

TORAH TIME

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The first Torah portion begins with the six days of creation and the giving of the Sabbath day for rest. YHWH forms a woman from Adam and places the first couple in the Garden of Eden. The serpent tempts them to eat from the forbidden tree, which results in sin entering the world. Man is banished from the presence of YHWH and receives curses for disobedience. Eve gives birth to Cain and Abel who eventually have the first sibling rivalry. Cain murders Abel as wickedness increase in the earth. Another son is born to Adam, named Seth. From his lineage comes a righteous man named Noach.

(This is an easy explanation of the Torah portion taken from the book "The Open Bible" available at www.emetministries.com)

MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 4:7, "If you do what is right, won't you be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door."

LEARNING ACTIVITY

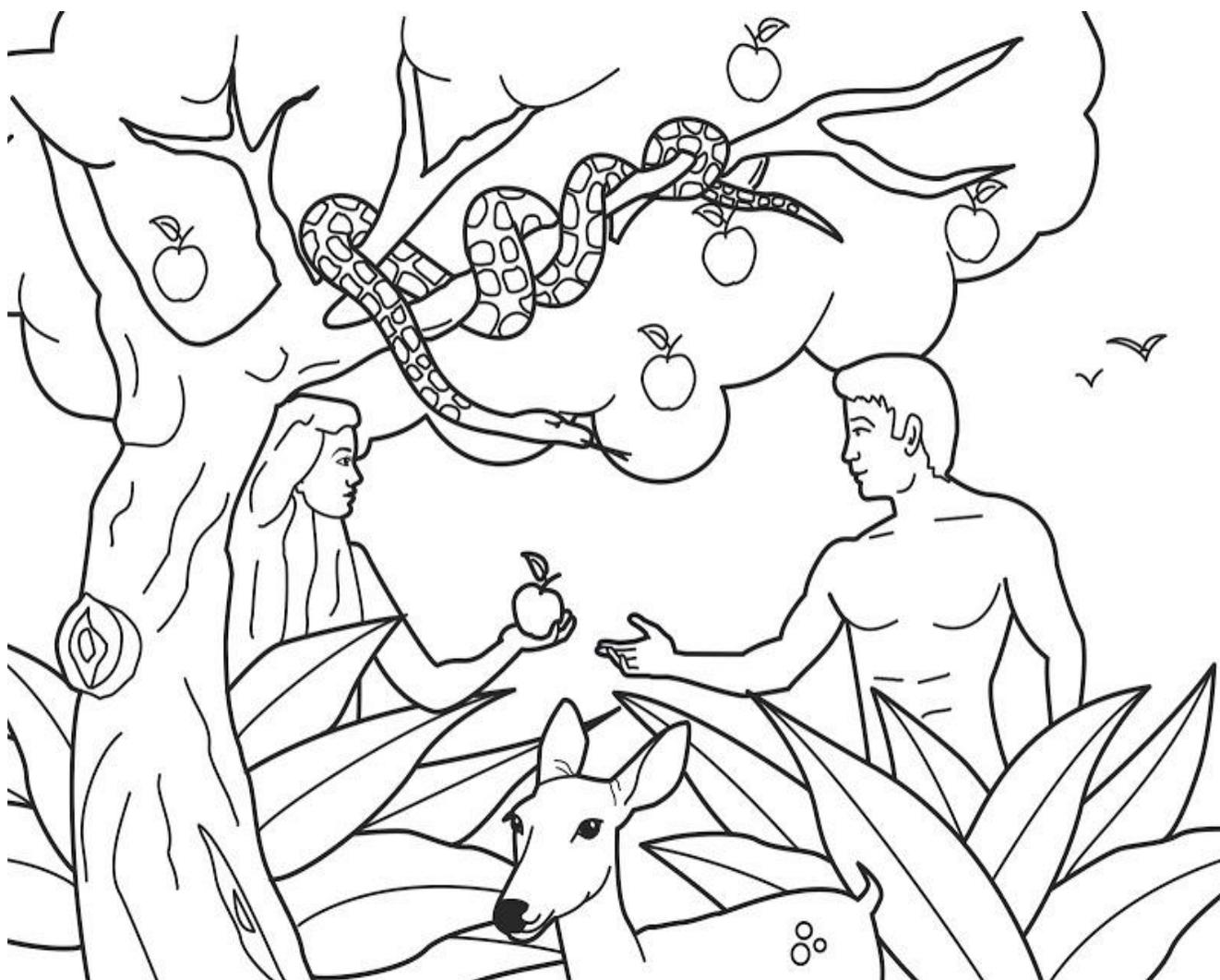
Adam and Eve had a perfect world but they messed things up when they chose sin (or selfishness) over YHWH and His Word. We should learn from them and not allow our selfish desires to lead us to sin. One definition of sin is to "make choices YHWH would not want you to make." Each day you must make decisions that honor YHWH.

