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INTRODUCTION

The **Torah for Children** series is created to aid parents in teaching their children the Torah of YHWH, but by no means replace the role of parents in teaching their children. The books are designed for primary school children. Portions from The Scriptures were simplified to make it easier for children to understand, but the very young will need their parents to read through the portions with them, and give explanations where necessary. For younger children there are many pictures to colour, while older children can do the many activities throughout the books. Children can do whatever activities they are able to master and can always come back to the more advanced activities when they are ready to do so.

Impress the Torah upon your children

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6 - 7

And these words which I am commanding you today shall be in your heart, and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

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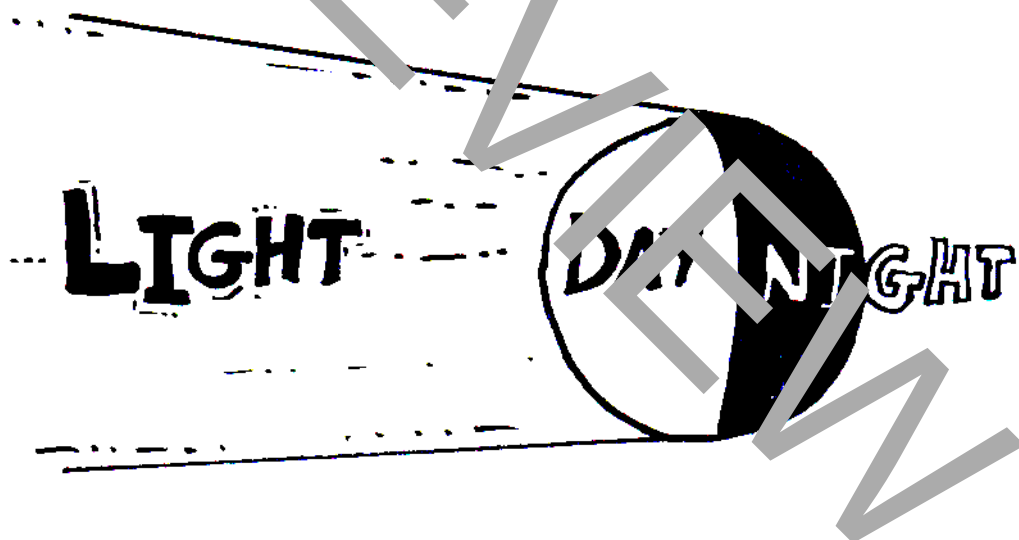
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CREATION

In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth. The earth became formless and it was empty and dark. The Spirit of Elohim moved over the waters and He said: "Let there be light," and light appeared. Elohim saw that the light was good and He separated the light from the darkness. He called the light "day" and the darkness He called "night." It became evening and then morning came. That was the first day.

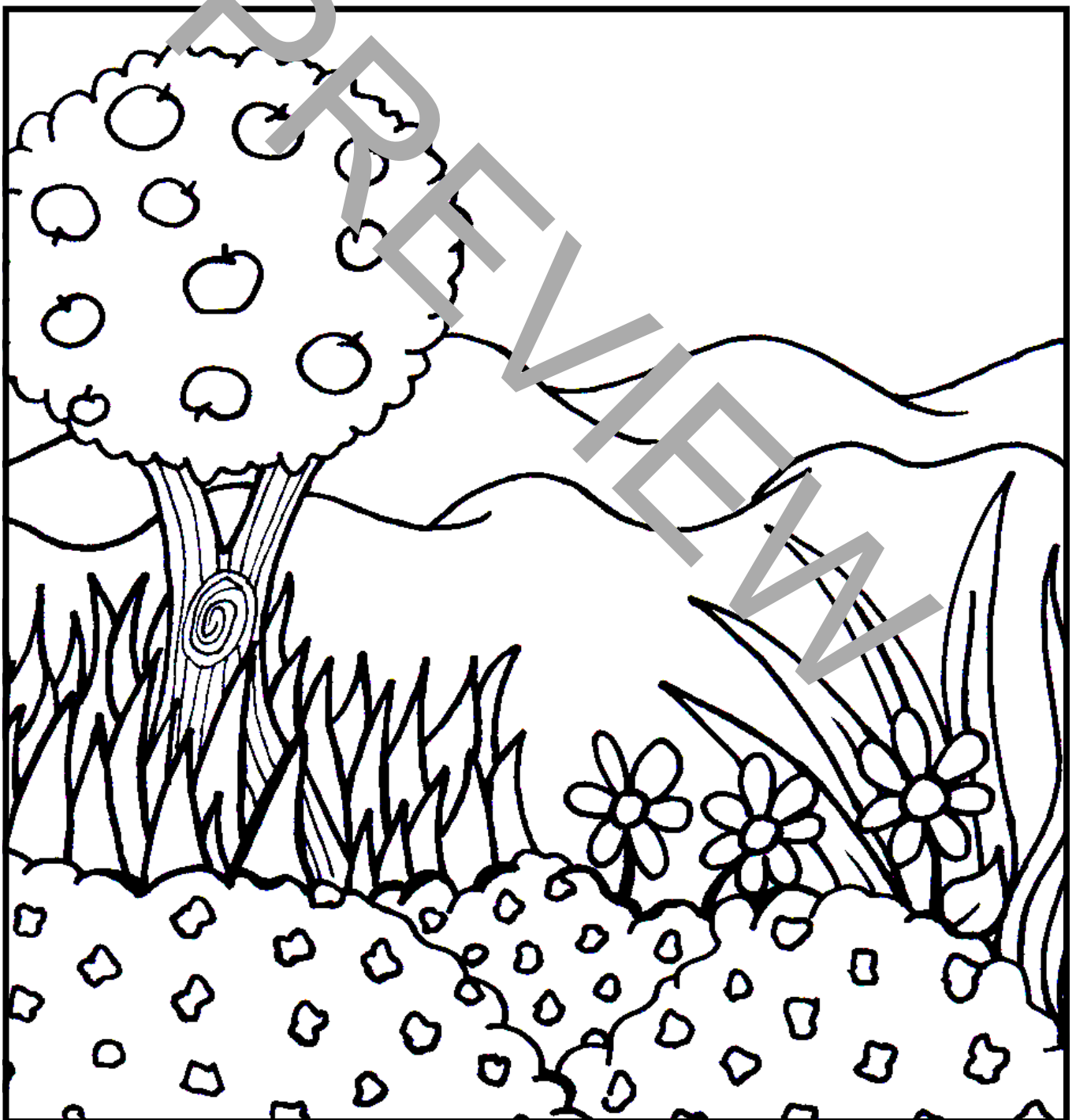


Memory verse: Bereshith 1:1

"In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth."

Then Elohim said: "Let the earth produce plants that give seed and fruit trees. It all happened and Elohim was pleased with what He saw. Then it became evening and the morning came. That was the third day.

COLOUR ME



Memory verse: Bereshith 2:2-3

"And in the seventh day Elohim completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And Elohim blessed the seventh day and set it apart, because on it He rested from all His work which Elohim in creating had made."

