



# The Torah Times Weekly

45 - D'varim

Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11

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

## Part 1 Mrs. Noah's Place

**Continued from last week:** So, Mrs. Noah put her arms around Hannah and Zak, and they began to pray for a new heart for Zak. But, standing near the table, Max had a hurt look on his face. **"WAIT!"** he cried. **"Can I get a new heart, too?"**

Mrs. Noah smiled and reached out and put her arm around Max, so he would be included also. **"And, Father, we ask that you would look into the hearts of these puppets – and the children reading this story. Help them to be full of loving, happy thoughts and kind words; to respect their parents – and love YOUR Commandments.**

**Wash their hearts and clean out bad thoughts, words and attitudes. Protect them from evil and fill them with your Spirit of Truth. We ask this In the name of your Son, Yeshua Ha Mashi'ach."**

Mrs. Noah reached for a Bible on the table, near her chair. As she was looking for the book of D'varim, she flipped to the last page of B'midbar – Numbers. **"Did you know that YHWH told them to set up special cities of refuge where people could hide if they were accused of a crime?"** Mrs Noah told them. [Num 35:6]

**"Was that for people who had 'dirty' hearts that needed to be cleaned?"** Max wondered.



Mrs. Noah laid the Bible down on her lap. **“Not necessarily. They had to live inside the city – run by Levites – until the judges made a decision as to whether they were guilty, or not!”** [Num 35:8]

**“Oh,” Hannah cried, “so they would learn Torah from the Levites!”**

Sounding disappointed, Max said, **“Awe ... I thought it would be a bad place, with a LOT of outlaws!”**

**“Oh – look what it says here!”** Hannah said, as she pointed to the page Mrs. Noah was reading. **“Remember the daughters of the man who had died in the wilderness – the ones who wanted to get his inheritance?”** [Num 36:6]

Cecil made a face. **“Yeah. I ‘member. Dey wants da woman wights!”**



**“NO, Cecil. It’s wasn’t about THEIR rights, it was about preserving their father’s name – and rights to part of the promised land for his children,”** Mrs. Noah exclaimed.

**“Well,” Hannah continued, “a woman could marry anyone she wanted, but if she wanted to have land, she had to marry someone in her family – so the land didn’t go to another tribe!”** [Num 36:8]

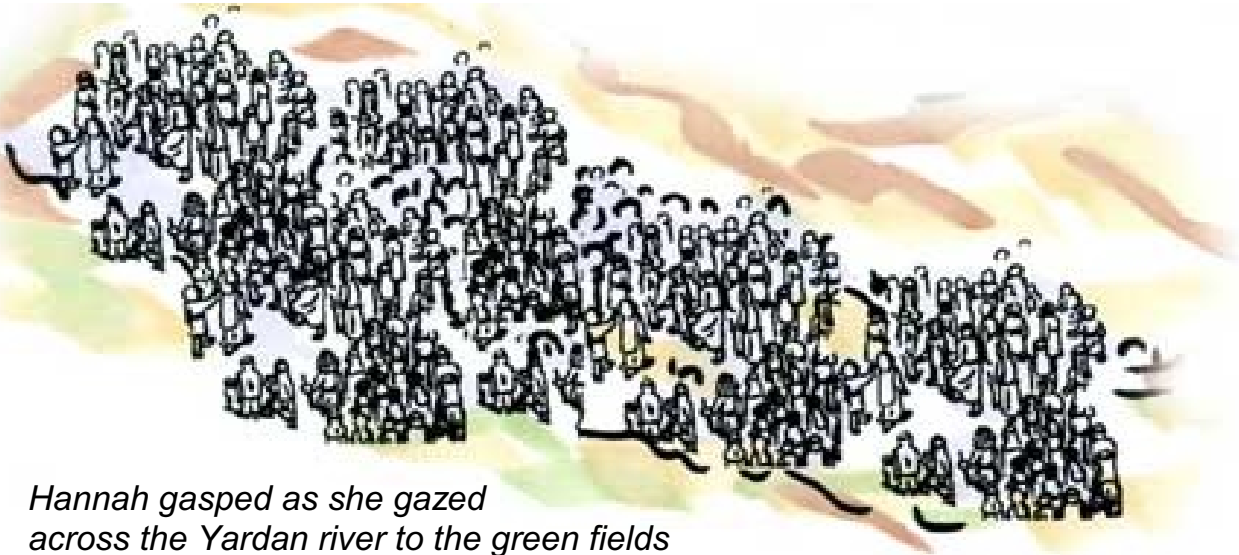
**“Notice, as we look at D’varim,” Moogy told them, “they have already defeated a lot of armies, and now it is time to go into the land – across the Yarden. But, Moshe wants to talk to them.”** [Deut 3:1-19]

