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Join Mrs. Noah, Hannah, Max and many of their friends as they use their imaginations to explore the Torah and the awesome stories and lessons waiting to be found.

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Part 1 With Mrs. Noah

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Max, Hannah and Moogy were listening to Moshe get more instructions from YHWH. Suddenly Max remembered the lesson Mrs. Noah taught them about the candy bars – that they represented the sweetness of the pagan holidays. Max had taken them back out of the trash can – just like the Isra'elites kept going back to pagan ways! He gasped ... then looked at Hannah. **"We gotta go!"** Soon they were back on Mrs. Noah's porch.

"Mrs. Noah's next door at Dr. Bob's, feeding the goats and chickens," Miss B informed them.

Hannah smiled as she saw Louise curled up on a chair. **"Hi! Did you come to go on a trip with us?"**

Max ignored them all and grabbed his Bible on the table as they waited for Mrs. Noah to return. He quickly turned to the weekly Torah portion in Vayikra – Leviticus – while Hannah went to the kitchen.

"Uuughhh!" Max screeched.

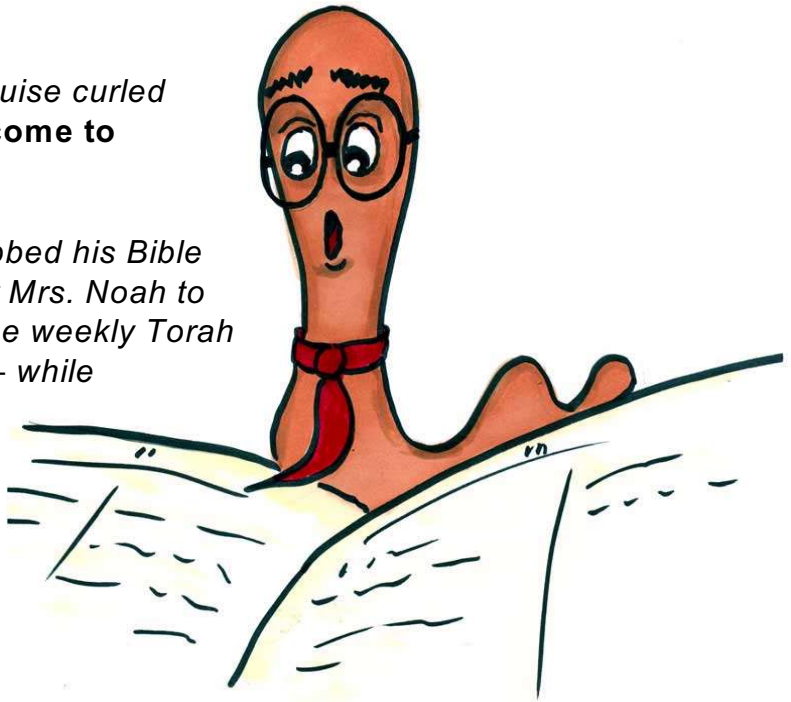
"The Land gets SICK and throws UP!" he moaned.

"The Hebrew people ate the candy bars!"

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"Another way to say that is up-chuck,"

Moogy said as he peeked over Max's shoulder, **"but it does say 'you shall**



keep all my statutes and all my ordinances, and observe them, so that the land to which I bring you to settle in may not VOMIT – or spew – you out.’ ”

“The LAND gets sick of the people?” Moogy wondered. [Levit 18:24-26]

Louise scrunched up her face. “How can the Land throw up?”

“Well, the earth IS alive! If it doesn’t like the people, I guess it can just dry up and blow away!” Max asserted.



“Who’s gonna dry up and blow away?” Hannah asked, as she came out of the kitchen, carrying a pitcher of lemonade. “If you’re talking about me, Max, forget it! I’m going to hang around for awhile.”

Everyone laughed.

“Oh, look!” Max almost shouted. “This is where Yah made all those set-apart days.”

“They’re called Feast Days, Max,” Moogy told him.

“What’s a feet-s day?” the little pink teddy bear questioned. [Levit 23:2]

“They are special days that Yah told everyone to remember,” Miss B said, as she wiggled up on the table.

Mrs. Noah came onto the porch carrying a tray of small sandwiches. “In Hebrew, they are called ‘mo’edim’,” she said cheerfully, as she set down the tray next to the pitcher of lemonade.

Louise look confused. “Mo-deem?”