Choose the correct answer

1. The earth had no shape and it was empty and dark but _____ was there.
 - A) Elohim
 - B) Mosheh
 - C) Adam
2. On the second day Elohim made a space in the middle of the waters. He called the space _____.
 - A) Waters
 - B) Heavens
 - C) Light

3. On the third day Elohim separated the waters from the dry land and called the dry land

_____.

- A) Heavens
- B) Earth
- C) Mountains

4. On the fourth day Elohim made the big and small lights. He made the biggest light to shine during the day and called it _____.

- A) Star
- B) Moon
- C) Sun

5. On the fifth day Elohim filled the waters with

_____.

- A) Ships
- B) Submarines
- C) Living creatures

6. On the sixth day Elohim created the animals and

_____.

- A) Fish
- B) Man
- C) Plants

Draw a line to the correct answer

- Light space in the middle of the waters
Darkness fruit trees
Earth day
Seas dry land
Heavens night
Third day seventh day
Rested water



Questions

1. Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in it? _____
2. In how many days did He create the heavens and the earth? _____
3. On which day did He rest? _____
4. Lights were created to separate the _____ from the _____ and for _____ and to determine _____, _____ and _____.

5. Which lights were made for the night? The _____ and the _____.
6. Who did Elohim put in charge of the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky and all the creatures moving on the earth? _____

True or false

1. Elohim gave all the plants that gives seed and every fruit tree as food to man. _____
2. In the beginning the earth was round, empty and dark. _____
3. Elohim made the heavens to separate day from night. _____
4. The lion was made to rule over the fish, the birds and the animals. _____