**“Can we go? I wanna see!”** Max cried. **“I get ta use my NEW heart!”**

Hannah looked at Max strangely. **“OK, lets’ go. But how are you going to use your new heart?”** she wondered as she grabbed Moogy and Zak to go with them.

## Part 2 The Banks of the Yarden

Moshe was addressing the Isra’elites when Hannah, Max, Zak, and Moogy joined them.



*Hannah gasped as she gazed across the Yordan river to the green fields rolled out in front of them like a carpet. “Wow. It’s beautiful!” she gasped. “Now I know why Yah told each tribe to mark and know it’s boundaries.” [Num 2:2]*

*“And,” Moogy said as he wiggled down Zak’s arm, “I believe there is some very important information given to the people during this time we are reading about in the Torah. The word d’varim means ‘words’ in Hebrew.”*

*“I was wondering,” Max said, as he plopped down on the shore next to the river, picked some wild barley, and stuck it into his mouth. “We talked about a mikvah – dunking under the water – and how the crossing of the Jordan was like a mikvah for all the people crossing over into the Land. So, now, they have, well, like clean hearts.”*

*“That’s good, Max – for you,” Hannah snickered.*

*“Well,” he continued, trying to ignore her, “maybe the boundaries that they were supposed to have around them are kinda like boundaries WE should put around our hearts. Maybe our thoughts and ... well, our friends, tv, books – the things that we fill our time with NEED boundaries. Torah helps us know where those boundaries are – so we know WHAT to keep out and what to let in – to protect and clean OUR hearts.”*

*Hannah was amazed. “OK, OK. Your right. Abba Yah uses all kinds of examples to teach us the lessons He wants us to learn. Clean hearts – watching our boundaries – yeah – good fit!”*

*“Hey! Moshe is talking,” Zak warned them. “Lets listen!”*

*So, they quickly moved closer so they could hear.*

**“I think Moshe’s telling them about their parents – and all the things he told them – 40 years ago,” Max realized.** *[Deut 1:1-8]*

**“Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as He did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes’,” Moshe cried out.** *[Deut 1:29]*

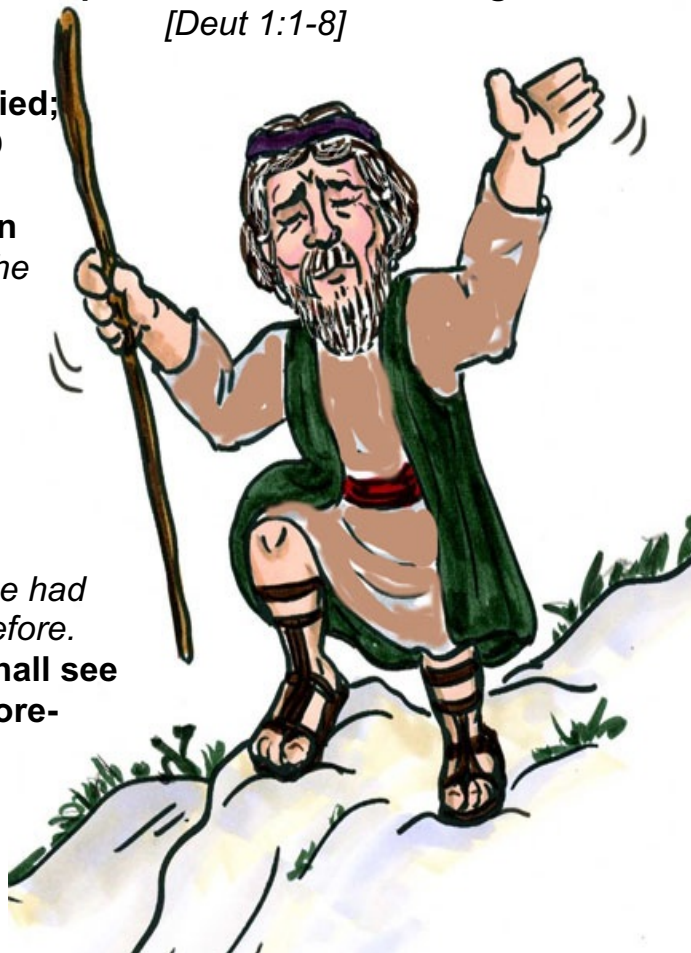
**“Before he dies, Moshe is going through all the things he had to deal with – all those years!”** *Hannah whispered.*

