

Children's Torah Portion



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Many, many years after Yoseph died, a new Pharaoh came to rule. When he saw how many Ivrim (Hebrews) were in Mitzrayim, he was afraid that they would fight against Mitzrayim, so he enslaved them and ordered that all the baby boys be killed. The midwives feared YHWH and they came to Pharaoh with an excuse that the Ivri women were giving birth before the midwives could get there. Pharaoh, then, commanded that every son born to the Ivrim be thrown into the river.

A woman named Yocheved gave birth to a son and hid him for three months, but couldn't hide him any longer, so she put him in a basket and put it in the river, with his sister watching him to see what happened with him. Pharaoh's daughter went to bathe in the river and saw the basket. She told one of her maidservants to get it, and when she saw the crying baby boy she decided to raise him. The boy's sister ran up and asked if she should get someone to nurse him. When Pharaoh's daughter said, "Yes", the girl went and got her mother, who nursed him until he was grown, then he went to the daughter of Pharaoh, who named him Moshe.

One day, several years later, Moshe saw a Mitzrite beating an Ivri, so he looked around, and seeing no one he killed the Mitzrite. The next day, he saw two Ivrim fighting and asked the bad one why he was hitting his fellow Ivri, and the man asked him if he would murder him, like he did to the Mitzrite. Moshe was afraid because what he had done was known. When Pharaoh found out, he wanted to kill Moshe, so Moshe fled from Mitzrayim. He came to Midian and sat by a well. The daughters of Yithro came to get water for their father's sheep, but the shepherds there chased them away. Moshe got up and gave them some water. When they came home early, their father asked them why. They told him about Moshe and he went and brought Moshe to his house for dinner.

Moshe lived with Yithro, and married his daughter, Tzippor-

-ah. They had a son and named him Gershom.

Back in Mitzrayim, Pharaoh had died and a new one took his place. The people cried out to YHWH because of their suffering, and YHWH knew that it was time for them to go home.

Moshe was shepherding his father-in-law's sheep, and took them far into the wilderness, at Mount Horev. He saw a bush, burning in flames, but it wasn't being consumed. He turned to look at it and YHWH called to him from the midst of the bush. He told him that he had to bring the children of Yisrael out of Mitzrayim. Moshe kept making excuses not to go. He said that no one would believe that YHWH had spoken to him. YHWH told him to throw his staff on the ground. It became a serpent and Moshe fled from it. Then, YHWH told him to pick its tail up, and it became a staff again. He also made his hand become leprous. Then YHWH told him that if they did not listen, to turn the river into blood. YHWH told him that he would meet his brother Aharon on the way, and then he would go with Moshe.

Moshe took his family and headed for Mitzrayim. Aharon went to meet Moshe and they went to Pharaoh. He would not let the Ivrim go. He increased how hard they had to work. Instead of the Mitzrites getting straw for bricks the Ivrim had to get it, but they had to make as many bricks as before. Moshe asked YHWH why He was doing this to the people and YHWH told him that He would soon see what was go-

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Draw a picture for the next torah portion and send it to: chayili@onetorahforall.org.

The pictures will appear in the children's parasha for that week. Please try to send them on the first or second days of the week.

The next parasha will be:
Sh'mot (Exodus) 6:2-9:35

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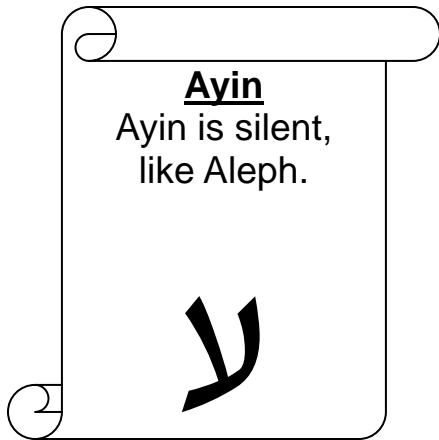
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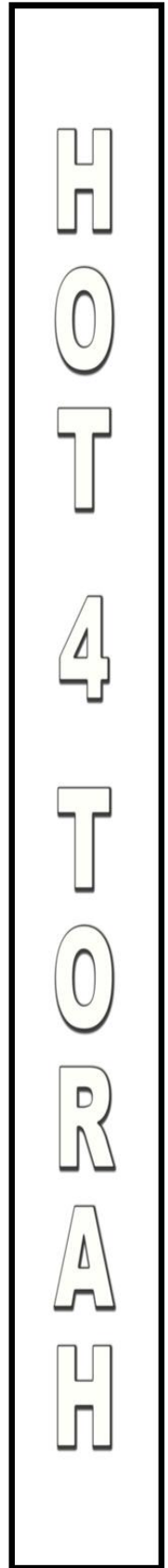
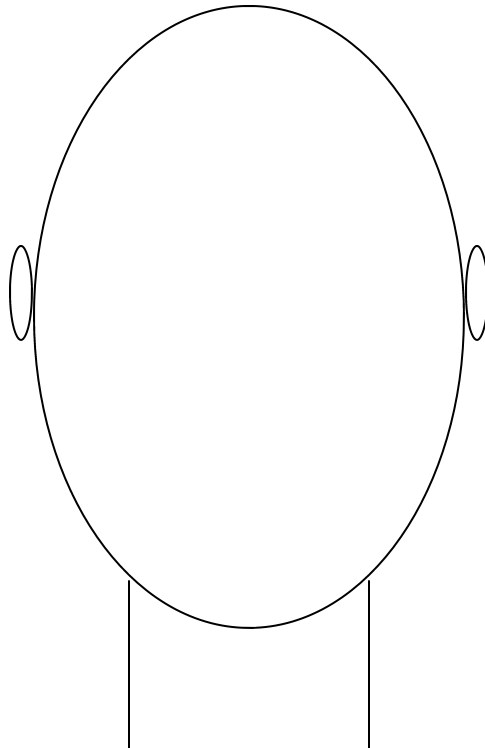
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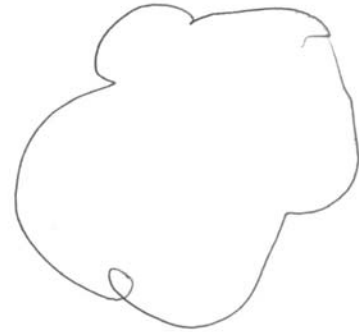
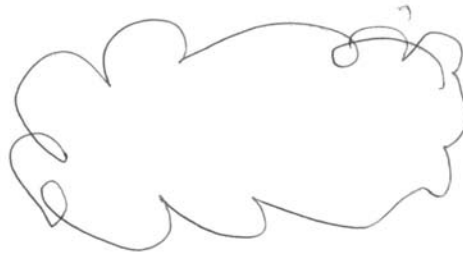
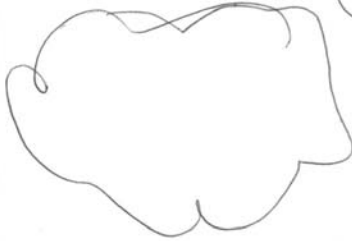
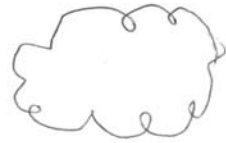
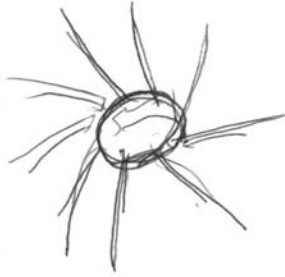
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