

AARON DIES

Numbers 20:14-29

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¹⁴Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying:

“This is what your brother Israel says: You know about all the hardships that have come upon us.

¹⁵Our forefathers went down into Egypt, and we lived there many years. The Egyptians mistreated us and our fathers, ¹⁶but when we cried out to the LORD, he heard our cry and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt.

“Now we are here at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

¹⁷Please let us pass through your country. We will not go through any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along the king’s highway and not turn to the right or to the left until we have passed through your territory.”

¹⁸But Edom answered:

“You may not pass through here; if you try, we will march out and attack you with the sword.”

¹⁹The Israelites replied:

“We will go along the main road, and if we or our livestock drink any of your water, we will pay for it. We only want to pass through on foot—nothing else.”

²⁰Again they answered:

“You may not pass through.”

Then Edom came out against them with a large and powerful army. ²¹Since Edom refused to let them go through their territory, Israel turned away from them.

²²The whole Israelite community set out from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor. ²³At Mount Hor, near the border of Edom, the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ²⁴“Aaron will be gathered to his people. He will not enter the land I give the Israelites, because both of you rebelled against my command at the waters of Meribah. ²⁵Get Aaron and his son Eleazar and take them up Mount Hor. ²⁶Remove Aaron’s garments and put them on his son Eleazar, for Aaron will be gathered to his people; he will die there.”

²⁷Moses did as the LORD commanded: They went up Mount Hor in the sight of the whole community.

²⁸Moses removed Aaron’s garments and put them on his son Eleazar. And Aaron died there on top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain, ²⁹and when the whole community learned that Aaron had died, the entire house of Israel mourned for him thirty days.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Were the Israelites able to travel through Edom? Why or why not?
5		2.) Why did Moses take off Aaron's clothes and put them on Aaron's son Eleazar?
5		3.) Why didn't the Lord want Moses and Aaron to enter Canaan? (Verse 24)
5		4.) Why do you think the Lord wanted Aaron's son to wear Aaron's clothes?

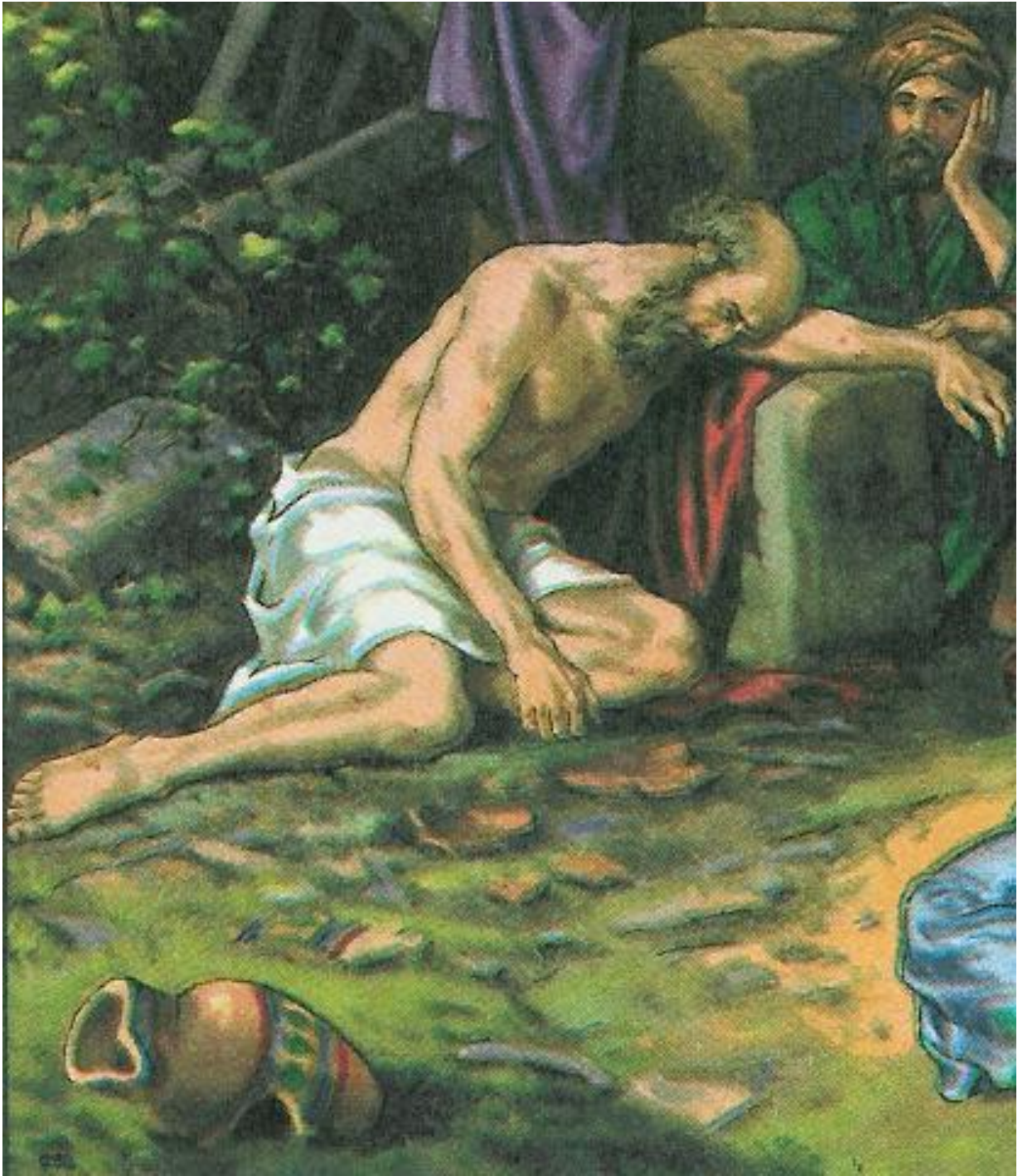
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 5:4</p>