Colour Me

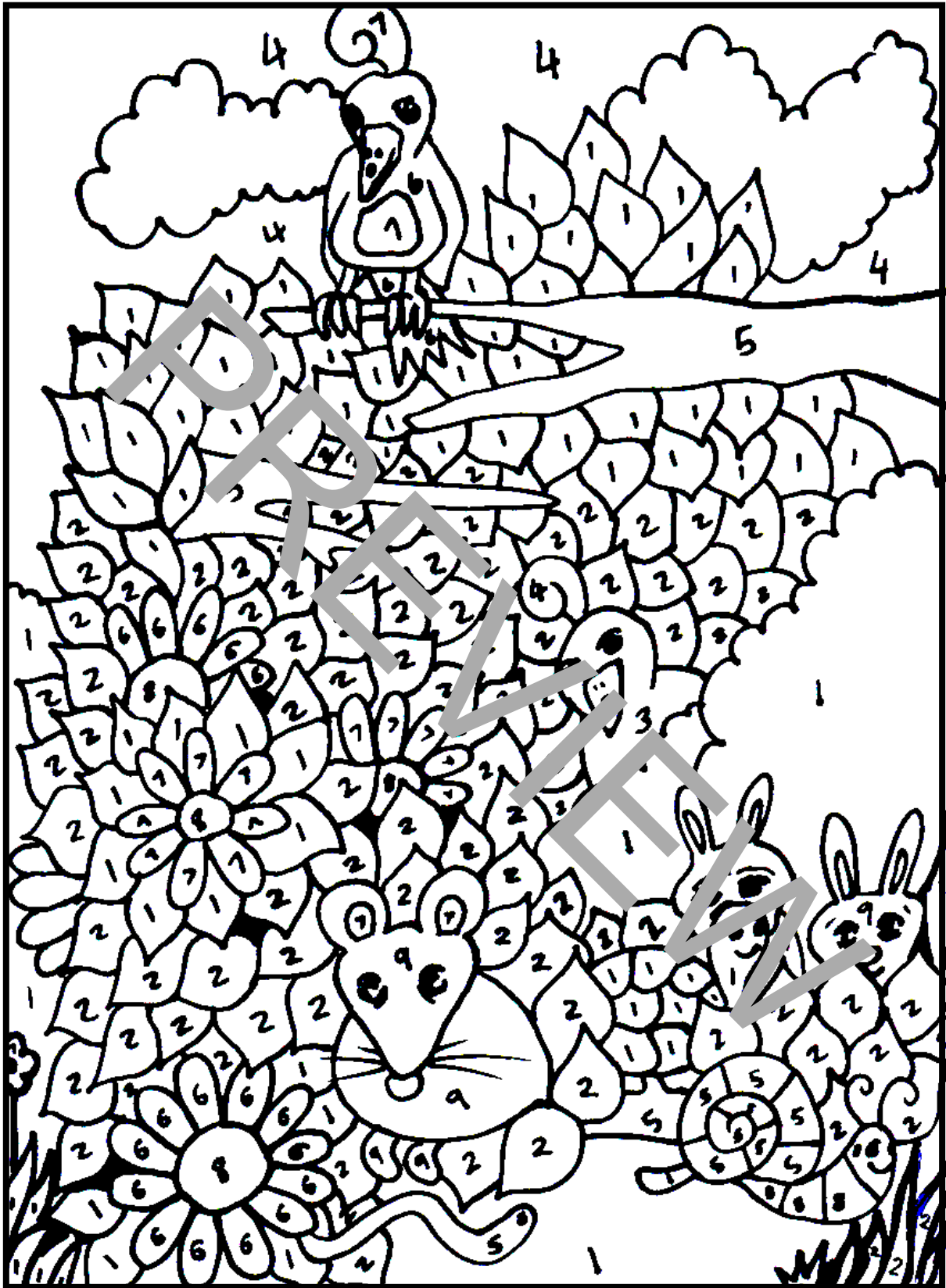


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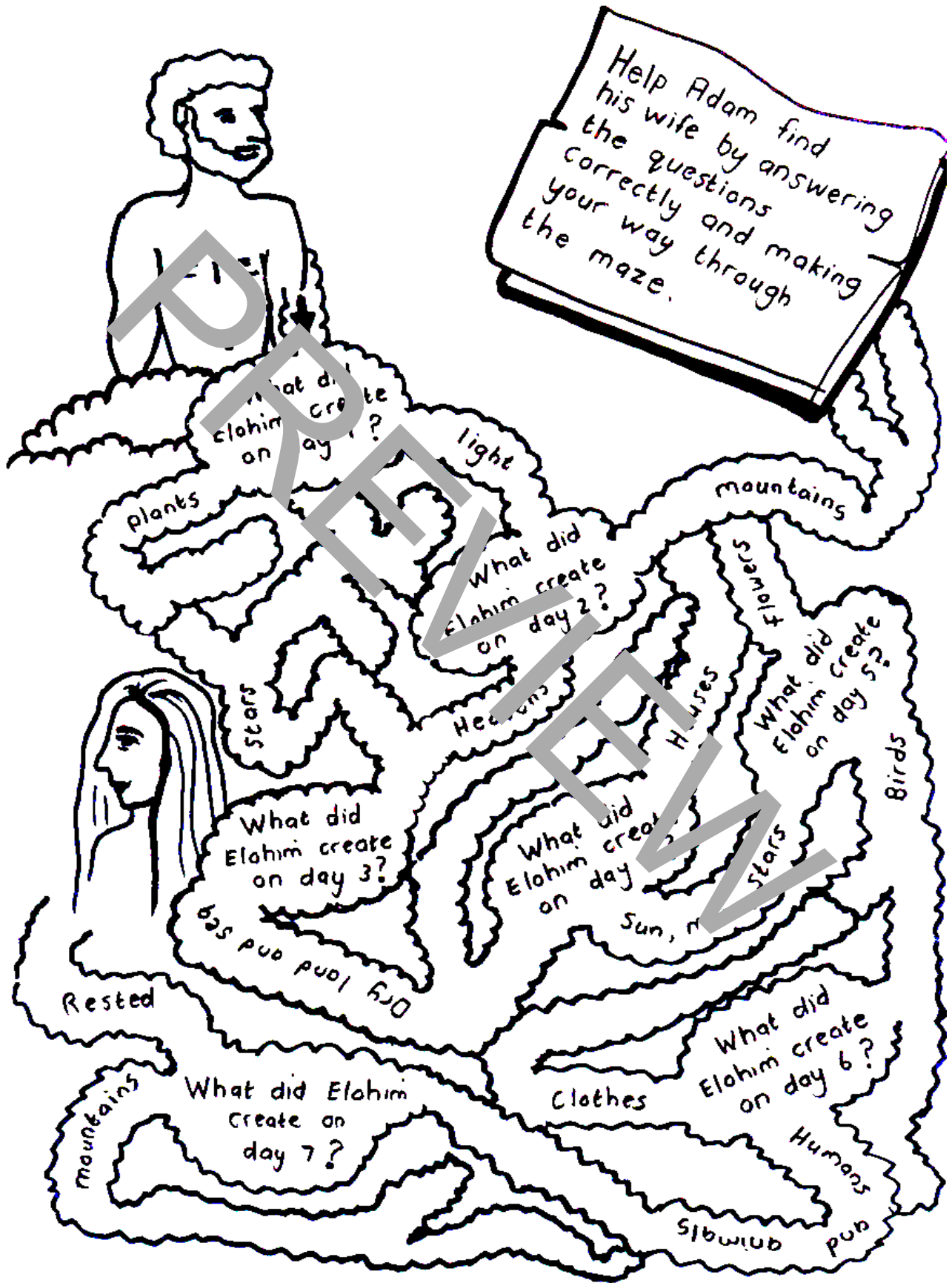
- Which two trees stood in the middle of the Garden of Eden? The tree of _____ and the tree of _____ of _____ and _____.
- Why did the man say of his wife: "This one is called woman"?
- A river went out of Eden. This river divided into 4 rivers. To find their names, scratch out all the letters that appear 5 times. The remaining letters will give you their names.

Z	F	P	I	S	Y	H	O	X	N	
G	W	Z	F	V	I	C	H	V	O	_____
N	C	H	I	Y	F	V	D	D	X	_____
X	W	W	E	Q	Y	Z	F	X	E	_____
L	E	U	W	Y	P	H	X	Z	F	_____
R	V	V	A	T	Y	W	E	S	Z	

Colour by Number



1. Dark green 2. Light green 3. Dark Blue 4. Light blue 5. Brown
6. Red 7. Pink 8. Yellow 9. Grey 10. Orange



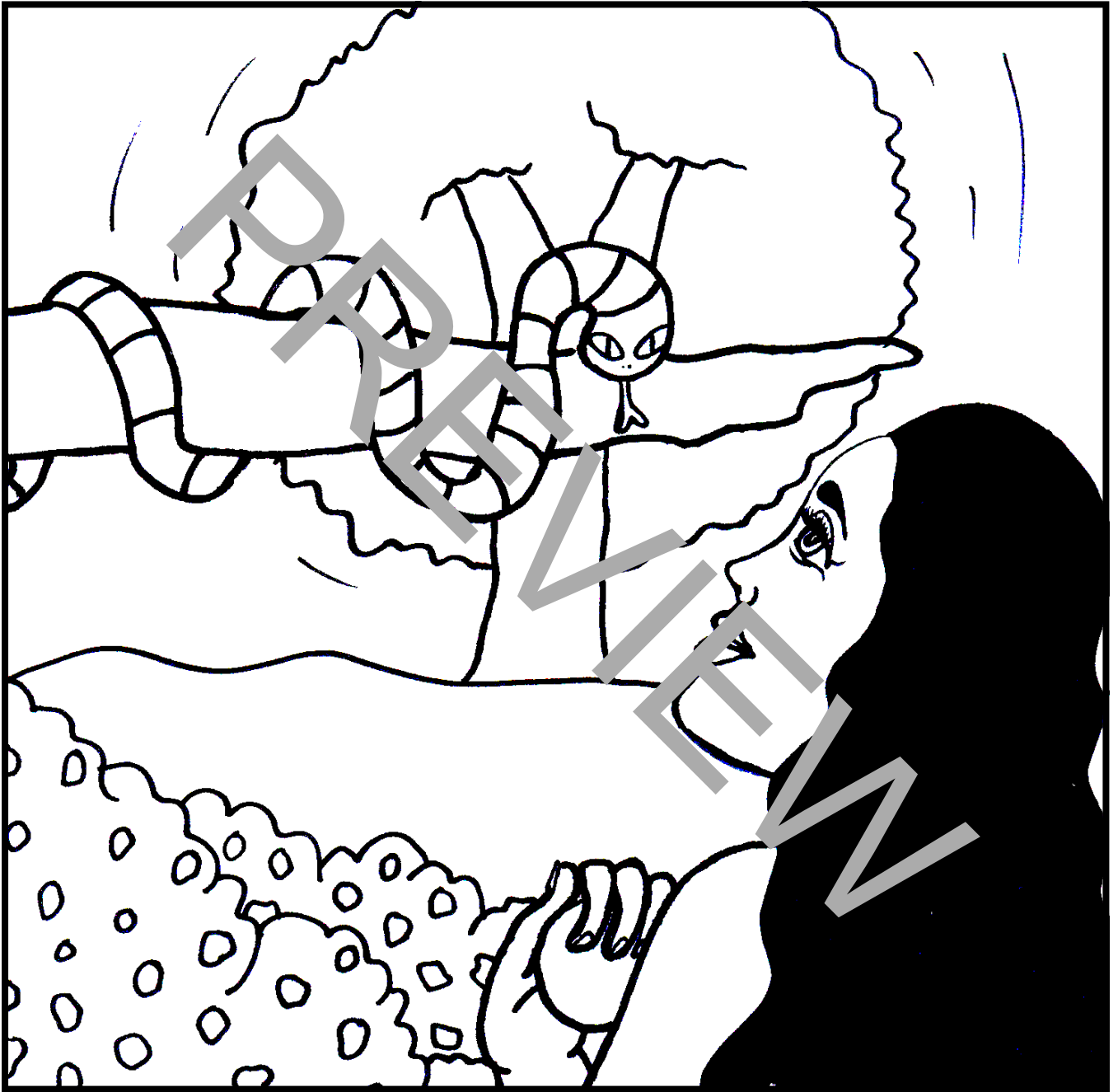
DISOBEDIENCE

Nachash, whose name means, the shiny one, was craftier than any other beast of the field which YHWH had made. He asked the woman "Is it true that YHWH told you not to eat of every tree of the garden?" "We are allowed to eat of the fruit of all the trees in the garden, except the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden," the woman answered. "Elohim said to us 'Do not eat of it, and do not touch it, or you will die'.

