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Who was Moses?
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Who is Moses? Passover/Pesach - Background information for parents

Passover is a time when Jews remember the Israelites' freedom from slavery in Egypt. Moses, an important figure in the Jewish faith, led the Israelites to freedom over 3,000 years ago.

According to the Torah, the Israelites were God's chosen people. They observed Jewish law and believed in one God. However, they were enslaved in Egypt, where they were forced to work in difficult conditions, building pyramids and other great buildings.

Moses had been born into a Jewish family at a time when Jewish baby boys were in danger. To save him, his mother put him in a basket and sent him down the river, with his sister watching close by. He was found by the Pharaoh's family and raised in the palace.

As he grew older, Moses wanted to learn more about his Jewish heritage. He left the palace, and whilst tending sheep God spoke to him through a burning bush. God chose him to lead His people, the Israelites, to freedom.

It was a long and difficult struggle, but Moses succeeded and led the Israelites to freedom. God even made a miracle happen and parted a sea for His people to walk through!

Moses and the Israelites spent many years travelling through the desert to reach the land God had promised them. Often, they had little to eat or drink. But the Torah says that God watched over them, provided for them and protected them.

Passover is celebrated for seven or eight days. Some Jewish families clean their house before the festival begins.

A special service called **Seder** happens on the evening before Passover begins. This takes place with family and friends over a special meal, called the seder meal.

At the seder meal, a special plate called the seder plate is used.

Who was Moses?

The Baby in the Basket



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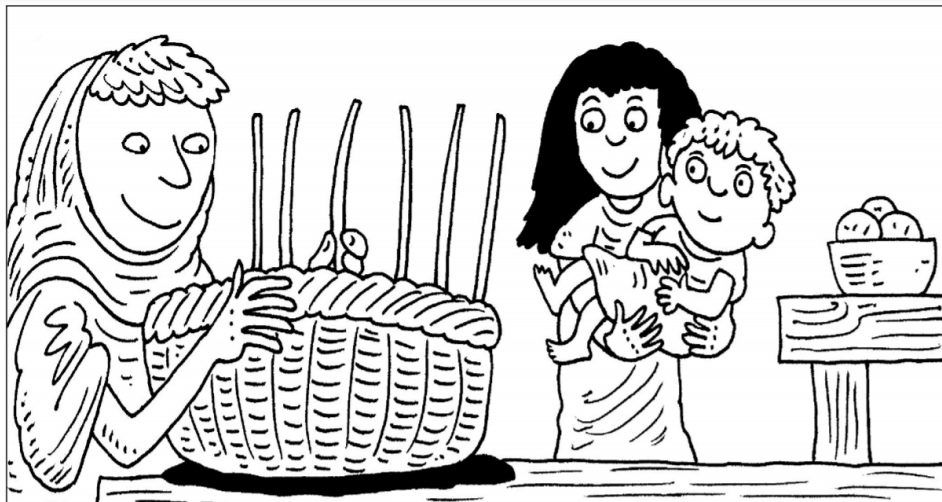
Who was Moses? The Baby in the Basket



1. The children of Israel grew up to be big and strong and had to work hard for Pharaoh. King Pharaoh said, 'I will take away all the baby boys before they are stronger than me.'



2. Miriam had a beautiful baby brother. She looked out of her window. When the soldiers came the family hid the baby and prayed that God would keep him safe.



3. Soon their baby was too big to hide. His mother made a special little bed, in a basket, to float the baby down the river Nile, to a safe place. 'God will look after him,' she said.



4. She tucked him in the bed and he fell fast asleep. 'God keep our baby safe,' she prayed. Miriam, his sister, watched nearby. Then the baby began to cry.

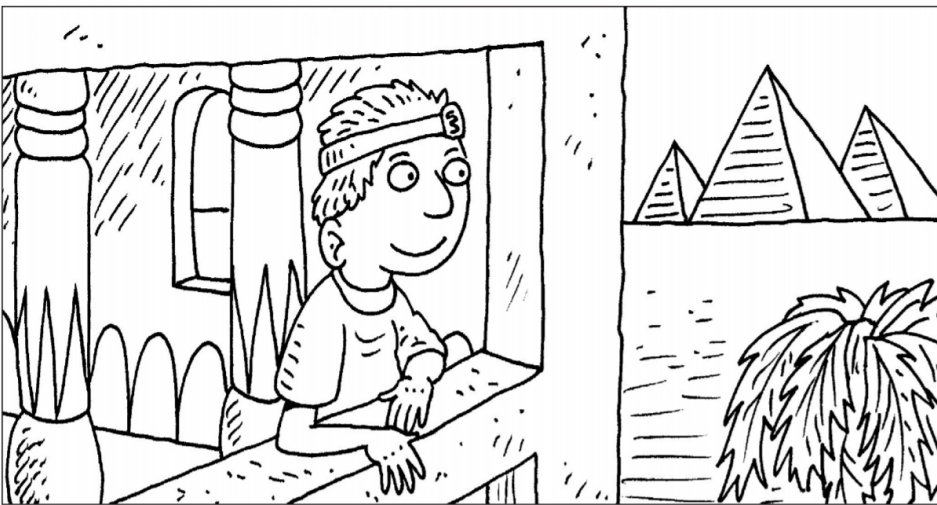
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5. Miriam saw a Princess come down to the river. The Princess found the baby and she loved him. 'I will call him Moses,' she said, 'but I need someone to help me look after him.'



6. The Princess saw Miriam and sent her to find a lady to feed the hungry baby. Miriam ran home to get her mother and said, 'The Princess needs you to look after the baby!'



7. When he was bigger Moses went to live with the Princess, in King Pharaoh's Palace. Moses always loved God with all his heart and knew that God had kept him safe.

This is a special story for Jewish people (and also for Christians and Muslims). Baby Moses was loved by his mummy and his sister Miriam, who both tried to protect him. He was also loved and cared for by the Pharaoh's daughter, the Princess. Jewish people believe that God loved and cared for him too.

How would you love and care for a baby? Chat about it together at home.

Can you draw or write some things that this baby will need?

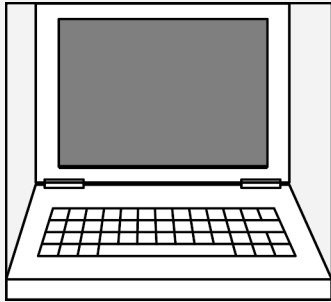
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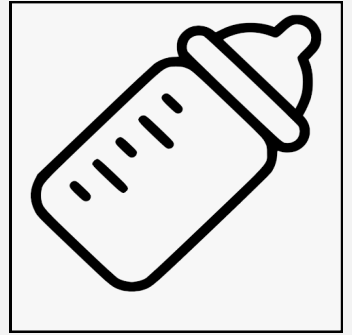


