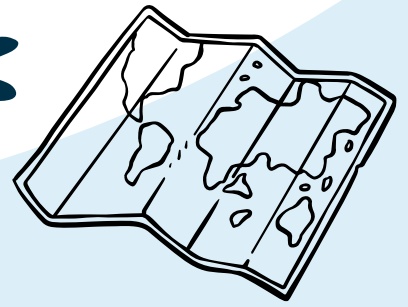


# Ebi's

## Story time



Stephen and his family joined a tour group to Israel. They are not Jewish but they learned from friends that Israel is a beautiful and interesting country to visit. Their tour guide, Shimon, was a very friendly and interesting Jewish man. He did not only take them to beautiful places but taught them a lot about the history of the land and the Jewish people.

During the tour, they visited Jerusalem, which is the capital of Israel, Bethlehem, and even the Red Sea and many other places that Stephen had learned about in the Bible.

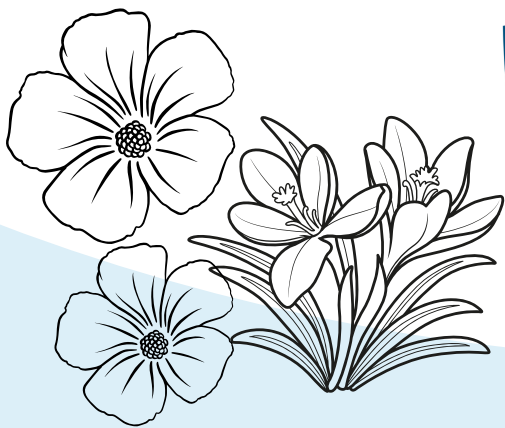
Shimon also arranged for them to meet with local Jewish people. Most of them moved to Israel in recent years and came from many different countries. There was even a family who came from the country where Stephen and his family lived.

They had so many questions: "When did you move to Israel?", "Why did you move to Israel?", "What do you like most about Israel?", and many more.

What they heard over and over was how excited the Jewish families were when they could finally move to Israel. They call it "making aliyah." Yes, it was not easy to say goodbye to friends and family but to meet so many new friends in the land God had promised them was worth it. After moving to Israel, they learned to speak Hebrew and got to experience Jewish traditions, such as the Sabbath, which is their day of rest every Saturday, or the many Jewish festivals and holidays. It was more than they ever dreamed of.



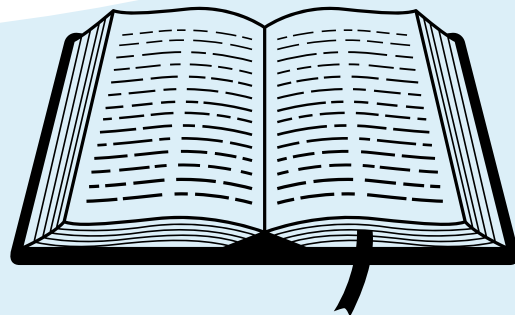
Stephen and his family suddenly understood how important it was for people who weren't Jews – called Gentiles – to stand with the Jewish people, to love them and pray for them. And also to help them to make aliyah - to move to Israel. There are many ways in which Christians can help Jews to make Aliyah. And God promised that if you bless Israel, you will be blessed. But if you speak badly or hurt Israel, you will also be hurt. So we must be very careful not to speak badly about Jewish people and when we hear our friends saying bad things about Jewish people or Israel, we must correct them.



# Ebi's

## Story time

Stephen's family decided that when they got back home, they would tell others about Israel and God's plan for the Jewish people. They would always pray for them and their promised land, Israel.

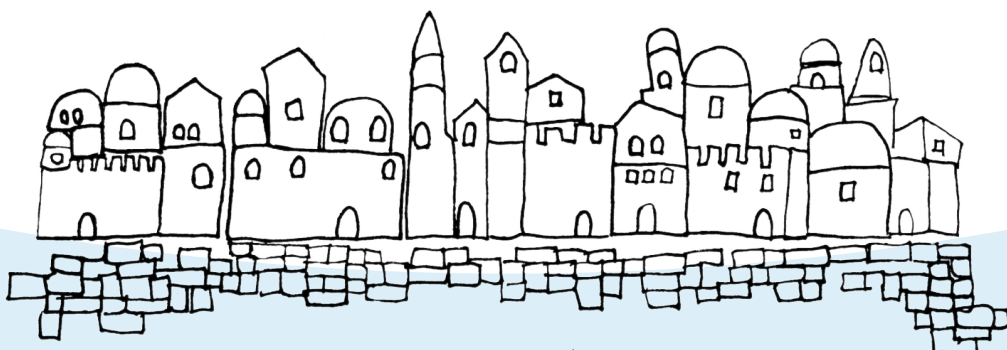


Stephen and his family discovered so many Bible verses where God promised the Jewish people that He would bring them back to Israel and that the land which was empty while they were not living there, would again blossom and grow fruit and all kinds of food to feed the people. And this is exactly what they saw during their visit to Israel. There were farmers with sheep which provided meat for the people. Other farmers had cows to provide milk and cheese. They saw olive trees, dates and all kinds of fruit trees and beautiful flowers. Even in the desert, they saw fruit trees and vegetable gardens. There was even a large fish farm in the desert.