Then Nachash said to the woman, "You shall certainly not die, but Elohim knows, that when you eat of it, you will be like Him. You will also know good and evil."

The woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and it looked delicious. She thought how wonderful it would be to become wise, so, she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, and he ate as well.

COLOUR ME



Suddenly they realized that they were naked. They took some fig leaves and sewed them together to make clothes for themselves.

They heard the voice of YHWH Elohim, who was walking in the garden in the cool of the day and they hid themselves among the trees of the garden.

YHWH called Adam and asked, "Where are you?"

And Adam answered, "I heard Your voice in the garden and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

"Who told you that you were naked?," Elohim asked.

"Did you eat of the fruit of the tree which I commanded you not to eat of?"

"The woman You gave me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate," the man answered.

And YHWH said to the woman, "Who have you done?"

"Nachash deceived me and I ate," the woman answered.

Then YHWH said to Nachash, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all livestock and more than every beast of the field. You will move on your stomach and eat dust for the rest of your life.

You and the woman will hate each other, and your offspring and hers will be enemies. He shall crush your head, and you shall crush His heel."

To the woman He said, "I will increase your sorrow and your pain when you give birth. Your desire is for your husband and he will rule over you."

And to the man He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree which was forbidden to you, the ground will be cursed because of you. For the rest of your life, you will have to work hard to be able to eat from it. Thorns and thistles will grow from the ground and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you die. You were made from dust, and you will become dust again."

The man named his wife Chawwah, because she became the mother of all human beings.

Elohim made coats of skin for the man and his wife and dressed them.

COLOUR ME



Qayin and Hevel

After they were driven out of Eden, Chawwah became pregnant and she gave birth to a baby boy. She named him Qayin and said, "I have gained a man, YHWH."

Later she had another son, whom she named Hevel. Hevel became a shepherd and his brother, Qayin, became a tiller of the ground.

After some time, Qayin and Hevel brought offerings to YHWH. Qayin brought some of his harvest and Hevel brought of the first born of his flock and of their fat as an offering to YHWH. YHWH was pleased with the offering that Hevel brought, but not with the offering of Qayin.

So Qayin became very angry and his face fell. YHWH then asked Qayin, "Why is he angry with you and why are you sad?"

"Will you not be accepted if you do right? If you do wrong, you will sin, but you should overcome it."

One day when they were in the field, Qayin killed Hevel.

Then YHWH asked Qayin, "Where is your brother Hevel?" "I do not know. Am I supposed to watch over my brother?" Qayin answered.



Then YHWH said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground. Now you are cursed from the earth. If you till the ground, it shall no longer produce crops to you. You will be a fugitive who wanders from place to place."

Then Qayin said to YHWH, "My punishment is too great to bear. You are driving me from the land, and away from Your presence. I will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who finds me will kill me."

Then YHWH replied, "If anyone kills Qayin, revenge will be taken on him seven times." So YHWH set up a sign for Qayin, to prevent anyone who came across him, from killing him.

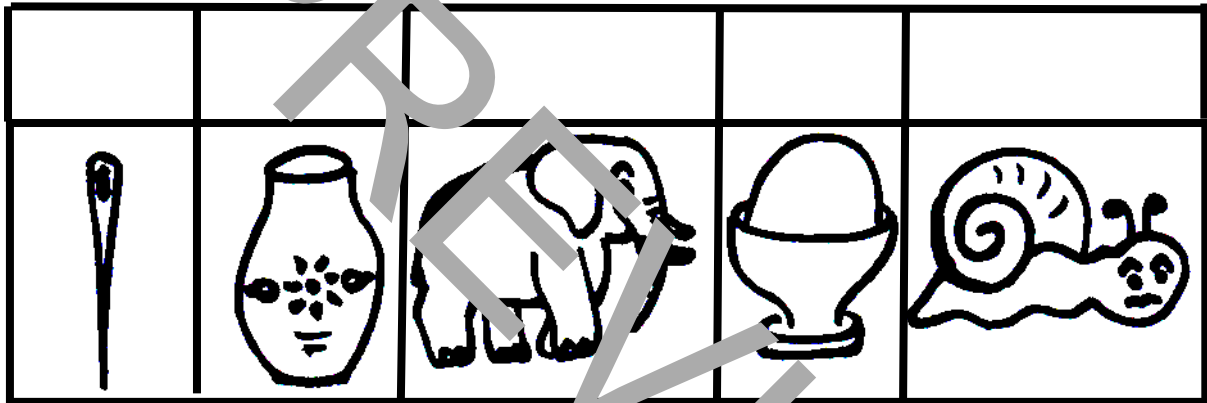
So Qayin left the presence of YHWH and went to live in the land of Nod which was east of Eden.

After Qayin murdered Hevel, Adam and Chawwah had another son. Chawwah named him Seth and said, "Elohim has given me another son to replace Hevel."

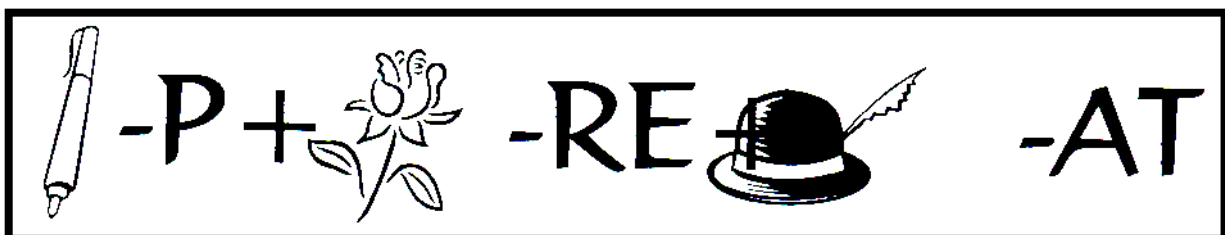
Later Seth also had a son whom he named Enosh. At this time people began to call on the name of YHWH.

PUZZLES

1. YHWH said to Qayin, "If anyone kills Qayin re-venge will be taken on him _____ times." To solve the puzzle, write down the first letter of each picture and unscramble the letters to form the number.



2. He was the son of Seth and in his time people began to call on the name of YHWH. To find his name, write the name of each item above the picture. Then add or subtract the extra letters. _ _ _ _ _



MOSAIC

Colour the picture, then cut out the pieces and build the mosaic.



Who am I?

Use the family tree provided to find the answers.

1. I was the first man and was created from dust. _ _ _ _
2. I was the first murderer. _ _ _ _ _
3. In my time people began to call on the name of YHWH.
_ _ _ _ _
4. I was the first baby that was born. _ _ _ _ _
5. I was killed by my brother _ _ _ _ _
6. I was the mother of Seth. _ _ _ _ _
7. My father named a city after me.
_ _ _ _ _
8. I killed a man who struck me. _ _ _ _ _
9. I lived longer than any other person on earth.
_ _ _ _ _
10. I was the father of Noach. _ _ _ _ _
11. I was the first person known to live in a tent.
_ _ _ _ _
12. I was the first known person to play the flute and the
lyre. _ _ _ _ _
13. I was the first person to make all kinds of tools out of
bronze and iron. _ _ _ _ _

The Nephilim

The people on the earth became many and they had daughters. The sons of Elohim saw the daughters of the people and took some of them as wives for themselves and they had children together. These children were called Nephilim or giants. They were very strong and famous.