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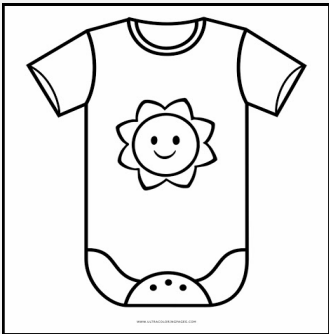
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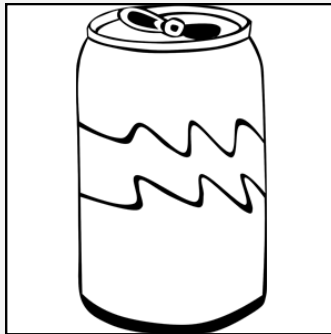
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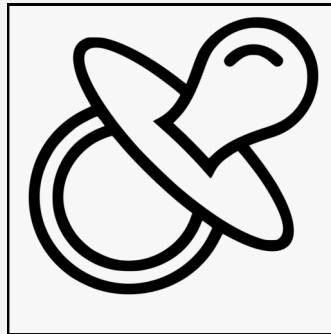
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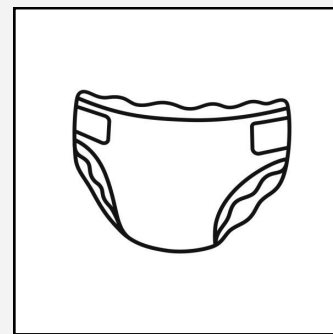
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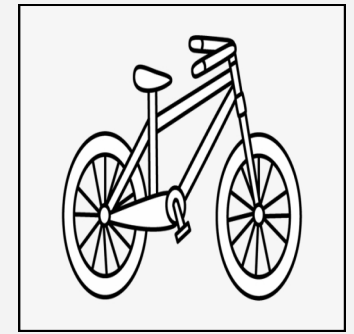
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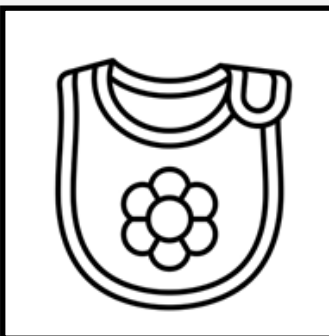
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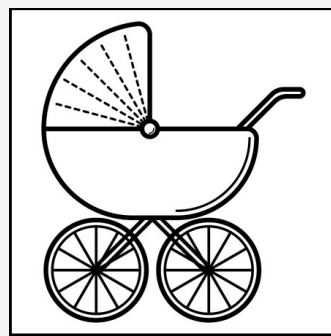
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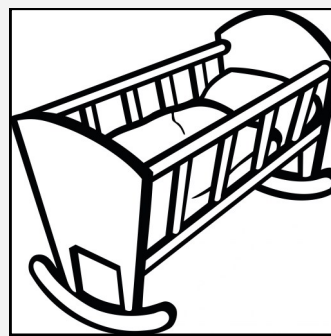
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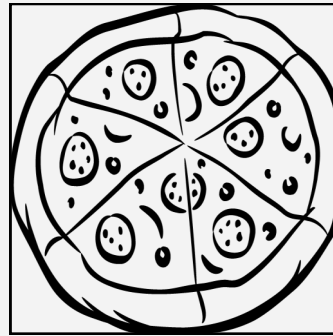
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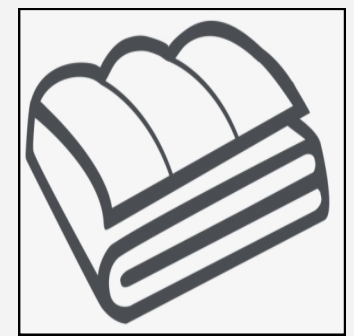
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Pizza



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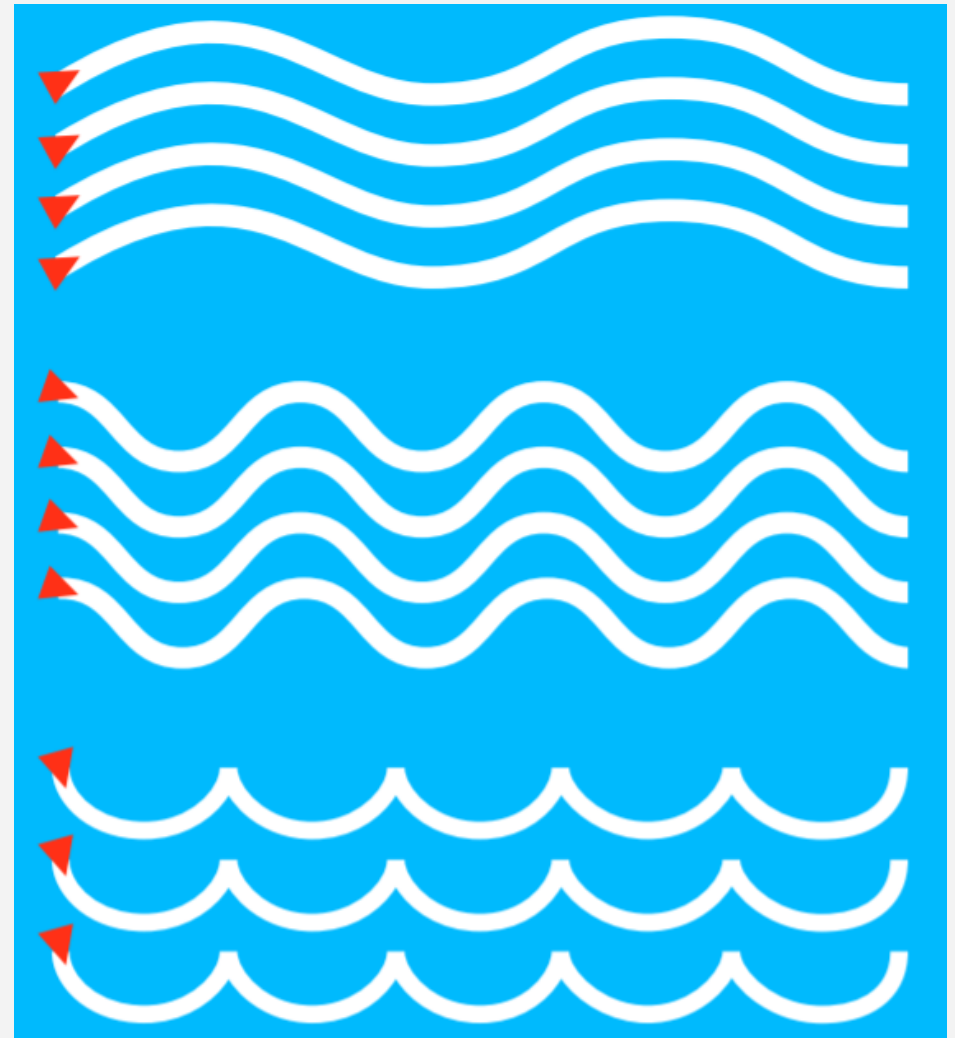
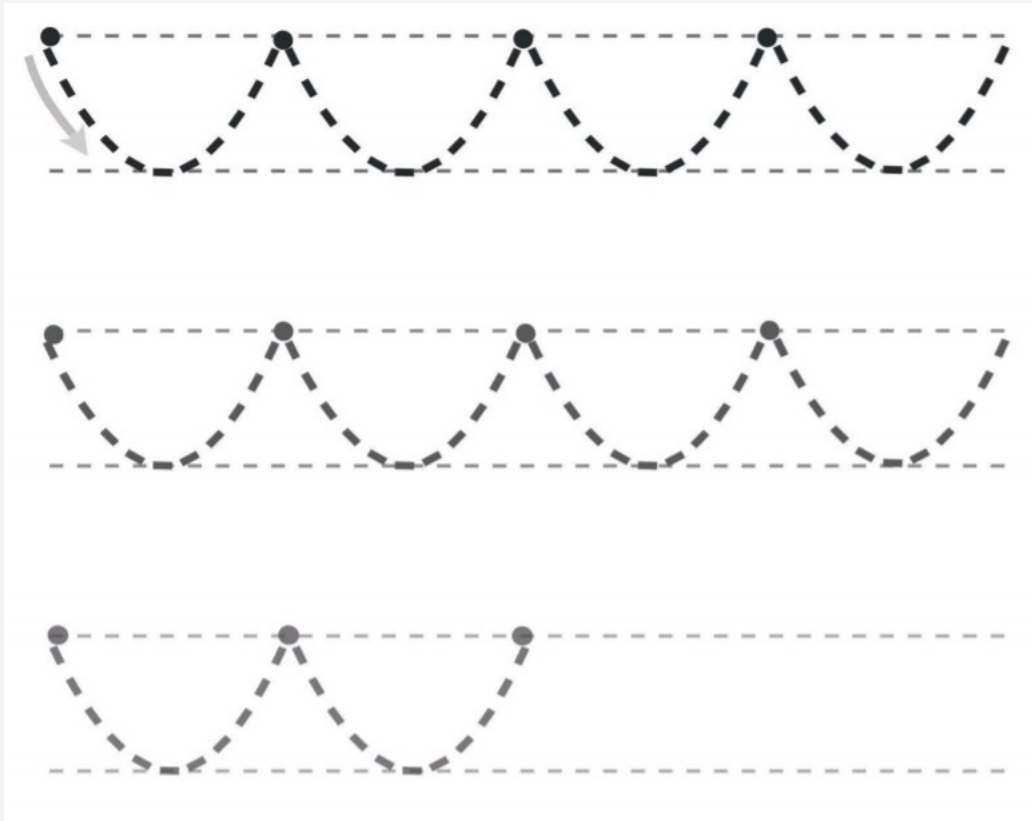
Moses grew up to be an important leader for the Jewish people. God had a special job for Moses to do when he became a man.