*Moshe continued telling people what he had said to their parents, so many years before.*

**“Not a man of this evil generation shall see the good land I swore to give your forefathers, except Caleb ...”** *[Deut 1:35]*

**“And do you remember when they ... well, read verse 42 when we get back,” Hannah told them.**  
**“They really got zapped ‘cause they didn’t listen.”**

**“Now, lets go – I want to ask Mrs. Noah some questions,” Hannah told them.”**



### **Part 3** **Questions for Mrs. Noah**

*Hannah quickly began looking at Mrs. Noah’s map of Isra’el. She was looking for something. “LOOK! Here’s the place the Isra’el-ites were camped when Moshe gave them the book of words – D’varim!”*

**“Ahhh, he talked to them all the time,” Zak said, still pouting about not going to**

*Mount Sinai. (Zak wanted to go and explore the ruins some archaeologists had recently found.)*

**“No, Zak. The book of D’varim was written in a short time,” Mrs. Noah told him. “Most of it was written in 2 weeks. All of it in only one month.”**

**“I think this is where Yah took Moshe to the top of a big mountain and told him to look to the north, the south, the east, and the west!” Hannah exclaimed as she pointed to the map. “See? There is the Yarden – the Jordan river.” [Deut 3:27]**

**“Wow.” Max exclaimed as he was reading in in D’varim. “Yah really puts out some strong warnings here.”**

**“He certainly does. Look at Chapter 4, verse 2,” Moogy noted as he looked over each verse carefully.**

**“Whoa! I sure don’t want to ‘add to or diminish’ the Commandments and instructions He gave to Moshe,” Max said as he saw the verse Moogy told him to read.**

**“Mrs. Noah. Yah says here that He destroyed all the people who followed Ba’al - Pe’or. Who was that?” Zak asked, still pouting but starting to get interested in what they were talking about.**

**“Ehhh. Jus one of dem pay-gan guys dat they always liked,” Cecil snarled as he jumped off the table and behind the refrigerator. (He was always looking for food.)**

**“Look at verse 6. Yah wanted them to set an example for all the nations to follow. They sure messed up there!” Miss B told them as she read through the verses.**

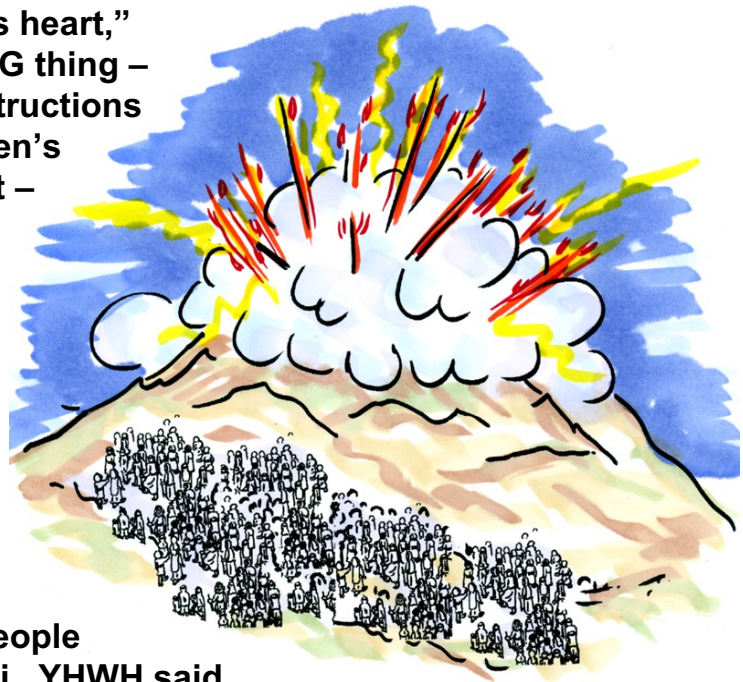
**“In verse 9, he’s talk’n ‘bout not removing these things from their hearts. Back to that heart thing again,” Zak said as he read along with the others.**