YHWH saw that the people on the earth were wicked and that their thoughts were evil continually, and YHWH was sorry that He had made man on the earth and He was very, very sad.

YHWH then said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever. People keep on going astray, so they will from now on only live for one hundred and twenty years."

Then YHWH said, "I am going to wipe off man from the face of the earth. I will destroy man, beast, creeping creature and the birds of the heavens, because I am sorry that I made them."

However, YHWH found one man whom He was pleased with. The name of this man was Noach.

COLOUR ME



Noach

In this passage you will find some Hebrew words which were written in italics.

Noach, the son of Lemech, was a righteous man (*tzaddik*). He had three sons named Shem, Cham and Yepheth. Noach was a perfect man who walked with Elohim, but everyone else was corrupt and violent.

Elohim saw that the people on the earth were living evil lives and He decided to destroy them, but Noach found favour in the eyes of YHWH and YHWH decided to spare his life.

And YHWH said to Noach, "I am going to destroy all flesh from the earth. Build for yourself an ark (*taiva*) of gopherwood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with tar. Make the ark three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. (1 cubit is about 44.5cm or 17.5 inches) Make a window of a cubit from above, and make a door in the side of the ark. The ark must have a lower, a second and a third deck."

Noach did everything YHWH told him to do.

And YHWH said to Noach, "I am going to bring a flood (*mabul*) on the earth, to destroy all flesh under the heavens, which have received the breath of life. Everything that is on the earth will die, but I will make a covenant with you, because I have seen that you are a righteous man."

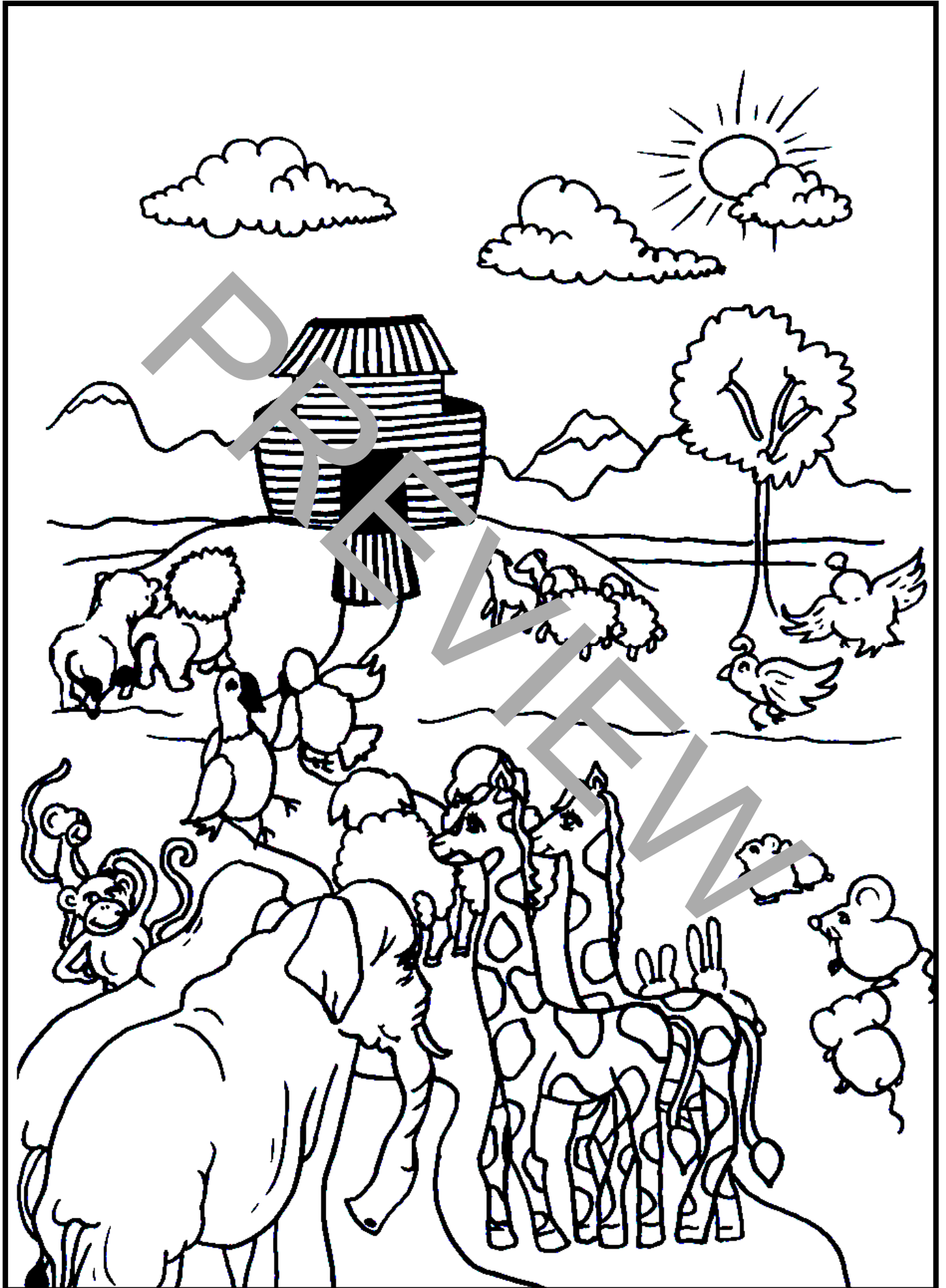
You and your wife must go into the ark and take your sons and their wives with you. Take one pair, a male and a female, of every kind of unclean animal into the ark, to keep them alive.

Of all kinds of clean (*kosher*) animals and every kind of bird, you must take seven pairs into the ark. Take seven males and seven females of each into the ark, so that they can reproduce.

You must also gather all kinds of food and take it with you, to be food for you and for them, because after seven more days I am going to send rain on the earth. It will rain for forty days and forty nights and I shall wipe from the face of the earth everything that stand that I have created.

Noah did everything that Elohim commanded him to do.

COLOUR ME



If the statement is true, write T next to it. If it is false, write F and give the correct answer.