What job do you think you might grow up to do? You could draw a picture or write some words about it in the box below.

A large, empty rounded rectangular box intended for a student to draw a picture or write words about their future job.

Watch: https://youtu.be/s_cHasJh3Jc

Practice your pencil control and draw some waves, just like the River Nile in the story.



Draw some waves of your own here 

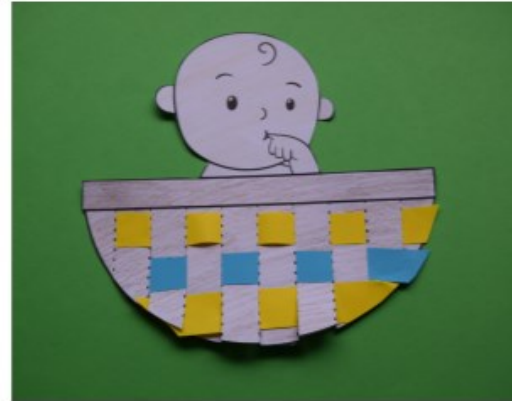
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Moses Basket craft

Easy to make weaving craft.

What you need

- Template
- White card
- Scissor
- Glue
- Colour paper
- Coloured pencils



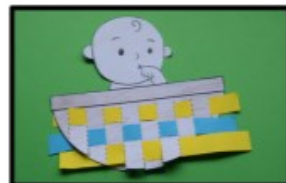
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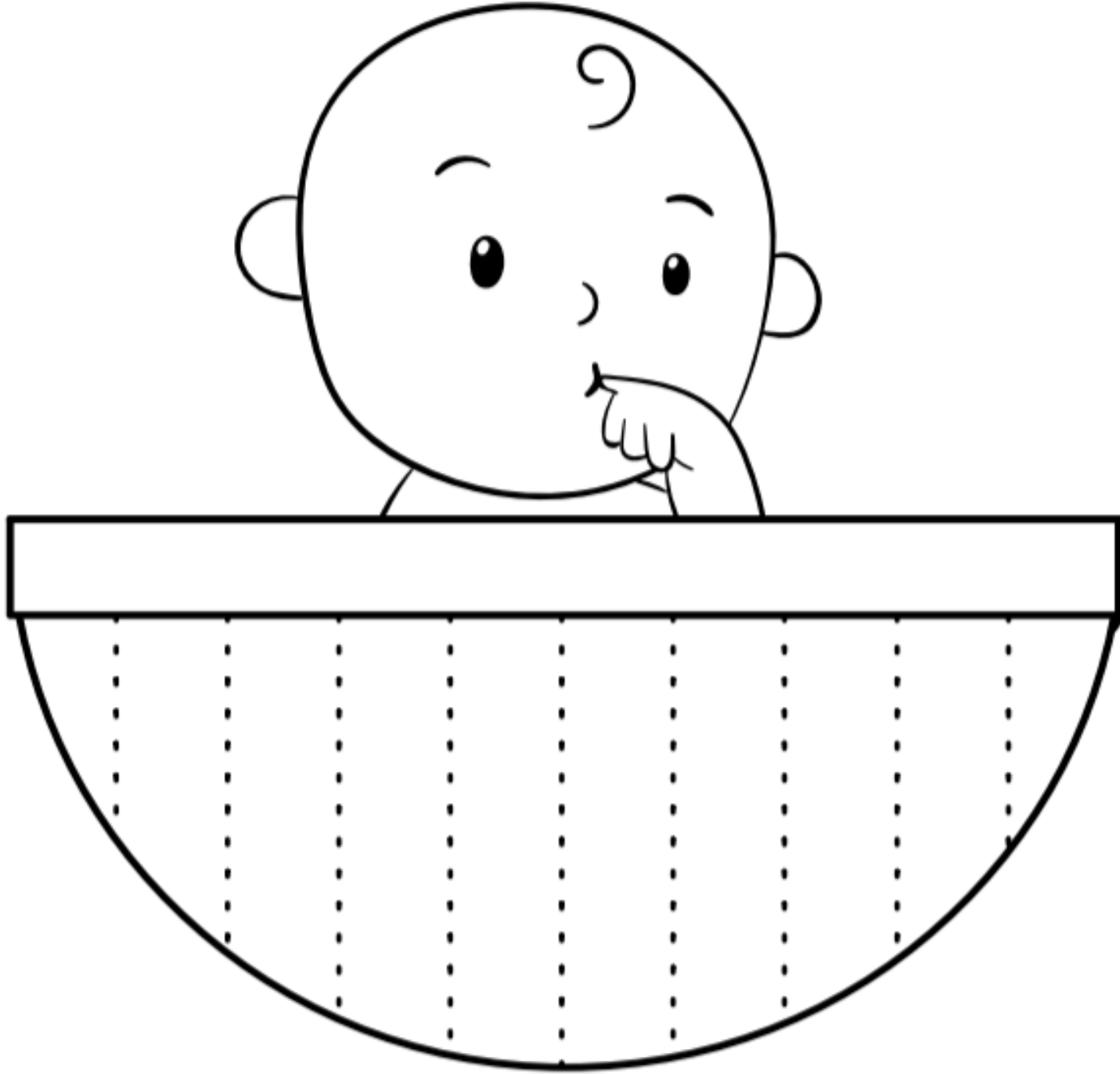
Print on white card for best results
Colour in the picture



Cut along dotted lines
Cut strips of paper



Weave strips of paper
Glue overlapping bits

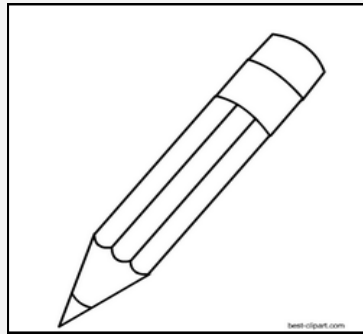


Sink or Float?

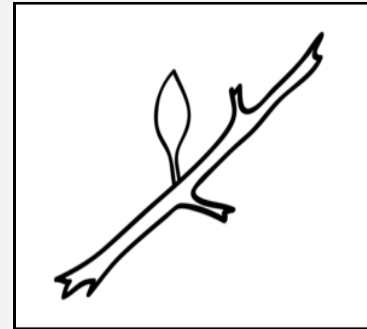
Circle or colour in the objects that will float. You could test it out in the sink or bath!



