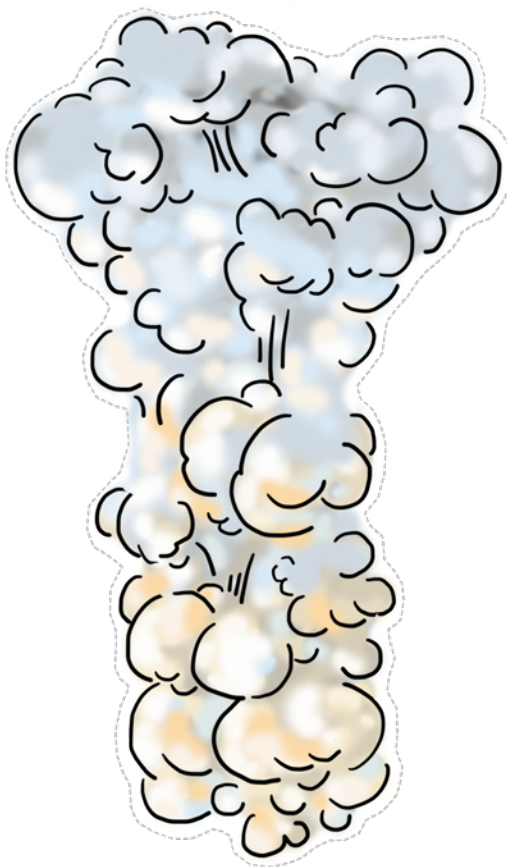
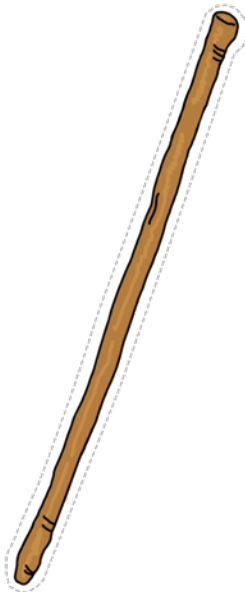


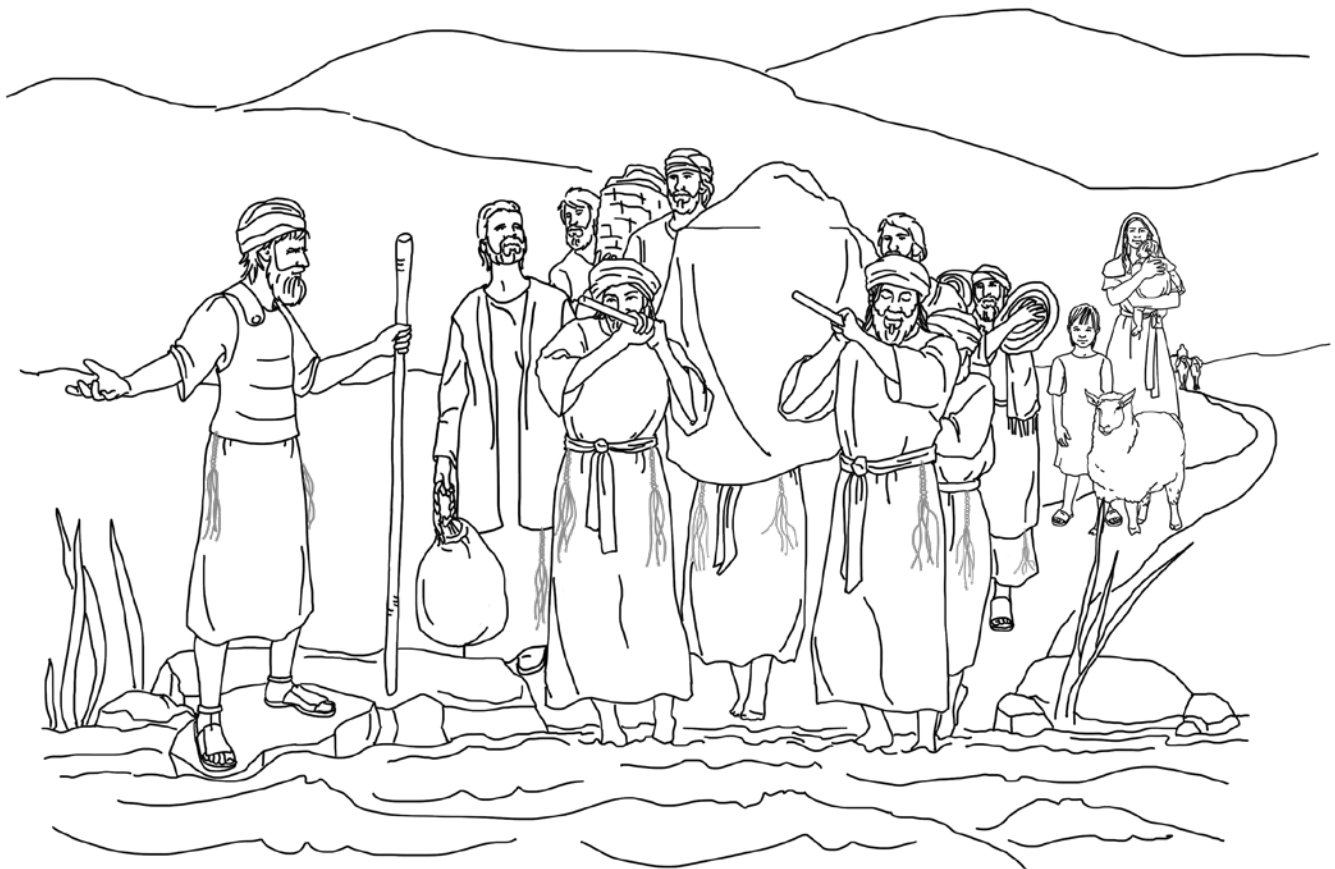
Notebook Template A (BW)





Notebook Template B (color)





Went

"And he went"
Deuteronomy 31:1 - 31:30

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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/2025-09-12T06_48_51-07_00

Be Strong and Courageous

Chorus

Be strong and courageous
Do not be afraid
Be strong and courageous
Do not be afraid
Yahweh is my shield
Whom shall I fear?
Be strong, Be strong, Be strong
And be strengthened
And be strengthened



Verse 1

Deliver me from my enemies
Deliver me from wicked schemes
Save me, Save me
(Repeat)

Pre-Chorus

You will never fail me
You will not forsake me
If I draw near
You're always here
You will never fail me
You will not forsake me
Yahweh my Elohim!

Chorus

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.

Pillar of Cloud Cotton Candy

Deuteronomy 31:15



Ingredients:

- White cotton candy

Instructions:

Serve cotton candy as a special treat to represent the pillar of cloud.

Next Week's Treasure Hunt

Next Week's Torah Portion



Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday:	Deut. 32:1-10	The Song of Mosheh
Tuesday:	Deut. 32:11-20	The Song of Mosheh
Wednesday:	Deut. 32:21-30	The Song of Mosheh
Thursday:	Deut. 32:31-43	The Song of Mosheh
Friday:	Deut. 32:44-52	Mosheh instructs Yehoshua; Yahweh tells Mosheh that he is to look at the land and then die on Mt. Nebo