1. Shem Cham and Yepheth were told to build an ark.

2. Noach was a righteous man. _____

3. In the time of Noach, the people were corrupt and violent. _____

4. The ark was built with gold. _____

5. The ark was 300 cubits long. _____

6. YHWH made a covenant with Noach. _____

7. Noach had to bring only one pair of each kind of animal into the ark. _____

8. No creeping creatures were allowed in the ark.

9. Noach had to take enough food for his family and for the animals into the ark. _____

10. The wives of Noach's sons also went into the ark.

11. Birds did not need to go into the ark. _____

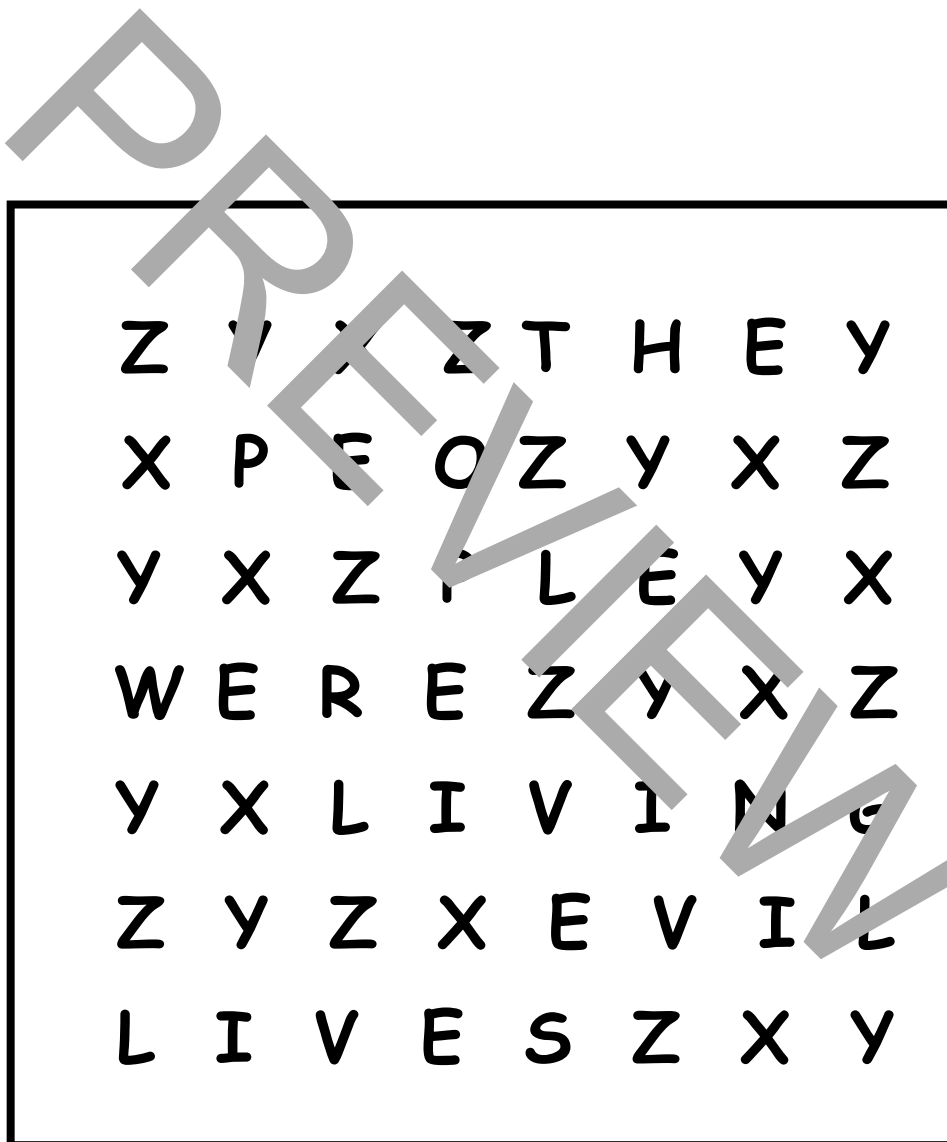
12. Noach was the son of Lemek. _____

13. The ark had no windows. _____

14. The door of the ark was at the front of the ark.

Puzzle

Why did YHWH decide to send the flood on the earth to destroy all living things that He has created? Colour every X, Y and Z. You will find the answer in the remaining letters.



Think!

Why do you think did Noach have to bring seven pairs of each kosher animal and bird into the ark and only one pair of each unclean animal?

Puzzle

Across:

1. Noach was _____ and walked with Elohim.
2. Father of Shem, Cham and Yapheth. _____
3. The ark was built with _____.

Down:

4. Hebrew word for ark. _____
5. The ark had _____ decks.
6. _____ Pairs of unclean animals went in the ark.
7. _____ pairs of clean animals went in the ark.
8. Hebrew word for righteous man. _____
9. It rained for _____ days and nights.

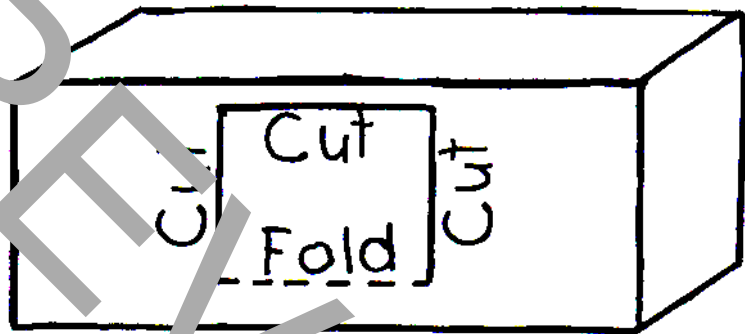
Find and Circle the 20 hidden animals



Shoebbox Ark

You will need:

- Large shoebox
- White paper
- Paint, Colour pencils or colour pens
- Cardboard
- brown paint
- Craft knife