“Mo-ah-deem,” Mrs. Noah corrected. “It means appointed times.”

“He talks about the seventh day Sabbath, AGAIN. We already read about that a bunch of times,” Max complained. [Levit 23:3]

Picking up a little sandwich, Louise asked, “How come The GOD talks about it SO much?”

Mrs. Noah poured a big glass of lemonade for herself and a little one for Louise.
"You're right. He reminds people over and over – not to forget."

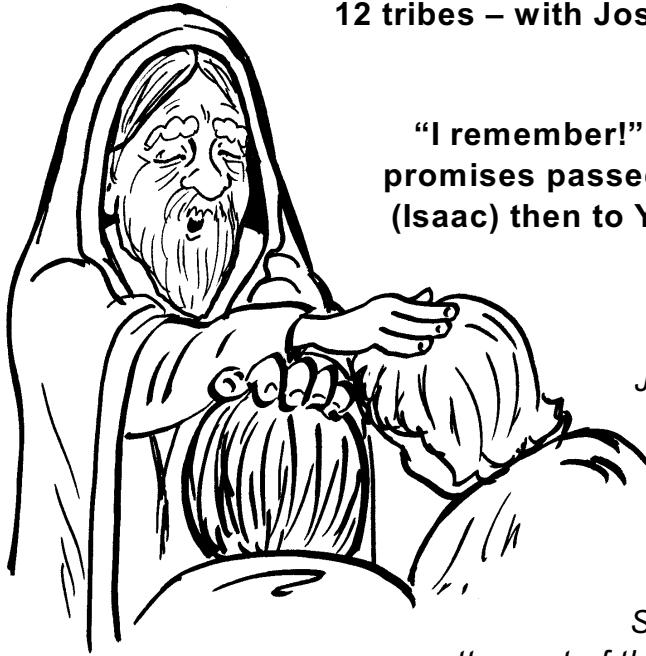
"Didn't He say the Sabbath was a sign, or mark, He put on His people?"
Hannah wondered. [Ex 31:13]

"Who are HIS people?" *Louise asked.*

"Scripture says they are the Hebrews and any foreigners that want to follow YHWH's teachings," *Moogy read.*

"Aren't the Hebrews the Jews?" *Max wanted to know.*

"All the Jews, of the family of Yehudah, are Hebrews - but not all of the Hebrews are from the tribe of Yehudah – or Jewish. Remember there were 12 tribes – with Joseph's family divided into 2 tribes,"
Mrs. Noah told him. [Gen 48:5,19]



"I remember!" *Max exclaimed.* **"The blessings – the promises passed down from Avraham, then to Yitzak (Isaac) then to Yacov (Jacob). He gave them and his name, Isra'el, to Yosef's 2 sons: Efrayim and M'nasheh."** *[Gen 48:20]*

Just then, Louise shouted. **"Mrs. Noah! The goats are out!"**

"They're heading for the garden!"
Hannah cried.

Sure enough, Sally and Nanny Belle had gotten out of the pen and were heading for the garden!

"Oh, my!" *Mrs. Noah exclaimed, as she hurried to stop them. Hannah and Max followed close behind her.*

"Is this what it's like to be a shepherd?" *Hannah puffed, as she pushed Sally toward the gate.*

Mrs. Noah laughed as she tugged on the rope around Nanny Belle's neck.

Max held the gate open for Mrs. Noah as she continued. “Or maybe we are getting a little taste of what Abba YHWH goes through trying to keep track of His people! He’s been teaching and gathering His children, like sheep or goats – over and over,” she puffed as she pulled and pushed, “and they just keep on forgetting to follow HIM.”

Finally, Sally and Nanny Belle were safely back in their pen. Mrs. Noah stepped back up onto the porch and slumped into her favorite chair. “Whew. I’m glad I don’t have to do that everyday. I had forgotten how rowdy those little goats are.”

“Is that why Yah set the Holy Days apart – to help people REMEMBER how hard He works to keep track of them?” Max asked.

“Well, He does want them to remember – but each Holy Day is like a marker to show His plan for the whole world – for all time,” she said, as she sipped her drink and picked up her Bible.

Miss B was very thoughtful. “And it starts with the Sabbath!”