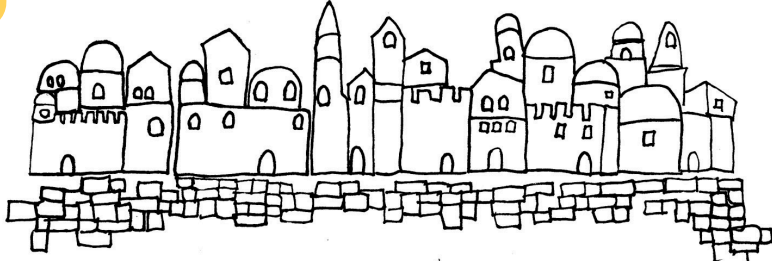
Stephen shared these Bible verses and stories with his friends and they were excited to hear that God is keeping His promises to the Jewish people. One of his favourite Bible verses is the one where God said that He will bring them back from the North and the South, from the East and the West. Yes, from all over the world. We can read about all of this in Isaiah 43:5-6. And then also the one where God promised that when He brings them back, they will never be taken out of their land again. We can read this in Amos 9:15. Wow, it is so wonderful to know that when God makes a promise, He will keep His promise.

**"I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the Lord your God." - Amos 9:15**



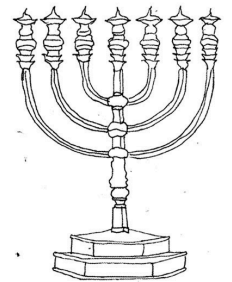
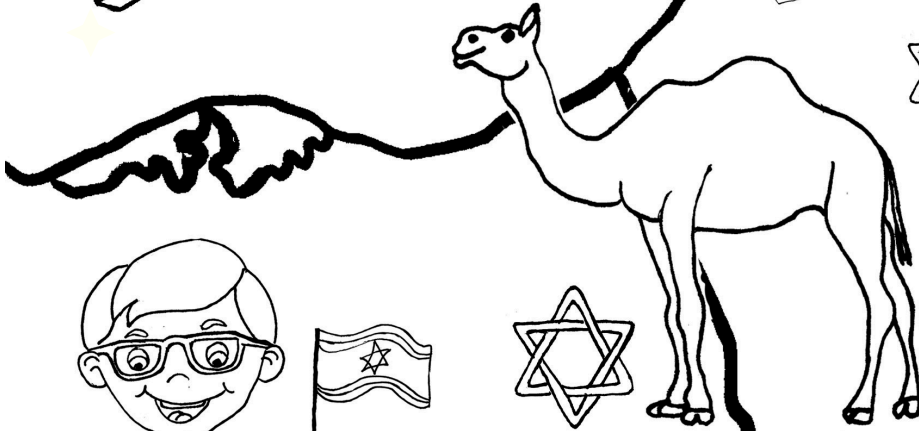
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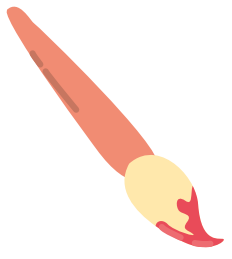
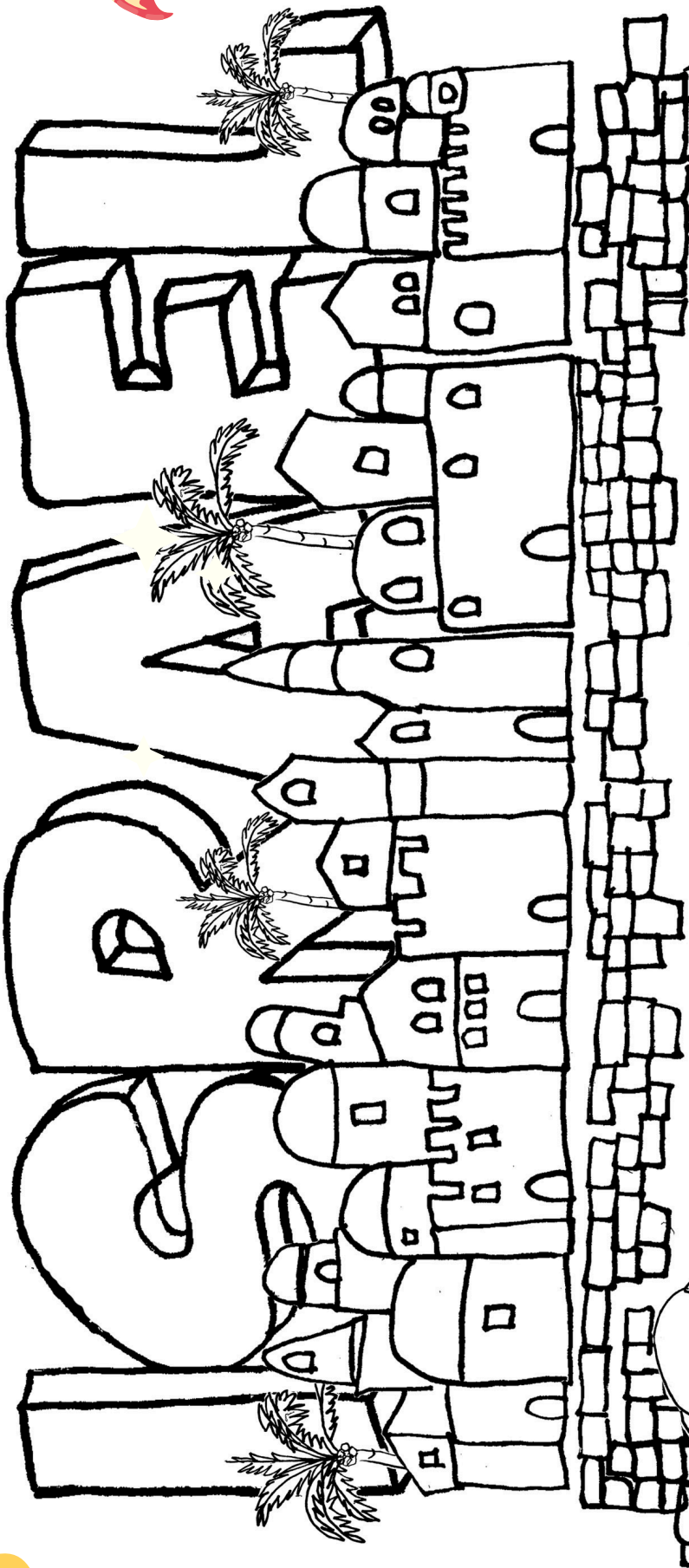
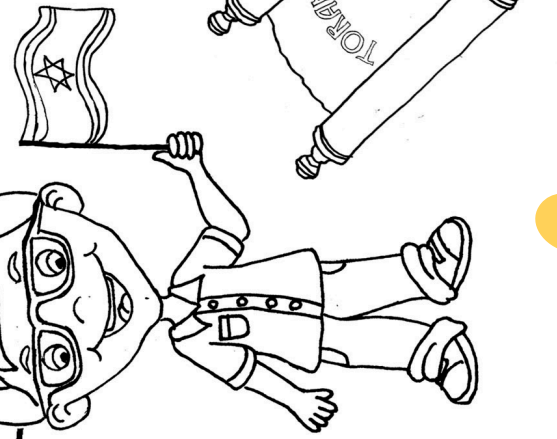
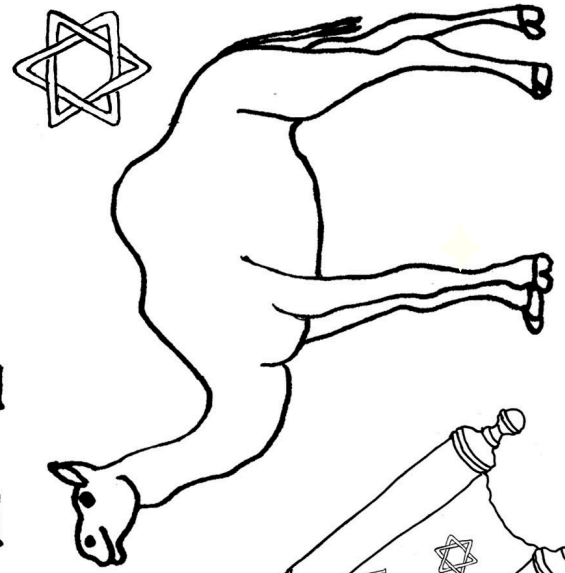
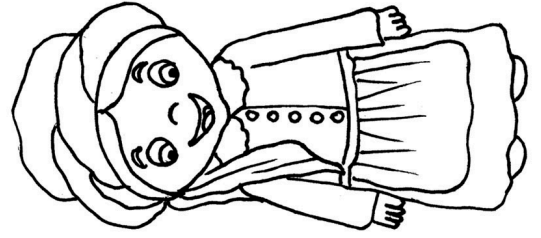
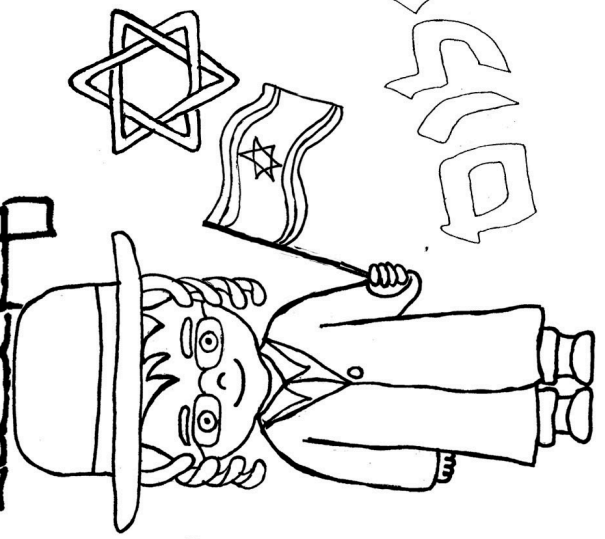