Genesis 4:7 says, "If you do what is right, won't you be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." Sin is like a person who knocks at your door over and over. The doorbell keeps ringing until you answer it by either opening the door or refusing to open the door. Keep that sin door shut!

You don't have to let sin win. The Messiah lived a totally sinless life and conquered sin. By daily trusting in Y'shua you can lock the door on sin. He said, "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and have dinner with him, and he with Me," Revelation 3:20. Let Messiah in by thinking about Him and praying to Him.

For this week's activity you will need a few balloons, a marker, and a Bible. Use the marker to write the word "sin" on the deflated balloons. Hold one balloon in your mouth and blow air into it as you read through the story of Adam and Eve. Only blow air out when bad choices are made (like listening to the serpent or disobeying or hiding from YHWH.) Inhale when YHWH helps Adam. Be careful as your balloon grows. It may loudly pop because of their sin! Nobody likes it when a balloon pops and YHWH doesn't like it when we chose sin.

Next, read through the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4:1-15. Keep a balloon in your mouth again and exhale when selfishness is chosen. Like the balloon, sin grows and grows until it explodes and a mess is made. When you are finished with these stories tie the balloon and then sit on it to pop it as you repeat this week's memory verse.



WALK THE TALK

Adam and Eve disobeyed by not listening to YHWH. Their actions brought sin into the world. Sin is selfishness. This week look for ways to right their wrong by helping others. Obey YHWH. Remember this lesson the next time you desire to do something selfish. Genesis 4:7 will help you overcome sin. This passage says, "If you do what is right, won't you be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door." Sin is always at the door trying to get into your life. Keep the door shut and the serpent out. Let Y'shua in!

TORAH TALK

What does the name of this portion mean?

Why is this portion special?

What is the main subject of this portion?

How can you live this portion?

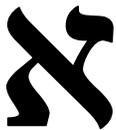
What commandments are in this portion?

Did you read about the Messiah in this portion? Where?

How did YHWH show His love to man in this portion?

What did you learn from the Torah?

HEBREW LESSON



MEET THE ALEPH:

ECHAD = ONE

AHAVA = LOVE

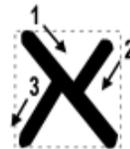
ELOHIM = MIGHTY ONE/GOD

ABBA= DADDY

EEMA=MOMMY

EELAM=TREE

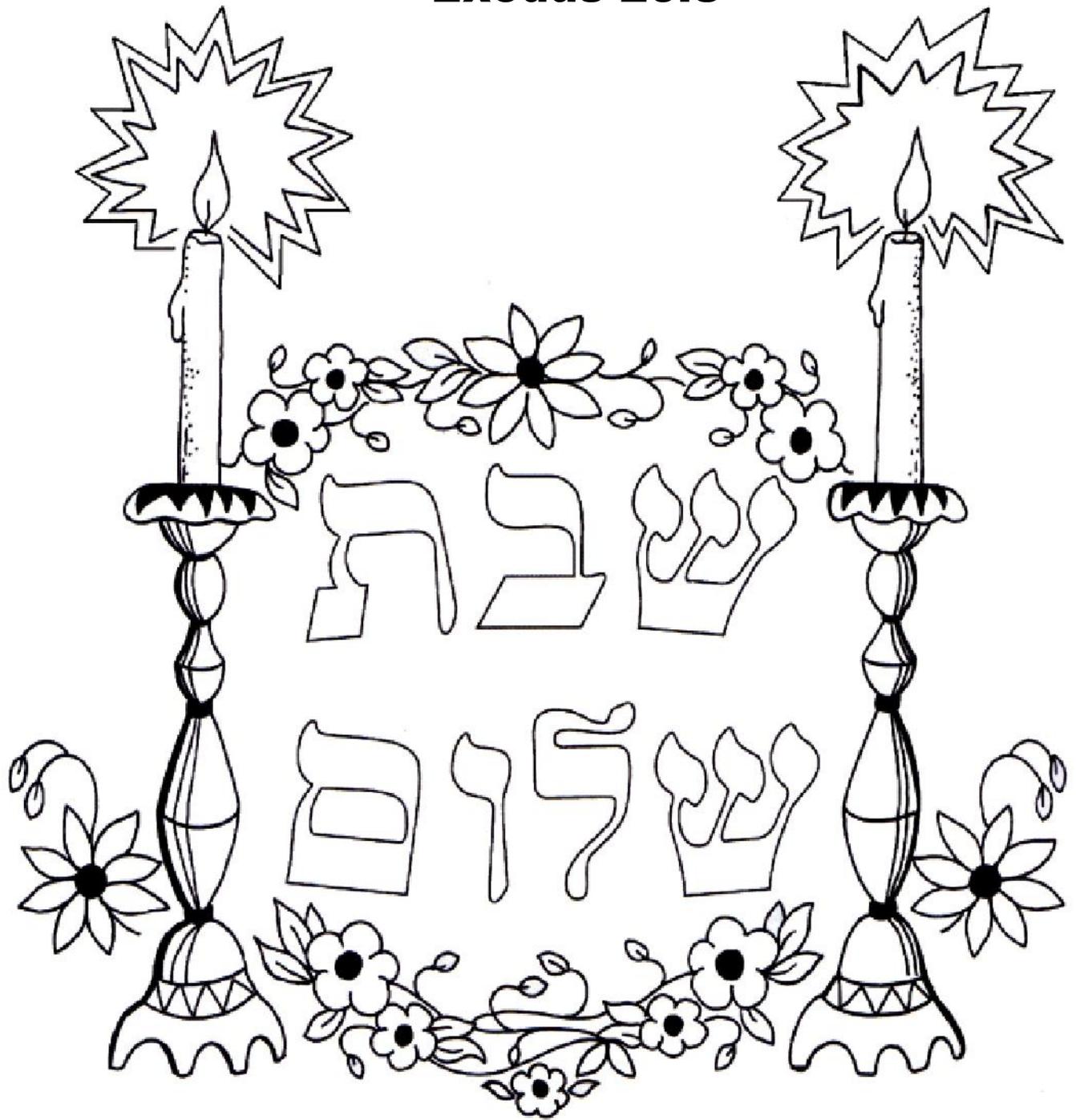
WRITE THE LETTER:



The numbered arrows show the order and direction for drawing the lines (the gray rectangle indicates the letter proportions in a graph paper cell).

"Remember the Sabbath Day,"

Exodus 20:8



Yod (Y)	Tet (T)	Chet (Ch)	Zayin (Z)	Vav (V)	He (H)	Dalet (D)	Gimel (G)	Bet (B/V)	Alef (silent)
Ayin (silent)	Samech (S)	Nun (N)	Nun (N)	Mem (M)	Mem (M)	Lamed (L)	Khaf (Kh)	Kaf (K/Kh)	
Tav (T)	Shin (Sh/S)	Resh (R)	Qof (Q)	Tsadeh (Ts)	Tsadeh (Ts)	Feh (F)	Peh (P/F)		

Mark	Name	Sound	Trans.
	Qamets	“ah”	a
	Patach	“ah”	a
	Chateph Patach	“ah”	a
	Qamets Hey	“ah”	ah
	Tsere	“ei”	ei / e
	Segol	“e”	e
	Chateph Segol	“e”	e
	Tsere Yod	“ei”	ei
	Segol Yod	“ey”	ey

Mark	Name	Sound	Trans.
	Chireq	“ee”	i
	Chireq Yod	“ee”	i
	Cholem	“oh”	o
	Chateph Qamets	“oh”	o
	Qamets Chatuph	“oh”	o
	Cholem Vav	“oh”	o
	Qibbutz	“oo”	u
	Shureq	“oo”	u
	Sheva'	“e”	e / '