**“My Bible says ‘mind,’ not heart. What’s your translation say?” Max asked.**



**“The Hebrew version I have says heart,”**  
*Moogy said. “Remember, one BIG thing –*  
**He told them to teach all His instructions**  
**to their children and their children’s**  
**children. He knew, if they forgot –**  
**If they didn’t have them in their**  
**hearts, they would, and they**  
**DID, forget.”**

**“Boy! He sure wants them**  
**to remember the mountain**  
**and always fear him. How**  
**come He want’s them to**  
**FEAR Him,”** *Max asked.*



**“These are the children of the people**  
**that were really there at Mt. Sinai. YHWH said,**  
**since their parents were there, they were all there, too. Remember, they**  
**have been in the wilderness. It’s been 40 years since the Commandments**  
**were given at Mt. Sinai,”** *Mrs. Noah reminded them.*

**“Mrs. Noah. In verse 24, Moshe says that Yah gets very angry when people**  
**have carved images made out of wood or stone. Why do little images**  
**make Yah so mad?”**

*Zak remembered some things he had seen in Israel.*  
**“I think that the images they made became very**  
**important to them. Like gods. They had lots**  
**of little gods and thought they had**  
**some powers.”**

**“Yes. I do remember reading about**  
**that. They had a rain god, a sun god,**  
**a garden god, animal gods – lots of**  
**different gods,”** *Moogy informed them.*

**“Dey jus habb’n pun,”** *Cecil, with his mouth*  
*full, mumbled as he scampered toward the trash can.*

**“FUN? They put these little, hand-made gods**  
**BEFORE Yah. They got so busy with the little phony – fake – gods, that**



they forgot all the **AWESOME** things Yah did for Avraham, Yit'chak and Ya'acov," *Moogy said.*

"Pee-poes don't have widdle gods any-moe," *Cecil snapped.*

"I hate to tell you, Cecil, but people have more today than ever. They just don't call them 'gods,'" *Mrs. Noah told him.* "Remember, it's a 'heart' thing. A 'god' can be anything, or anybody, you put before – spend more time and money on than - YHWH."

"You mean when people spend time with the little things they make, that makes them their gods?" *Max asked.*

"It's more than that," *Mrs. Noah shook her head and turned the page.* "People can have cars, houses, toys – money. All kinds of things. It's when those **THINGS**, or people, become more important than learning, listening and thinking about YHWH – His Commandments – that's when they have 'a god' **BEFORE** Him," *she told them.*

*They were all reading the different Bible translations, except Miss B, who was looking over Mrs. Noah's shoulder.*

"It says here that Yah is a jealous God. Is that like when I get mad at Hannah when she plays with Zak and doesn't play with me?" *Max said softly, so Hannah wouldn't hear.*

*Mrs. Noah smiled.* "That is a good observation, Max. YHWH Elohim made **EVERYTHING**. Everything belongs with him. He is just letting us use the earth, the air, water, food - everything. He adopted this family and made a promise to them. They agreed to keep all the things He said for them to do. Remember what happened on Mount Sinai? Well, just like your mom would be upset if you spent more time with Hannah – and forgot all about her, never listened to her or talked to her – YHWH says He gets upset, too. **REAL UPSET!**" *she reminded him.*



**“This is a good book, Mrs. Noah. It has all the things Yah has been saying, even the 10 Commandments! But I still don’t see how WE have ‘gods’ that we put BEFORE Yah,” Hannah told her.**

**“Hmmm. How would you like to hear a story?” Mrs. Noah asked. “A story about Ethan and his wonder book ...”**

Ethan’s Amazing Wonder Book -- Next time

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***Do you know all of the 10 Commandments?  
Write them in order.***