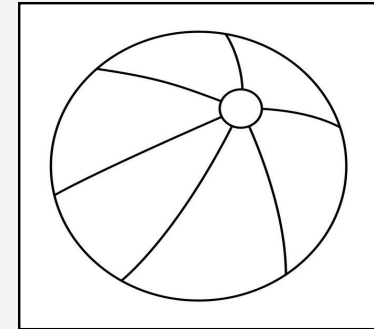
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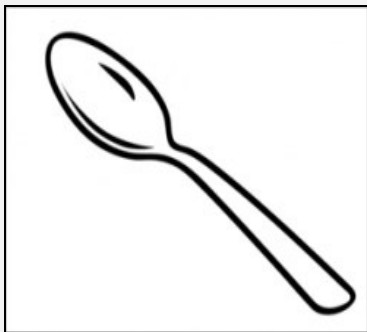
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Twig



Ball



Spoon



Plastic bottle

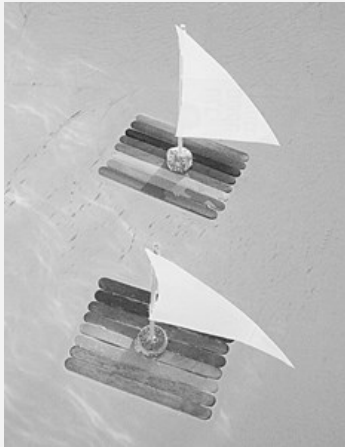


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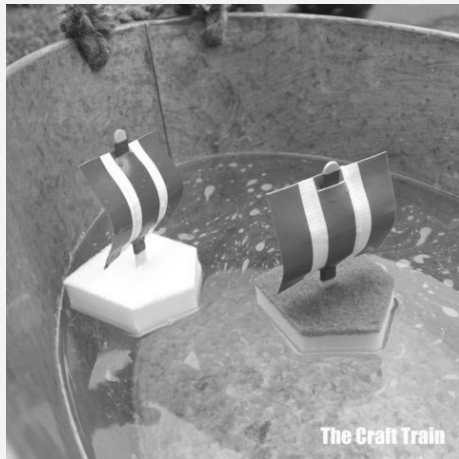


Soap

Baby Moses Challenge



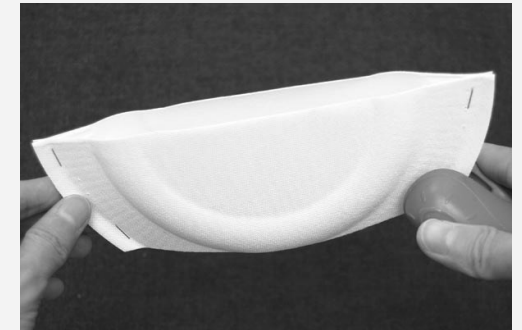
Lollipop stick
raft



Kitchen
sponge boat

Can you make a basket or boat that floats on water, just like Moses' basket?

There are some ideas to help you on this page!



Paper plate
basket or boat



Plastic bottle
boat



Foil tray boat





Who was Moses?

Moses and the Burning Bush



Watch: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kNTUX0mWP8

Who was Moses? Moses and the Burning Bush



1. One ordinary day Moses was out in the field looking after a flock of sheep belonging to his father-in-law, Jethro.



2. Moses led the flock through the desert to Mount Horeb, where there was plenty of good grass for the sheep to eat.

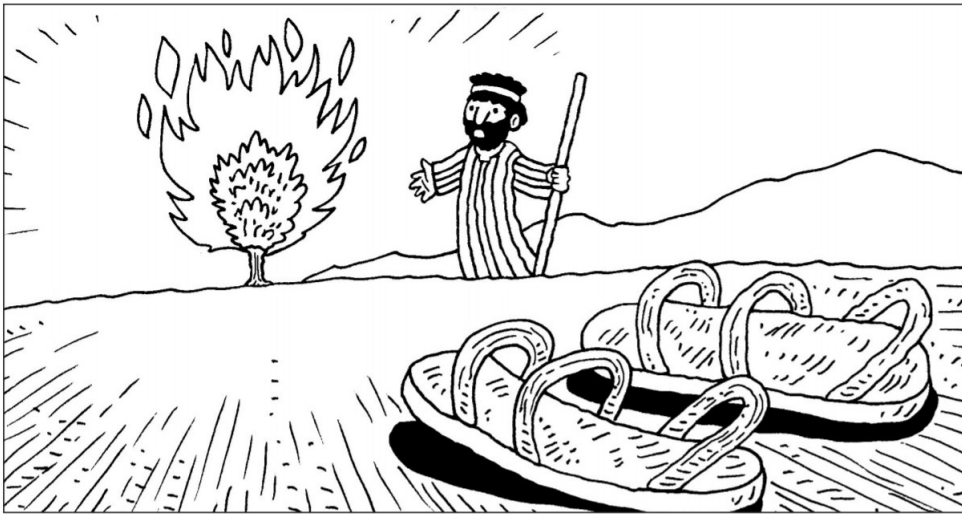


3. Suddenly Moses saw something very strange in the distance. A green bush was on fire, but it was not burning up!



4. Moses was scared when he heard the voice of the Angel of God calling, 'Moses, Moses' from out of the bush. 'I am here,' he answered.

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5. God said, 'Take off your shoes! You are standing on Holy ground.' So Moses took off his shoes and went closer to look at the burning bush.



6. God told Moses that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He wanted Moses to go and tell Pharaoh to stop making the Jews his slaves and let them go to a land God had promised for them.



7. Moses listened and obeyed when God called him to lead the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, through the wilderness, to the land He promised them.

This story about Moses is important because it is the first time that he hears from God. God used the burning bush to make Moses stop and look! It showed Moses that God was very powerful. Moses must have thought that it was amazing!!! Wow!!!



People of faith today find that there are lots of amazing things in the world that make them stop and look!

Can you draw or write some words on the next page about something in the world that makes you say 'Wow!?'?

There are some ideas here to help you.

The Northern Lights



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izYiDDt6d8s>

WOW!!!



Incredible creatures



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJtalqahi3l>

Stars and Galaxies in Space



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Un5SEJ8MyPc>

Under the Sea



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hasdCkzXrhE>

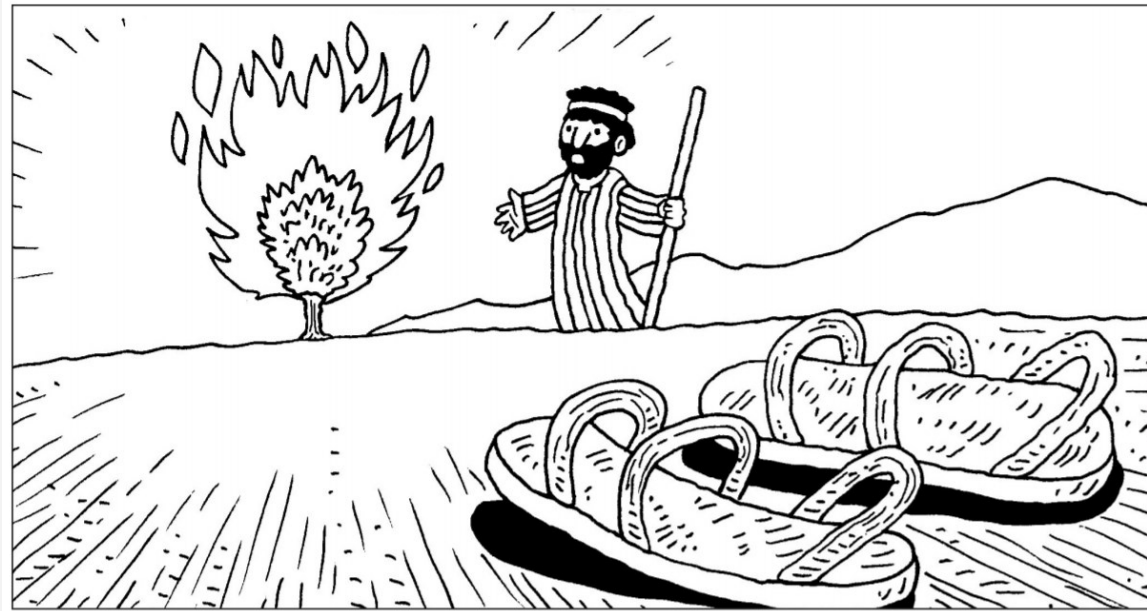
What makes you say WOW!!!?

