

# Ebi's

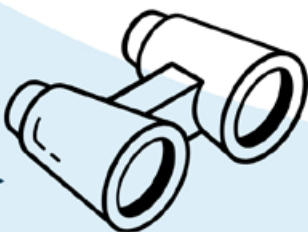
## Story Time

### ◆ Talia's dream

Once upon a time, in a land far away, there lived a young girl named Talia. She lived with her family in a distant country, but her heart was always drawn to the land of her ancestors, Israel. Talia had heard the stories of her people, how they had once lived in Israel long ago but had been scattered to different lands. Yet, the promise of return had always lingered in their hearts. Her grandmother always spoke of Israel and how they were looking forward to live in Israel. They always said "next year in Jerusalem." She dreamed of the day that her family could return to the promised land, and of a wonderful future in Israel but at the same time she was sad to leave her friends behind.



Then the time came when Talia's parents decided to move to Israel. They were all so excited and couldn't wait for the day they will finally arrive in Israel. They packed their belongings and had to say goodbye to friends and family. Her heart was filled with joy and sadness at the same time. At last she will get to Israel, the land that their ancestors had dreamed of for so many years. She could still hear her grandparents speaking about Israel. They used to call Israel their Promised Land – a land that God had promised to the Jewish people thousands of years ago. The journey was long and full of challenges, but Talia and her family persevered. Along the way, they met other families also making the journey back to Israel. They called it "making Aliyah" – that is emigrating to Israel. They shared stories, songs, and prayers, finding strength and courage in their shared dream.



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Finally, after many days of travel, they arrived in Israel. As Talia stepped foot on the sacred soil, she felt a deep sense of belonging and joy. This was her homeland, the place where her people had walked centuries ago. She was scared and excited at the same time. She was hoping to find wonderful new friends and a happy place to stay with a good school. And she was not hoping in vain. Soon she met new friends from different countries but they all shared the same joy. At last they were in the Promised Land.



Talia and her family settled in a small village nestled among the hills of Israel. They worked hard to rebuild their lives and revive the land that had been waiting for their return. Together with their fellow returnees, they planted trees, cultivated fields, and restored ancient ruins. Soon they could enjoy the fruit of their hands – delicious fruit and vegetables, beautiful flowers and the joy to have so many Jewish friends around them. There were so many beautiful places to visit, new things to discover and learn about this wonderful land. She attended a school and made lots of new friends. She even learned to speak and write Hebrew.



As the years passed, Talia grew up surrounded by the beauty and history of her homeland. She never forgot the journey that had brought her family back to Israel, nor the faith that had sustained them along the way. And so, the story of Talia became a testament to the enduring hope and resilience of the Jewish people, as they fulfilled the ancient prophecy of returning to the land of Israel. One day she will be able to tell her grandchildren about their decision to move from another land to Israel. She will tell them how they restored ancient ruins and about their hard work to cultivate the fields and restore Israel to its ancient beauty.

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## Worksheet



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## Colouring in



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Which line does Talia need to follow to arrive in Israel?