“That’s right. The Sabbath – or Shabbat – is the first day He set apart and called for a Holy Convocation – every 7th day,” Mrs. Noah told them. “If you put this teaching with some other Scriptures, it seems Abba YHWH’s plan has given all mankind six thousand years to live here on the earth.” [Levit 23]

“Then is He gonna to wash it with water again, like He did the other time?”
Max asked. [Gen 9:15]

“No, Max,” she said, as she patted him on the head. “He said He was going to come and make it a wonderful place, with no more bad stuff going on. Many believe the 7th day of rest shows us He is going to give us a thousand years of peace and rest here on the earth. They call it The Millennium.” [Rev 20:2-4]



“You mean that people have 6,000 years to live without the Living God, then

He is going to come here – again – and TAKE OVER from the bad guys?” Max exclaimed. “Will it be loud and scary, like the time on Mt. Sinai?”

“You said the other Holy Days are like markers – to show us what His plan is,” Miss B said, as she looked at one of the pages in her book. “But, I don’t see any markers at all.”

Mrs. Noah moved closer to Miss B. “See this one? It’s Pesach – or Passover. That’s what Abba YHWH calls a ‘Season.’ He told them to look for the aviv – green – barley. When they saw that, they were to look for the New Moon. That would begin a new year. After that, Abba YHWH said to count 14 days – to Passover. He showed them this would be a special time of remembering.” [Deut 16:1]



“Passover? We went to Egypt and saw that! It was scary, but that’s where I met my friend Dodi,” Max recalled. “We saw LOTS of frogs!”



“And next was the offering of the First Fruits. Then they started counting the omer – for 50 days! That’s when fire came down on Mt Sinai. It’s called Shavuot – when YHWH gave Moshe the 10 commandments,” Miss B told them. [Levit 23:9 -16]

Hannah was reading, too. “And now, we still count 50 days to Shavuot. That’s when fire came down again – tongues of fire – to the people who remembered that Holy Day and knew Yeshua was the Messiah. They got some of Yah’s Spirit to live with them.” [Acts 2:1-4]

“I think He gave them a special part of His Spirit that day. It was the Spirit of truth,” Moogy announced.

“All of His Spirit is special, but truth is something we must have, or bad people can get us mixed up,” Hannah noted.

Cecil stuck his head out from a crack in the door. “Wat jues tawk’n ‘bout? You waked me up.”

“We’re reading about the special Holy Days Yah set aside to meet with the

people,” Moogy told the sleepy little mouse.

“Hey,” Cecil snapped, “I weed, too. Dey aweady has a bunch of dem hollow-daz. Wat cha need mo foe?”

“Because, Cecil,” Mrs. Noah said, as she tossed a cookie to him, “we are learning to follow the teachings Adam and Havah didn’t listen to, remember? You were there, you know what happened when they listened to the serpent. We are listening to YHWH and what HE says here in the Torah.” [Gen 3:1-5]

“Like not eating animals that aren’t food at all,” Max murmured, as he peeked into the trash can. He saw the little candy bars – now a symbol of pagan ways – remembered YHWH’s voice warning the people, and he shivered. [Levit 11]



Mrs. Noah noticed Max looking at the trash can.

“He gave us many examples to help us, so we wouldn’t forget – and the Mo’edim are a big part of that. But if we don’t DO them, then ...”

“Are these the same Holy Days that Yeshua did?” Max asked.

“He did them all,” Mrs. Noah assured him. “Why don’t we make a chart of all the Holy Days, then see if we can find what each one is telling us about the days that Abba YHWH has given us on this earth. Maybe, we can find some clues as to WHEN He is going to come and live with us again.”

“You mean we can’t just HEAR the commandments – we have to DO them – before we can get protected?” Max groaned.

Miss B turned a few pages in the Bible on the table. “That’s what it says here in this book, that people have to be DOERS of the law – not just HEARERS.”

“If yeh git spots on yeh – how yeh s’pose ta git’em off?” Cecil wondered.

Louise remembered. “Do the off-rings?”

“No, I don’t think so. Offerings just cover up bad spots – they don’t get’em

all gone,” *Max told them.* “If people keep doing pagan things – pagan holidays – they are following other gods’ stuff. It’s like eating the candy bars instead of the fruit that Yah gave us – fruit that’s good for us.”

“So, how do we get rid of bad stains **INSIDE** of us – the sin stuff?” *Hannah wondered.*

“And, aren’t sin spots all washed away because Yeshua, who **NEVER** did any bad things at all, was the sacrifice – to pay for sin?” *Miss B asked.* [1 John 1:9]

“That’s right. Yeshua was the ‘perfect lamb.’ His blood is the onliest thing ever, ever – that can take away sin stains,” *Moogy announced.* [John 1:29]



Hannah pulled out the picture of her beautiful white dress.