Draw or write some words about it here. You could even go outside and take some pictures of something that makes you say 'wow'!



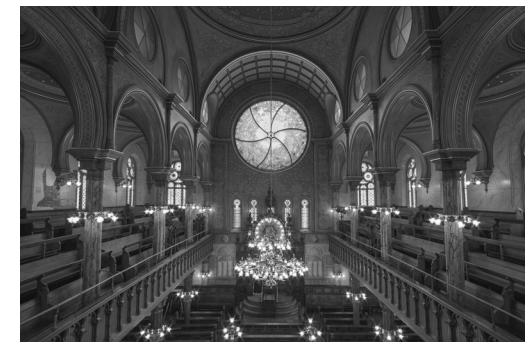
A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing or writing.

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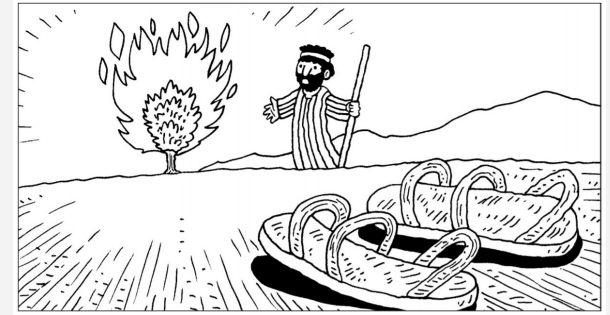


God told Moses that he was standing on Holy ground, so it was a really special place and God was there.

People of faith, like the Jewish people, have places that they believe are really special .
Places where they might feel close to God. The Jews have a special building called a Synagogue where they go to feel close to God.



Places can be very important and very special to us, in lots of different ways. Do you have a special place that you like to go to? It might be a place in your home or it might be somewhere outside. It could be a place that you like to visit with your family. Draw or write some words about your special place on this page.

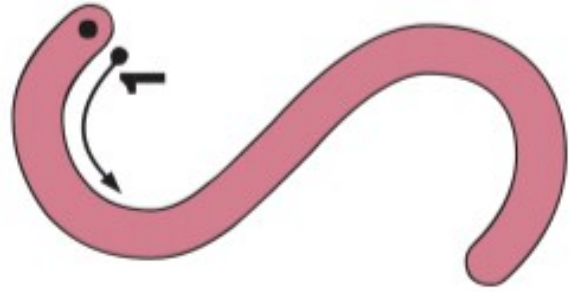


My Special Place



These shoes are in a big mess.
Draw a line to match the pairs.