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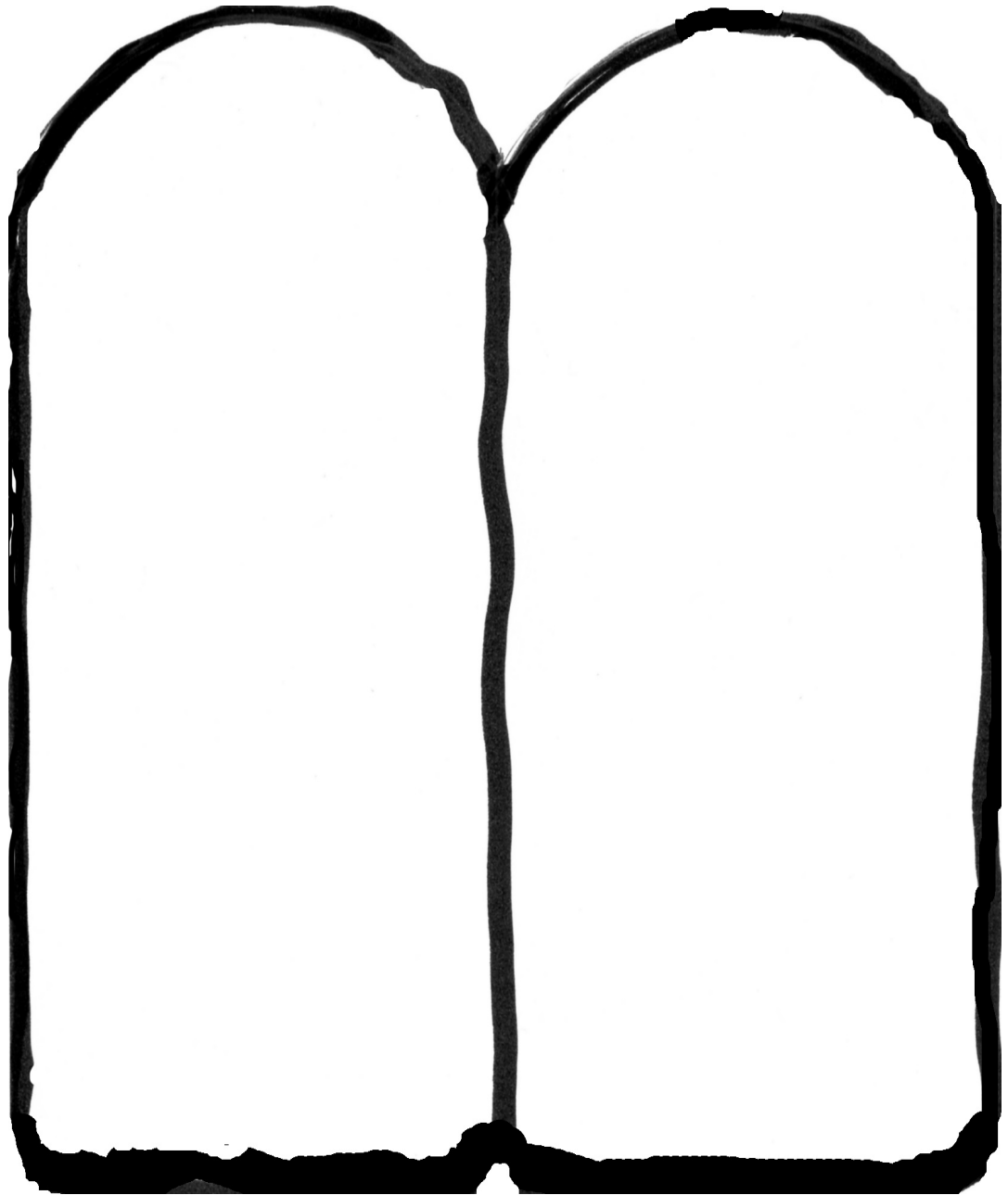
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***Here is a pattern for the 10 Words (Commandments) You will need some self drying clay for each child OR construction paper.***

***Use the pattern to cut out a tablet for each child. If using clay, they can carve words of numbers into clay OR when dry, write in Hebrew, Roman numerals or English. You can have them write out the whole commandment – long or short version (older children) or just the numbers. This is a good time to use your imagination to create something they will enjoy.***



***Glitter, glow in the dark paint, small jewels – have fun learning the commandments. Older children could add a base to stand them up or a hook to hang them on the wall.***

He Got **ANGRY** when people didn't listen



“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them: for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the sins of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my Commandments.”

Mattot - Massei (Numbers 30:2 -36:13)



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COMMANDED  
HIGHPRIEST  
ISRAEL  
LEVITES  
PLUNDER  
STRANGERS  
WOMEN

CALEB  
DEATH  
HUSBAND  
JORDAN  
LORD  
SIX  
TRIBES

CANAAN  
FATHER  
INHERIT  
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