“Yeah. Sin does stain – like the chocolate did on my dress. But, the offerings and sacrifices were made to only **COVER UP** those spots – like Max’s sweater covered the spots on my dress.”

“Remember how we learned that YHWH wants to dwell with us? I believe He is trying to teach us to **LISTEN** to Him and ...” *Mrs. Noah told them.*

“ ‘Cause Adam and Havah didn’t?” *Max interrupted.*

“It wasn’t just Adam and Havah. Look at **ALL** of the people in history. Even the Hebrew people. People just don’t listen!” *Hannah told them.*

“Sometimes they do,” *Max mumbled, glancing at the trash can out of the corner of his eye.*

Mrs. Noah brought out some clean plastic pockets – and some ziplock bags.

“Plastic can cover the outside – but not the inside. We are not protected **INSIDE** if our hearts are all spotted with bad things.”

“What kind of bad things?” *Louise asked.*

“Things like lies, hate, envy, and stealing. There are lots of things that make spots on our hearts,” *Hannah told her.* [Gal 5:19-21]

“And wanting things Yah hasn’t given us,” Max muttered.

”Yes, but it’s kinda like Yeshua gives us a clean heart – clean paper – and a strong ziplock bag, IF we are really, really sorry and our hearts want to be good and follow His ways. But we can still open up our ziplock bags ...” Mrs. Noah said, as she put a clean piece of paper into one of the ziplock bags. She opened up one corner of the bag and dribbled several drops of grape juice inside. [Gal 5:22-24]



Max was fascinated as he watched the grape juice spots grow on the paper. “EVERY DAY we choose what to think and what to do. If we choose bad things – this is what happens to our hearts. AGAIN, if we go to Him – tell Him we are really, REALLY sorry, He will give us a ‘new piece of paper’ and seal up our ziplock bag. The more we learn about Him, the stronger our ziplock bag gets and the whiter our paper will be.” [Gal 5:25]

“Hmm. So, all the many things Yah instructed everyone to do are like going to school to practice listening?” Miss B wondered. “Then, I guess He will know who HE can trust to have a ziplock bag of their own.”

“Hey, Mrs. Noah,” Moogy interrupted. “Looks like this week, somebody gets in BIG trouble!”

“Big trouble? I wanna go see,” Max whined.

Looking at the grape juice, Mrs. Noah thought it might be a good idea to get him out of the house for awhile! “Anyone else want to go?”

Part 2 In the Wilderness

They found themselves in a crowd of people gathered around two men – FIGHTING. One of them was very angry. He was yelling and saying bad words to the other one.

“That’s the man whose mother is an Israelite and whose father is Egyptian,”

Hannah told Max softly. “He looks mean!”
Levit 24:10]

Suddenly, the crowd gasped and became very silent. Then, someone shouted, “He blasphemed the Name in a curse!”

Men surrounded the angry man and held him back. “Take him to Moshe!” another man yelled. [Levit 24:11]

Soon, the crowd dragged the man – still fighting and yelling bad things – to Moshe.

“Look!” Max exclaimed. “Over there – it’s Dodi!”

Hannah and Max moved through the crowd, trying to get Dodi’s attention. He smiled when he saw them.

“I feel bad,” he said. “I knew that man – and now he has to die.”

Hannah sighed. “That’s what Mrs. Noah said. Why do people have to die?”

“Remember the bad apples?” Max recalled.

“Bad apples? What do bad apples have to do with The Eternal One’s saying that we could not use His name in a curse?” Dodi wondered.

*“Oh, yeah,” Max recalled. “Mrs. Noah told us how a spoiled apple in a barrel of GOOD apples will spoil the whole bunch.” {*Prov 3:3}*

“Ohhh,” Dodi realized. “So if there is a bad person who says and does bad things, he will affect everyone else around him.”

“Spoiled people. Hmmm. They’re the ones with bad hearts. They like to do mean yucky stuff – or do what they want – not what Yah has instructed,” Max concluded. [Ex 20:7]

“Listen!” Dodi said, as they watched Moshe. “The Eternal has given Moshe more instructions for us.”



"If any man curses his God, then he shall bear his sin," Moshe shouted.

"Wow! I sure don't want to use His name in a wrong way!" Dodi told them, as they pushed to get closer so they could hear.