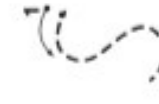




Snake



Shoe



Burning Bush Craft

What you need

- Template
- White card
- Scissor
- Glue
- Colour crepe paper



What to do



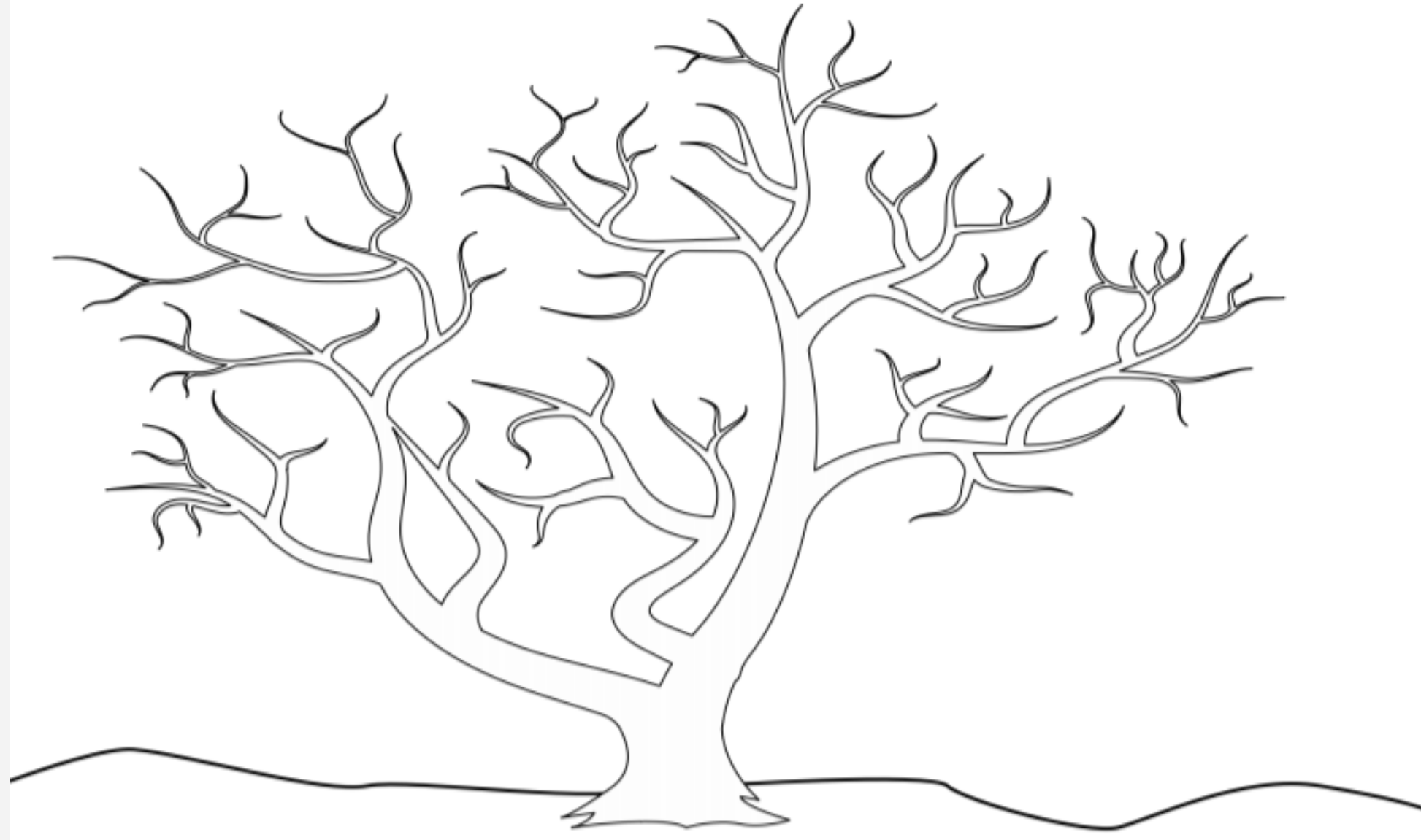
Colour in the picture

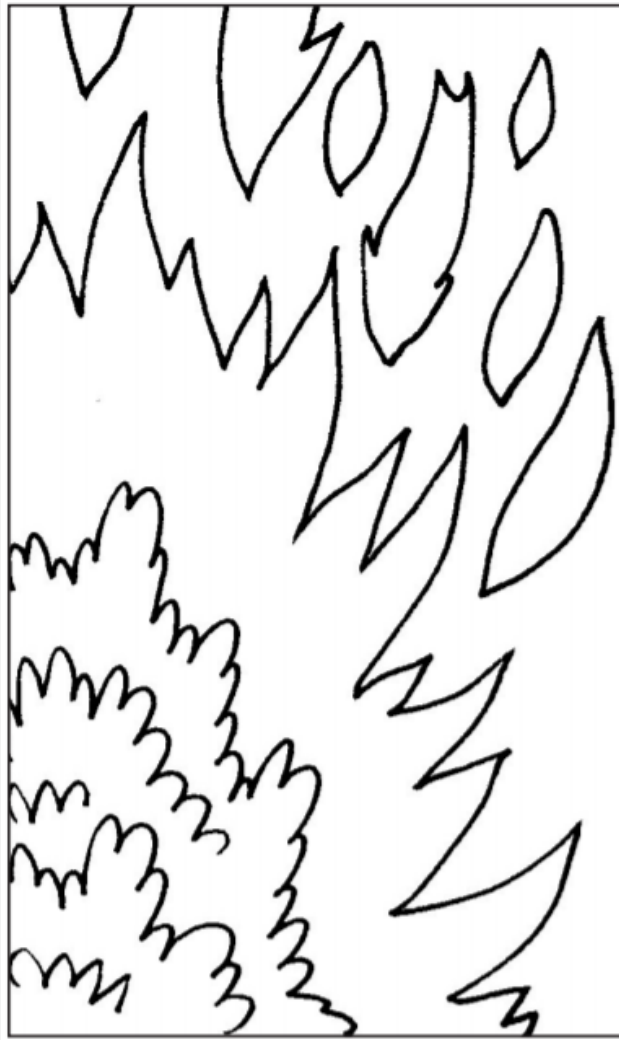


Glue on crepe paper to make leaves and fire



Allow to dry







Who was Moses?

Moses the Leader



Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdSQT7DS1ll>

Who was Moses? Moses the Leader



1. Pharaoh would not let his slaves, the children of Israel, go. God did many miracles until Pharaoh changed his mind.



2. God told Moses, 'Tonight every family of Israel must eat a meal of roast lamb, with herb sauce and flat bread. This will be called the feast of the Pass Over.'



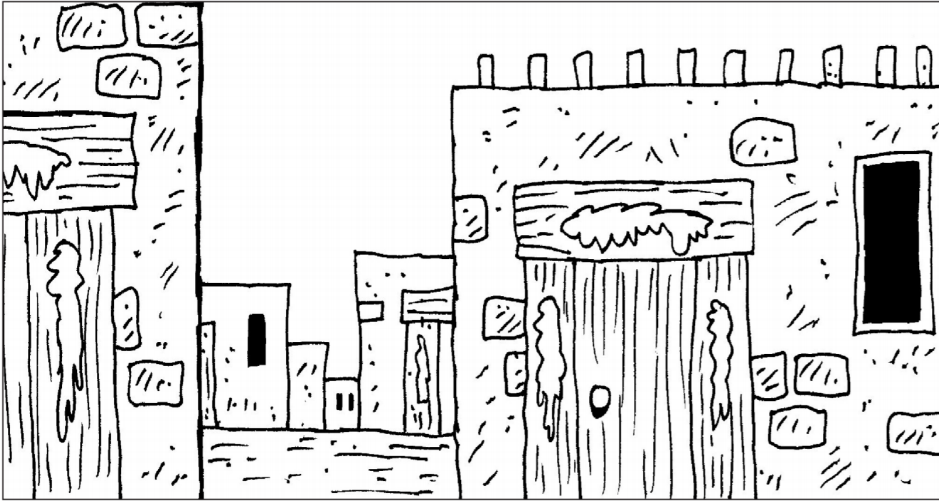
3. 'Take a small branch and paint the blood of the lamb around the door frame. It will keep you safe from the sickness I will send on the land,' said God.



4. 'Stay inside your house because God's angel will pass through the city. The oldest son in each family will get sick and die because Pharaoh will not listen and let God's people go.'

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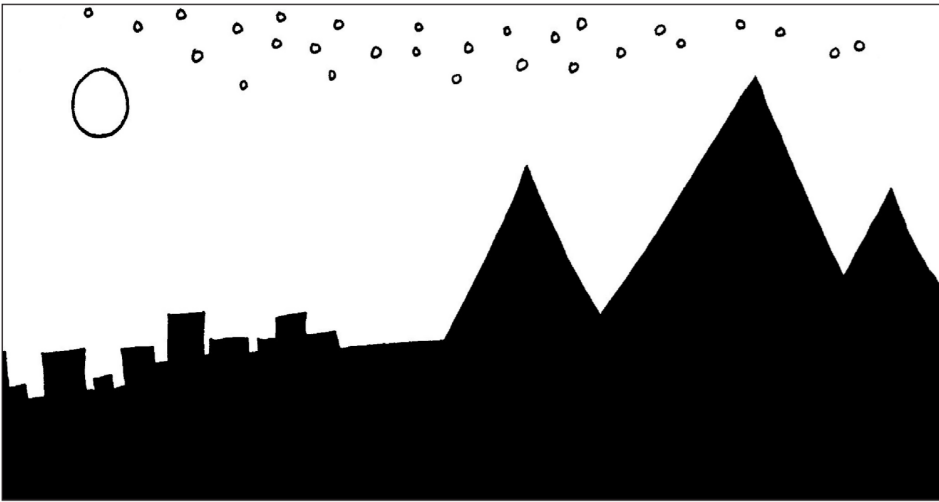
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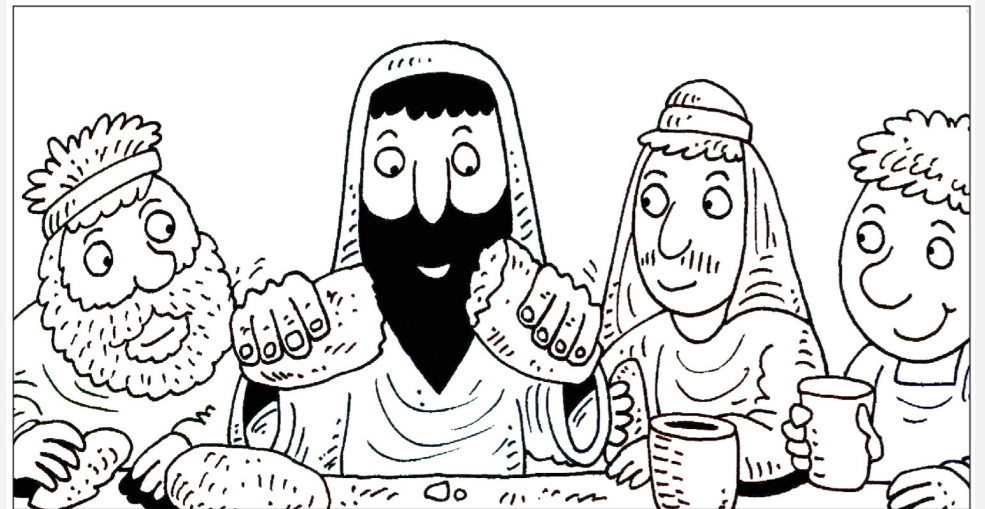
5. 'But the people in the houses with the blood of the lamb on the door frame will not get sick, because they are trusting and obeying Me,' said God.



6. So the families of Israel did as God told Moses and prayed that God would keep them safe. Soon they would be free from Pharaoh and go to a new land God had promised them.



7. That night, the angel of God passed over the city and even Pharaoh's eldest son became sick and died. But God kept the families of Israel safe.