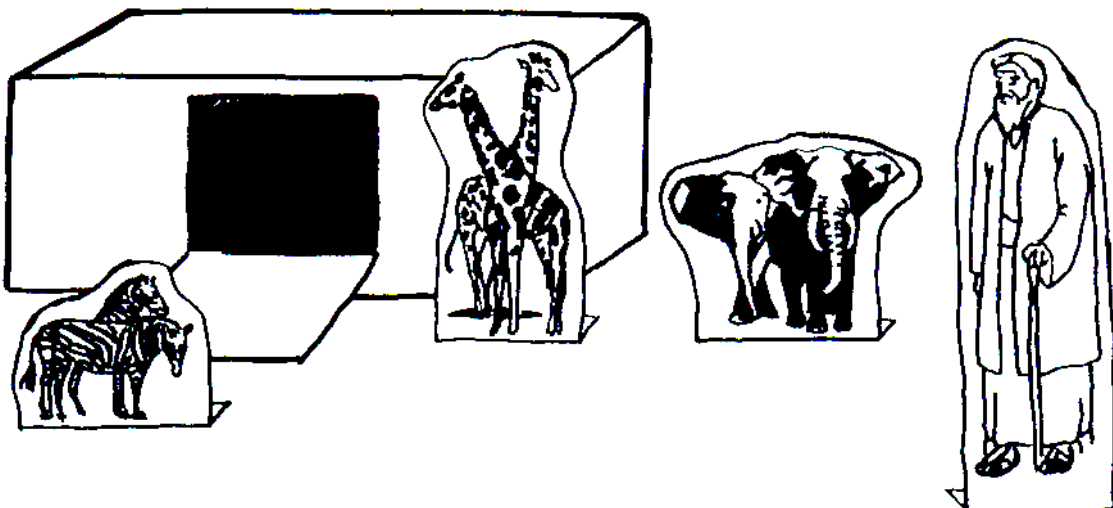
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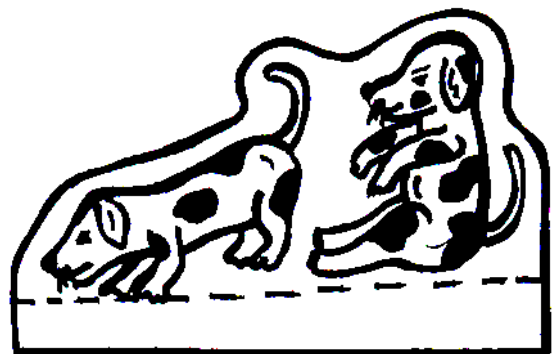
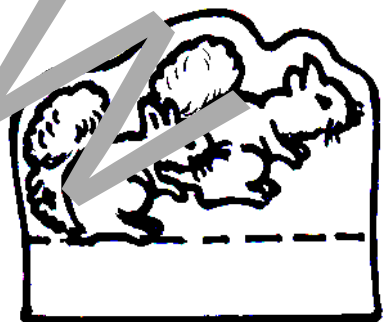
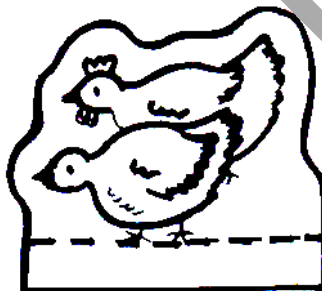
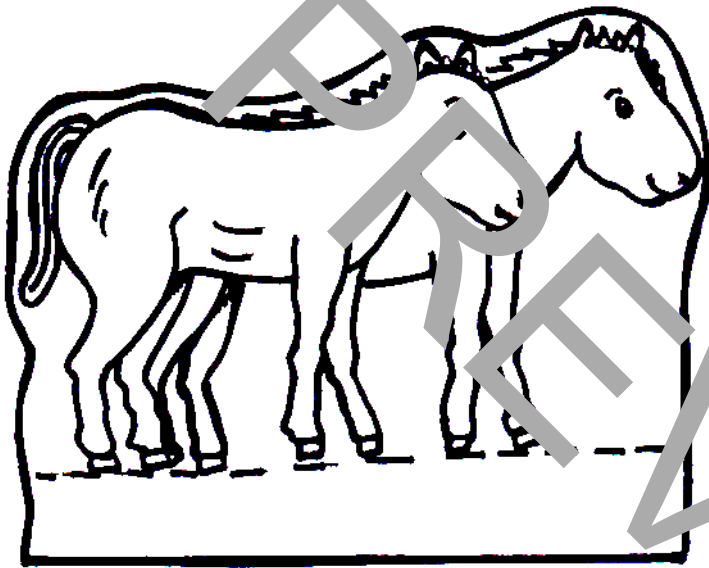
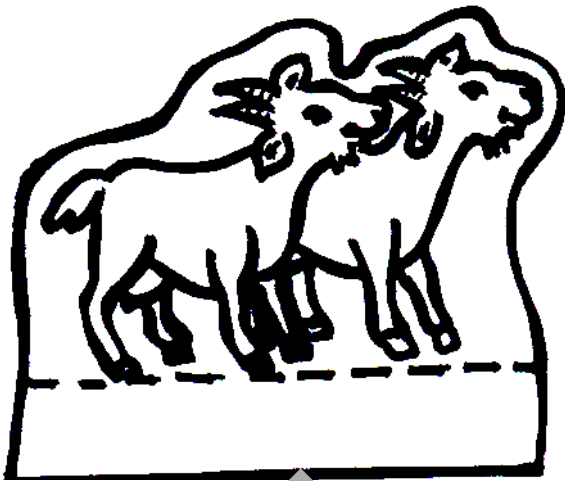
1. Paint a large shoebox brown.
2. To cut out a door, measure 2 cm (1 inch) from the bottom of the box on one side of the box. The fold line to open the door from the top will be on this level. Ask an adult to help you cut out the door (on three sides). Make sure that the bottom of the door is not separated from the box. Fold the door on the fold line, to form a ramp for the animals to enter the ark.

3. Cut a white paper strip of about 3-4 cm (2 inches) wide. Draw or stick pictures of animal faces on the strip and stick the strip 1cm (half inch) from the top of the box. (side opposite to the side with the door) This will be the window of the ark.



4. Colour or paint the animal pictures provided and glue them onto cardboard. Cut them out and carefully fold them on the fold line to enable them to stand. You can draw more animals or use plastic toy animals with your ark.





Sons of Noach

The sons of Noach who went into the ark with him, were called Shem Cham and Yephet. They were the ancestors of all the people who lived on the earth after the flood.

After the flood, Noach planted a vineyard. He made wine and became drunk.

While he was drunk, he became uncovered in his tent. Cham saw that his father was naked. He went outside and told his brothers. Shem and Yephet took a garment and placed it on their shoulders. Then they walked backwards into the tent and covered the nakedness of their father, without looking at him.

When Noach woke up, he found out what his younger son, Cham, had done to him. He cursed Kena'an the son of Cham and said, "Cursed is Kena'an. Let him become a servant of servants to his brothers."

And he said, "Blessed be YHWH, the Elohim of Shem, and let Kena'an become his servant. Let Elohim enlarge Yephet, and let him live in the tents of Shem. Let Kena'an become his servant.

After the flood Noach lived three hundred and fifty more years and he died at the age of nine hundred and fifty.

