

AARON'S STAFF

Numbers 17:1-13

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¹The LORD said to Moses,
²“Speak to the Israelites and get twelve staffs from them, one from the leader of each of their ancestral tribes. Write the name of each man on his staff. ³On the staff of Levi write Aaron’s name, for there must be one staff for the head of each ancestral tribe.

⁴Place them in the Tent of Meeting in front of the Testimony, where I meet with you. ⁵The staff belonging to the man I choose will sprout, and I will rid myself of this constant grumbling against you by the Israelites.”

⁶So Moses spoke to the Israelites, and their leaders gave him twelve staffs, one for the leader of each of their ancestral tribes, and Aaron’s staff was among them. ⁷Moses placed the staffs before the LORD in the Tent of the Testimony.

⁸The next day Moses entered the Tent of the Testimony and saw that Aaron’s staff, which

represented the house of Levi, had not only sprouted but had budded, blossomed and produced almonds. ⁹Then Moses brought out all the staffs from the LORD’S presence to all the Israelites. They looked at them, and each man took his own staff.

¹⁰The LORD said to Moses, “Put back Aaron’s staff in front of the Testimony, to be kept as a sign to the rebellious. This will put an end to their grumbling against me, so that they will not die.” ¹¹Moses did just as the LORD commanded him.

¹²The Israelites said to Moses, “We will die! We are lost, we are all lost! ¹³Anyone who even comes near the tabernacle of the LORD will die. Are we all going to die?”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did the Lord want the leader of each tribe to do?
5		2.) How did the Lord say he would choose the priest for the tabernacle? (Verse 5)
5		3.) Who did the Lord choose to be priest?
5		4.) Why do you think the Lord made the staff grow to show the leaders who would be priest?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		“Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.” 1 Corinthians 7:17

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Aaron's staff sprouted, blossomed, and produced almonds

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: AARON'S STAFF

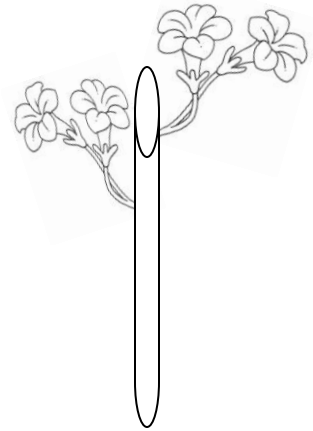
Students will make a model of Aaron's rod to remind them that Aaron's rod began to bud—a sign that Aaron was chosen as the priest by the Lord.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Aaron's Staff Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Tape

DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the "Aaron's Staff Pattern" for each student.
2. Have students color the flowers and staff (the large rectangle).
3. Roll the rectangle (colored brown) into the shape of a thin cylinder. Tape it together.
4. Tape the flowers to the end of the staff.



FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their staff and flowers, remind them that it was Aaron's staff that budded, blossomed and produced almonds. Because of this sign, the Israelites would know that Aaron was chosen by the Lord to be the priest.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

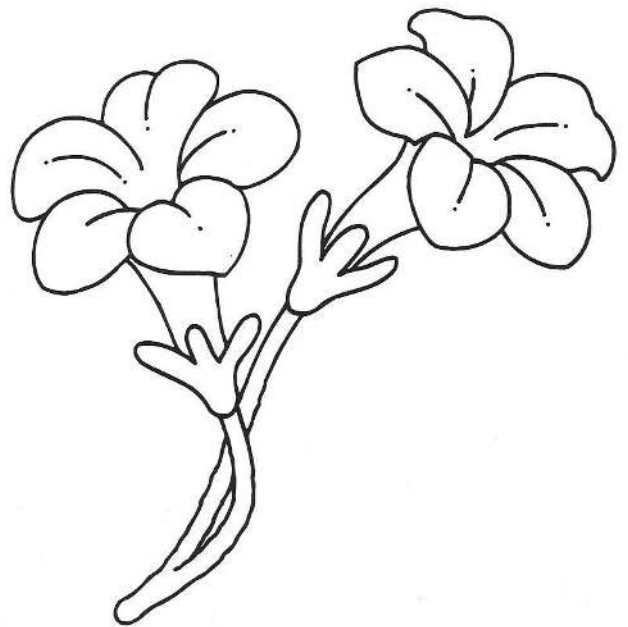
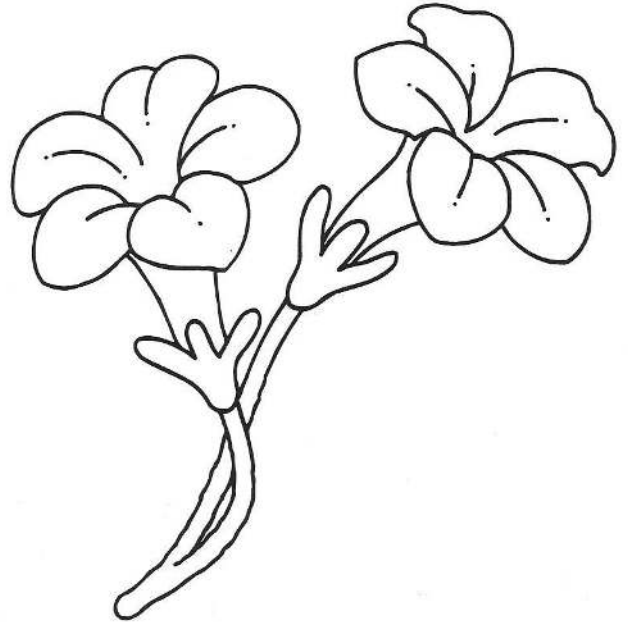
MEMORY VERSE

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON NUMBERS 17:1-13

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In Israel there were 12 different groups of people. Each group was called a tribe. And each tribe had a leader.

The Lord was tired of the Israelites always complaining about anything and everything including who to follow. The Lord had already destroyed three rebellious leaders and another 250 leaders who had complained to Moses and Aaron.

The Lord told Moses to get a staff (stick) from each of the 12 leaders. Moses was instructed to write each leader's name on their staffs.

The Lord told Moses to put the staffs inside the Tent of the Testimony which was also called the tabernacle. The Lord had a plan to choose a priest for the tabernacle. One of the staffs would begin to sprout, or grow. The next day, Moses went into the tabernacle and saw something amazing. Aaron's staff not only sprouted, but also had beautiful flowers and almonds growing from it! This was a sure sign from the Lord that Aaron, from the tribe of Levi, would be the priest of the tabernacle.

The Lord told Moses to put Aaron's staff in front of the Ark of the Covenant to be a reminder to the rebellious people that the Lord had chosen Aaron to lead them.

To find out more, check out Numbers 17:1-13 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did the Lord want the leader of each tribe to do?
2. How the Lord choose the priest for the tabernacle?
3. Who did the Lord choose to be priest?
4. Why do you think the Lord chose to make the staff grow?

MEMORY VERSE

“Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.”
1 Corinthians 7:17

FILL IN THE BLANKS

priest	staffs	Moses
names	tabernacle	Aaron's

The Lord spoke to _____. Moses wrote the _____ of the 12 leaders on staffs. He placed the _____ in the Tent of Meeting. _____ staff sprouted! This was a sign from the Lord that Aaron would be the _____ for the _____.