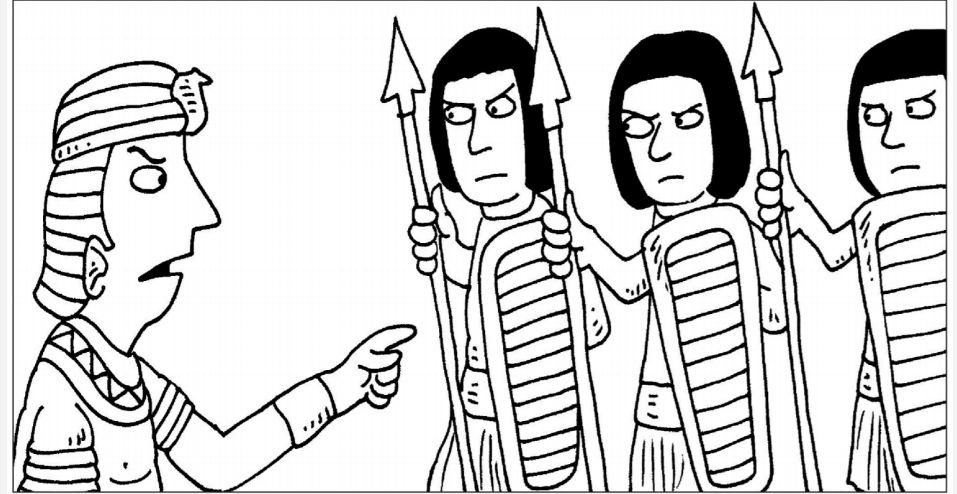
8. Since that time, Jewish people celebrate the feast of the Passover and thank Him for saving them.

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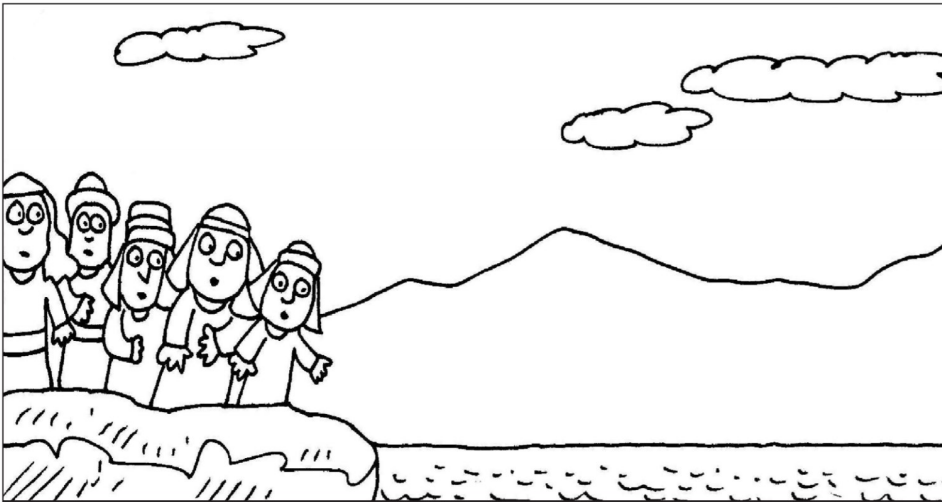
Who was Moses? Moses the Leader



9. All the people of Israel left Egypt and followed Moses towards the land that God had promised them. After 430 years of being slaves they were free, just as God had promised!



10. But King Pharaoh sent his soldiers to chase after the people. 'Hurry and bring them back. I need them to do all my work!' he said.



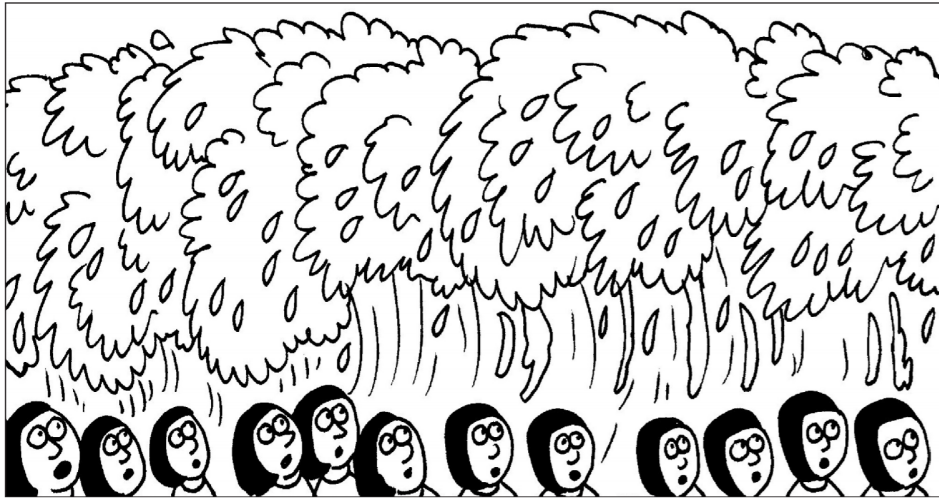
11. The people came to the Red Sea. The water was deep and they could not get across. The soldiers were nearly catching up and the people didn't know what to do.



12. God sent a big, strong wind. It blew a path in the sea. Everyone walked safely across the dry path, to the other side.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdSQT7DS1II>

Who was Moses? Moses the Leader



13. Then Pharaoh's soldiers tried to follow across the path. The wind stopped blowing and the waves came crashing down.



14. God helped Moses and the people, just like He promised.

This is such an important story about Moses for Jewish people. It is part of their history and shows how they escaped from Pharaoh and got out of Egypt.

Do you remember how Moses' story began? Look how far he came - from a baby in a basket on the River Nile, to a strong leader!

Moses wasn't sure he could be a leader. His brother Aaron had to do the talking for him because he wasn't sure what to say.

In the end, he was a brilliant leader and he helped his people.

Try some of the communication activities on these pages.



Pom Pom Game

<https://onetimethrough.com/pom-pom-turn-taking-game/>

I Spy!

Follow the Leader

String
Telephones

Simon Says!