Moshe went on with words from YHWH. "And if a man injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him."

"Is that on purpose – or an accident?" Max whispered.

"I think it's when you do a mean thing – something really bad. It's your heart He's looking at again," Dodi told them.

Moshe continued. "... eye for eye, tooth for tooth, just as he has injured a man, so it shall be inflicted on him. [Ex 21:24]

"You are to apply the same standard of judgement to the foreigner as to the citizen, because I am ADONAI your GOD!" he told them. [Ex 22]

Suddenly, some of the leaders surrounded the man who had cursed YHWH.

Max gasped. "Uh, oh! Let's go see Mrs. Noah – NOW!" he cried.



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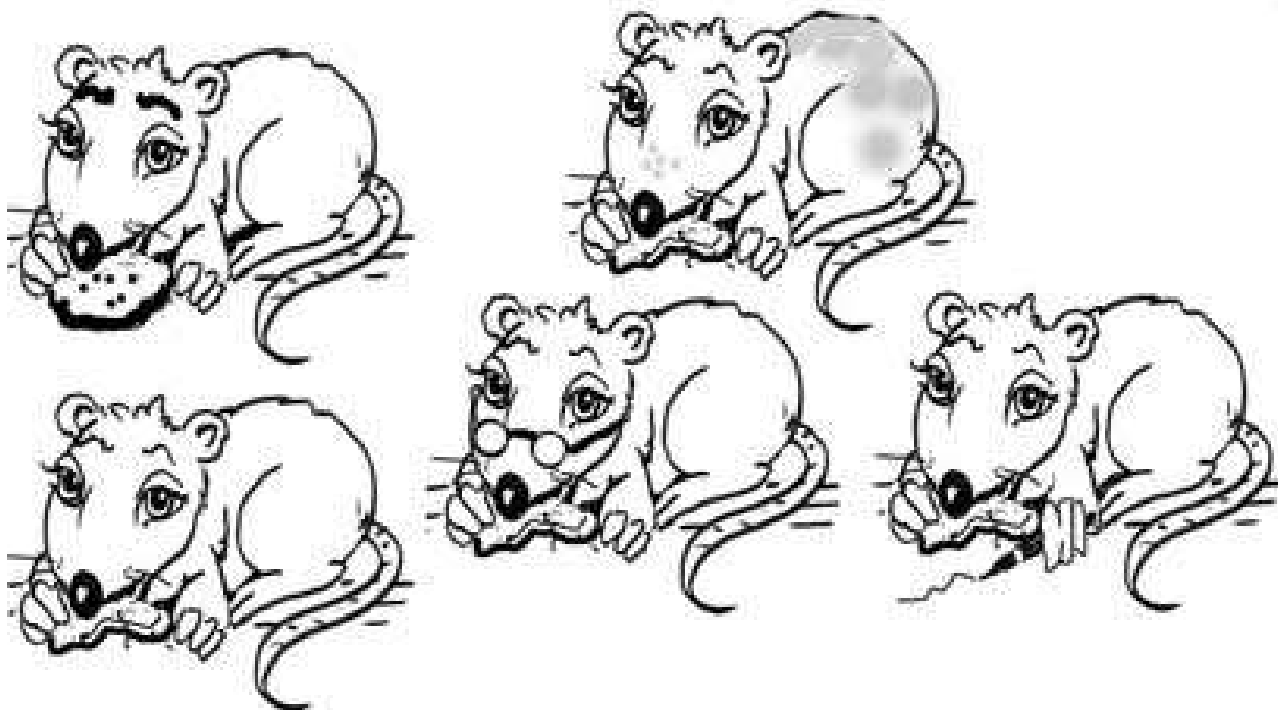
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* Here are 5 mice. One of them is Cecil! Hidden in this weeks story is a special message – a Scripture – that will tell you which one is Cecil. Can you find Cecil and tell me what he is doing – and why?

Counting the Omer

Shavuot's getting closer! We have been counting now for ___ days from First Fruits to the time YHWH gave the 10 Commandments to Isra'el. Are you counting? We started counting the day after the Sabbath, during Unleavened Bread and will go to Shavuot – Pentecost – when He gave His Spirit of TRUTH to His followers.

Keep counting! He put them on stone – then on hearts!

This is a chart to help me count. I have the traditional calendar dates here. I started on April 4th and will go to day 50. I hope you are counting, too!

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