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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The Israelites mourn Aaron's death

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: AARON'S ROBE

Students will make paper dolls to remind them that Aaron gave his robe to his son Eleazar as a symbol to the Israelites that Eleazar would take over as priest after he passed away.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Aaron's Robe Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
5. Glue
6. Sequins



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy "Aaron's Robe Pattern" onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have the students color Eleazar and Aaron's robe with markers, crayons, or colored pencils.
3. Have the students cut out Eleazar and Aaron's robe.
4. Allow students to glue sequins on the coat.
5. Bend the tabs on Aaron's robe to secure it on Eleazar.

FOR DISCUSSION

While the students are coloring Eleazar and Aaron's robe, remind them that Eleazar was taking the place of his father, Aaron, after he died. Giving Aaron's robe to Eleazar, his son, was a symbolic way of "passing the torch" to the next priest..

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

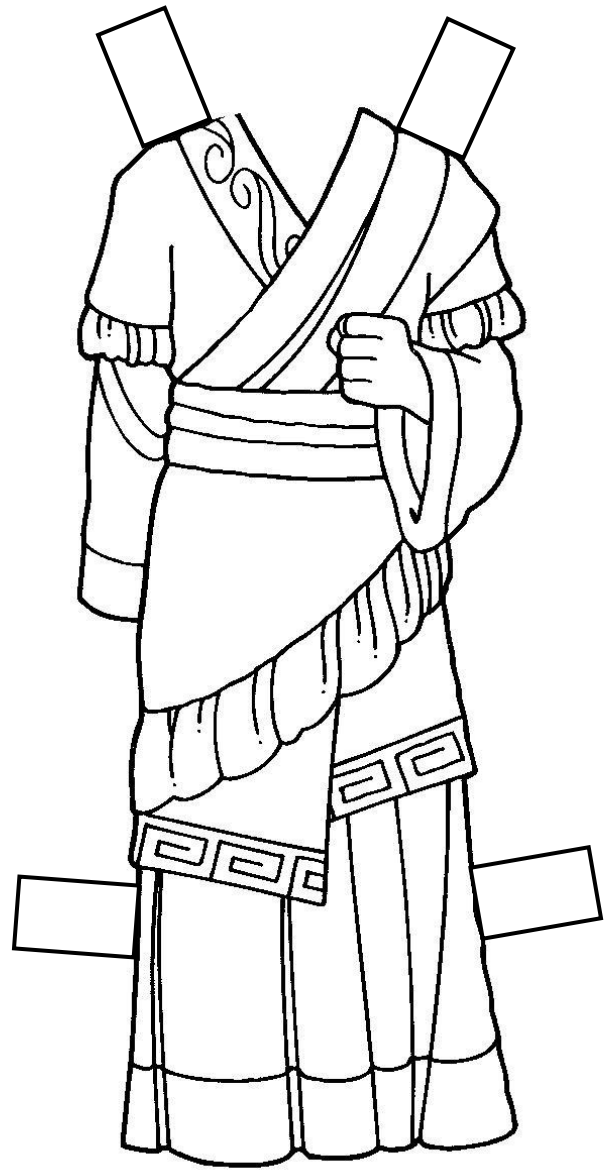
MEMORY VERSE

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
Matthew 5:4*

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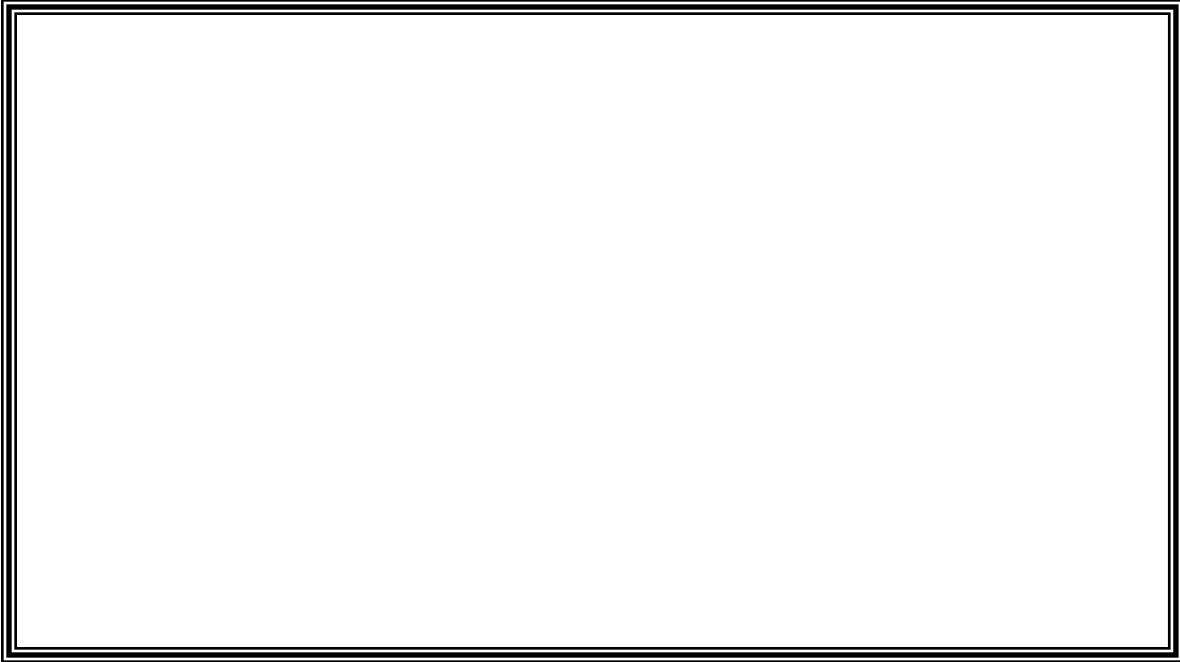
AARON'S ROBE PATTERN



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Directions: Write a short summary of the bible story. You may look back in your bible for help. When you finish, draw a picture in the box.



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Moses and the Israelites continued to travel through the desert. They traveled to the edge of place called Edom.

They wanted to pass through the land of Edom, so Moses sent

messengers to get permission from the king.

The messengers told the king that the Israelites would not travel through any vineyard or drink any of their water. The king of Edom said, "You may not pass through here. If you do, we will attack you."

The Israelites asked the king again. The King said no and sent his army after the Israelites.

The Israelites traveled to Mount Hor. The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron. He told them that they would not enter the Promised Land, known as Canaan, because they had disobeyed. The Lord told Aaron to take his son Eleazar up to the top of Mount Hor.

At the top of the mountain, Moses took Aaron's clothes and put them on Eleazar. This was a sign that Aaron was about to die.

Moses and Eleazar went down the mountain. Aaron stayed on the mountain where he later died. The Israelites were sad for 30 days because Aaron died.

For more on this story, read Numbers 20:14-29 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. Were the Israelites able to travel through Edom? Why or why not?
2. Why did Moses take off Aaron's clothes and put them on Aaron's son Eleazar?
3. Why didn't the Lord want Moses and Aaron to enter the Promised Land?
4. Why do you think the Lord wanted Aaron's son to wear Aaron's clothes?

MEMORY VERSE

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

WORD SEARCH

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