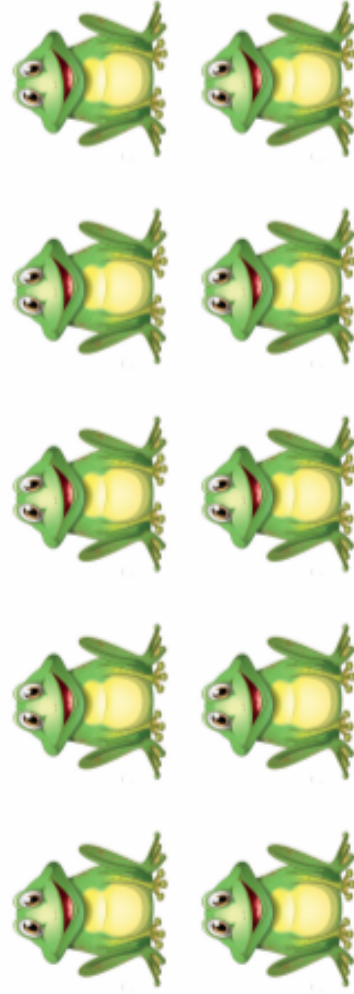
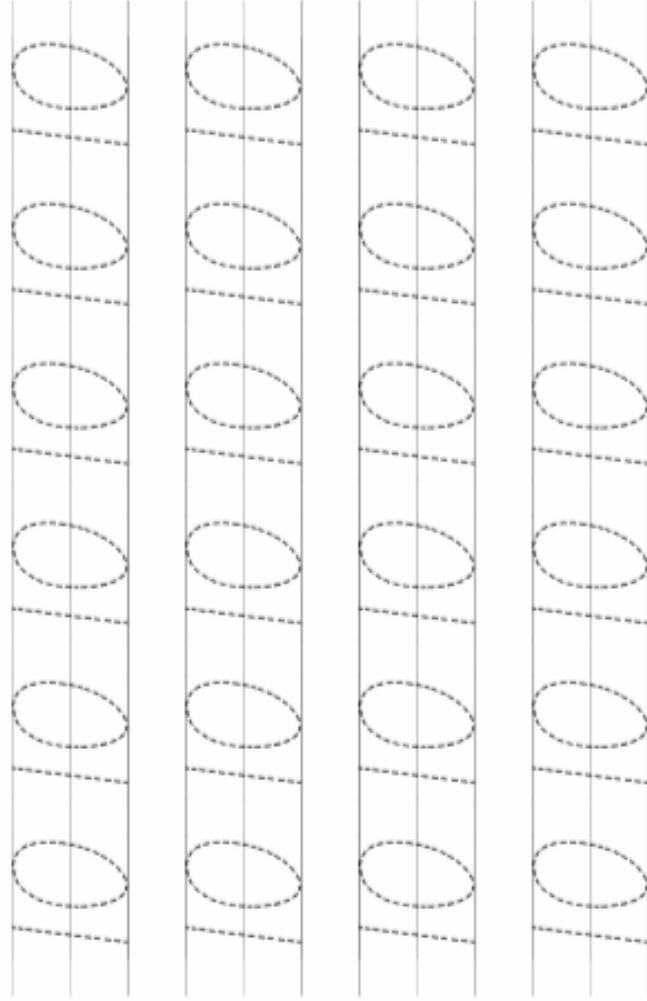
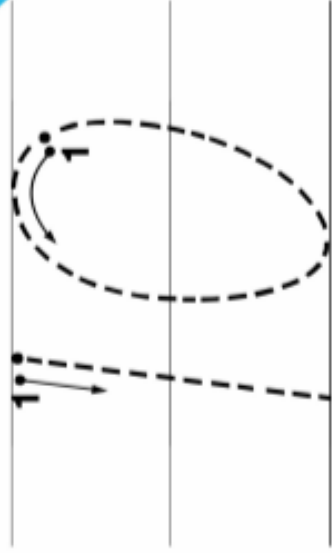
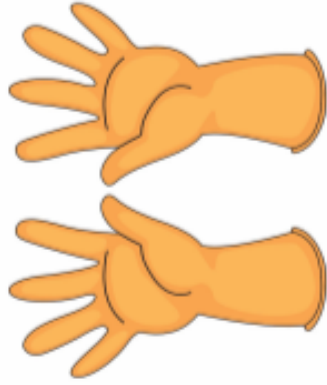
<https://frugalfun4boys.com/paper-plate-alphabet-memory-game/>



Dot to Dot



TEN



How Many?



Frog and Fly Game Craft

What you need

- Template
- White card
- Scissor
- Glue
- Colour pencils
- wool
- Tape



What to do



Colour in the picture



Cut out the template



Cut a small plastic bottle in half, just below the label



Tape some wool inside the bottle top and tie onto screw section of bottle



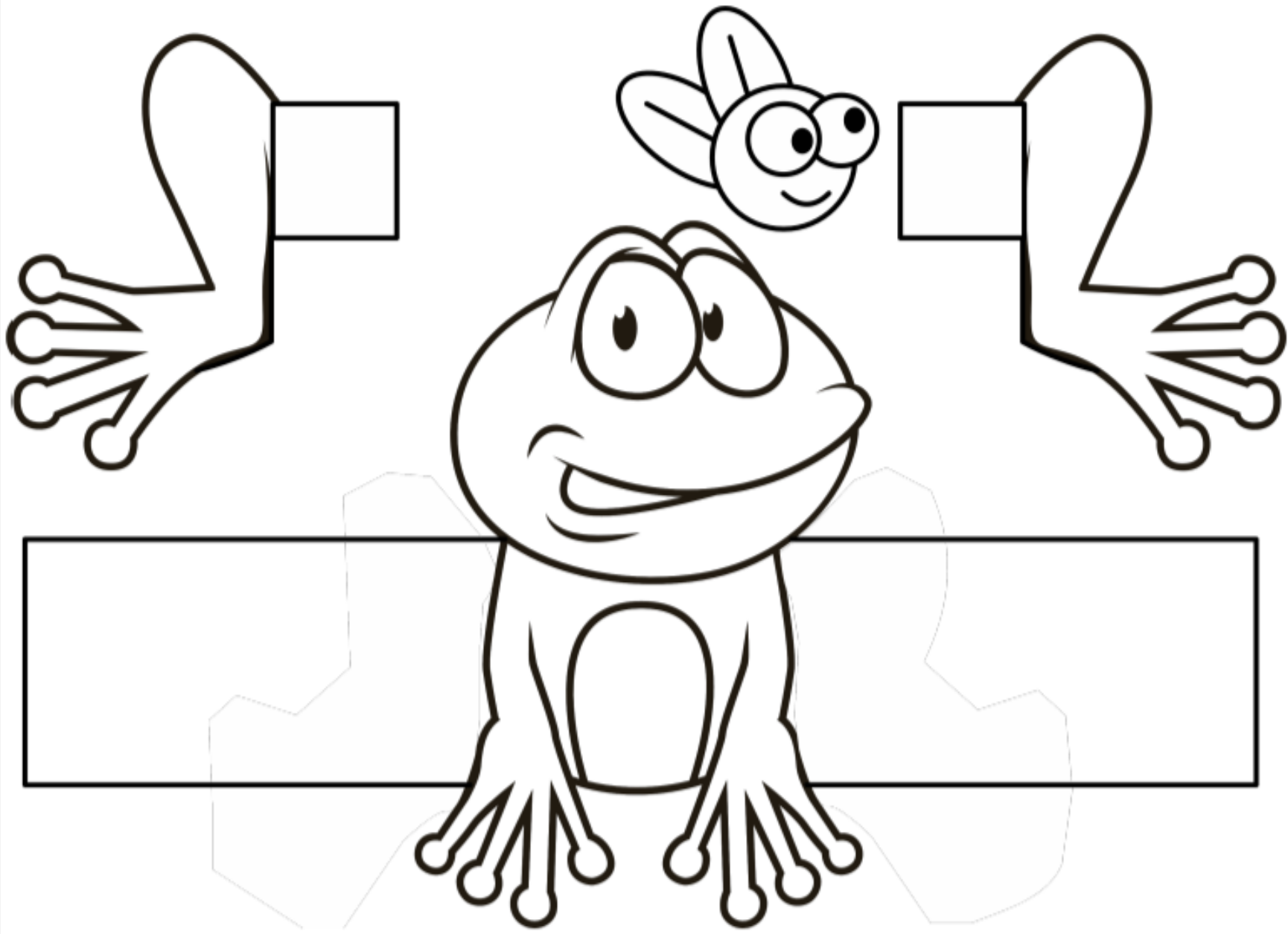
Glue frog onto bottle.
Glue legs onto back
Glue fly onto bottle top.

HOW TO PLAY

This game is a twist on the cup and ball game.

Try to catch the fly inside the frog.

Remind children of plagues. Flies and frogs.



Cross the Sea

Which forms of transport could you use to cross the sea? Circle the correct answers.



Red Sea Craft

What you need

- Template
- White card
- Scissor
- Glue
- Blue paper
- Glitter



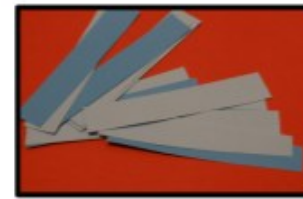
What to do



Cut out the template



Fold as shown above



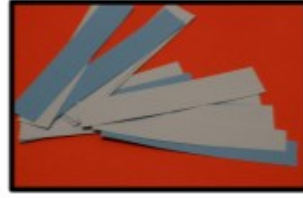
Cut strips of blue paper



Curl strips of paper.
Use finger or pencil



Glue curled strips onto
top of folded template



For something extra.
Glue and sprinkle
sand onto floor area





Jewish people celebrate this amazing rescue story by having a Passover (Pesach) festival with a special meal every year in the spring. You can find out more about it by watching the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv17MtNAk8>