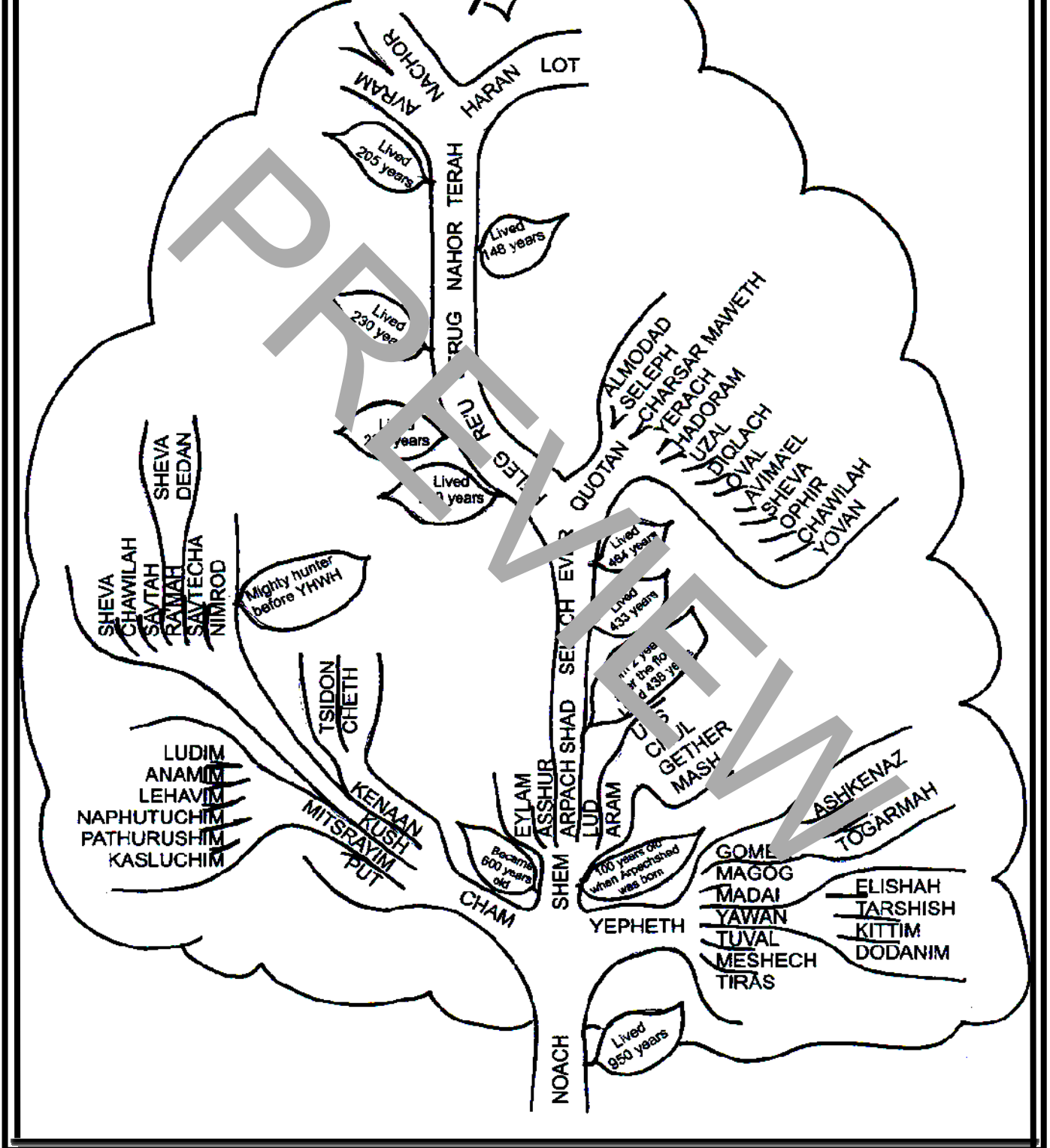
Complete

1. Noach planted a _____ and made some _____.
2. He drank wine and became _____.
3. _____ saw the nakedness of his father and told his brothers.
4. _____ and _____ took a _____ and walked backwards to cover the nakedness of their _____.
5. When Noach woke up, he found out what his son had done and he cursed _____, the son of _____.
6. Noach lived for _____ years after the flood and died at the age of _____.

After the flood Shem, Cham and Yephet had children. Study the family tree on the next page to find out more about their descendants.

Sons of Noach

Family tree



Did you know?

- The sons of Yepheth separated to become the nations of the coastlands.
- Nimrod, the son of Kush, became a mighty man on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before YHWH. That is why people say, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before YHWH."
- Nimrod's Reign began with Bavel, Erech, Akkad and Kalneh, in the land of Shin'ar. From there he went to Ashshur and built Nineweh, Rechovoth Ir, Kelch and Resen between Nineweh and Kelch the great city.
- The Philistines are descendants of Mitsrayim, one of the sons of Cham.
- All the children of Ever were descendants of Shem. Ever had two sons named, Peleg and Yoktan. Ever named his son Peleg because the earth became divided in his time.

Who am I

Use the family tree to help you.

1. I lived for 950 years. I built the ark.

2. Cham and Yephet were my brothers. _____

3. I was born two years after the flood. Shem, my father was 100 years old when I was born.

4. I was called a mighty hunter before YHWH. Kush was my father. _____

5. I was the father of Kush and the grandfather of Nimrod. _____

6. I was the brother of Nachor and Haran.

7. I was the father of Avram. _____





8. I lived for 148 years. My grandsons were Avram, Nachor and Haran. _____

9. I was a son of Noach. I was a great great grandfather of Avram. _____

10. I was the father of Kena'an. Noach was my father. _____

11. The earth became divided in my time.

The philistines were the descendants of one of the sons of Cham. To find out the name of this son, write down the names above each picture and add and subtract the remaining letters.

 - ten
 +
 - on
 +
 nk
 +
 - ask

Use the clues in the pictures to help the private investigator find the following people: Nimrod, Noach, Peleg and Ke'naan. Write down their names.



The tower of Bavel

After the flood, the sons of Noach had children and all the nations of the earth were formed from their descendants.

All the people spoke one language and used the same words. They travelled from the east until they reached a plain in the land of Shin'ar and they settled there.

Then they said to each other, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them well." So, they made bricks to build with, and they used asphalt to hold the bricks together.

Then they said, "Let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens. Let us make a name for ourselves, so that we do not become scattered over the earth."

YHWH came down to see the city and the tower which they had built, and He said, "Look, they are one people and they all speak the same language and this is what they begin to do! They will now be able to do whatever they want to."

Then YHWH said: "Come, let Us go there and confuse their language, so that they can no longer understand one another."

YHWH scattered them from there, over the whole earth and they stopped building the city. The city was called Bavel, because there YHWH confused the language of the people on the earth and He scattered them over all the earth.

PUZZLE

Find the missing words and use them to complete the puzzle

a = across and d = down

All the nations are descendants of _____ (1a).

All people spoke the same _____ (2d).

The people moved _____ (3a) and settled in the plain of _____ (4a).

They made _____ (5d) to build with.

They decided to build a _____ (6a) and a _____ (7d) that reach the _____ (8a).

The people wanted to make a _____ (9d) for themselves.

They held the bricks together with _____ (10d).

YHWH _____ (11a) their language and _____ (12d) them over all the earth.

P88-Complete

1. YHWH
2. Noach
3. Rained
4. Water
5. Ark
6. 150
7. Ararat
8. Raven
9. Olive leaf

P90-Noach's helper

Draw a leafy twig in the beak of the dove

P97

Rainbow (from Ring, Apple, Milk, Nut, Bed, Owl, Window)

P100-Puzzle

Down

1. Waters
2. Raven
3. Olive
4. Mizbaiach
5. Flood

Across

6. Rainbow
7. Ararat
8. Elohim
9. Dove
10. Blood
11. Life
12. Covenant

P104 to 107 Test your knowledge

1. Righteous person
2. Shem, Cham, Yephet
3. The people on the earth lived evil lives.
4. Ark

5. Gopherwood
6. Taiva
7. 3
8. Flood
9. 2
10. 7
11. 40, 40
12. 600 years
13. 150
14. Wind to blow
15. Ararat
16. Raven
17. It did not find a resting place for its feet
18. 7
19. Freshly plucked olive leaf
20. No
21. 601 years
22. Built a slaughter place and offered to YHWH
23. Yes, He decided to never again curse the ground because of man and that a flood will never again destroy the earth.
24. Be fruitful, increase and fill the earth.
25. Clean animals, green plants
26. The life is in the blood.
27. Man was made in the image of Elohim.
28. Rainbow
29. Flood waters will never again destroy all flesh and a flood will never again destroy the earth.

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1. Vineyard, wine
2. Drunk
3. Cham
4. Shem, Yephet, garment, Father
5. Kena'an, Cham
6. 350, 950