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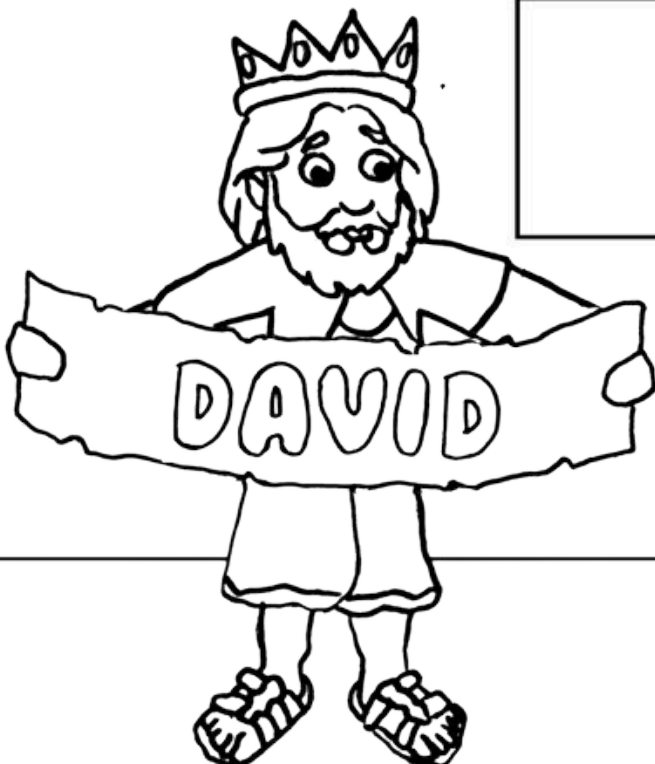
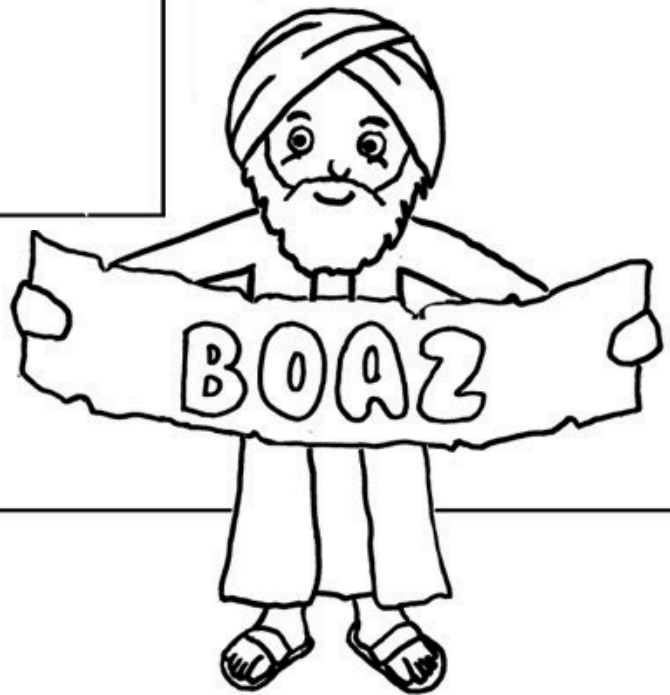


# Ebi's

## Worksheet



- Colour in the figures and the map.
- Cut the figures out carefully.
- Find 3 empty toilet roll cardboard tubes.
- Wrap and stick the paper around the cardboard.
- Place them in the correct city on the map.



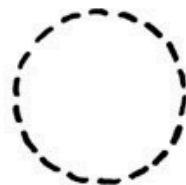
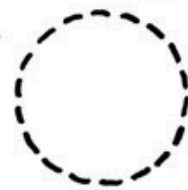
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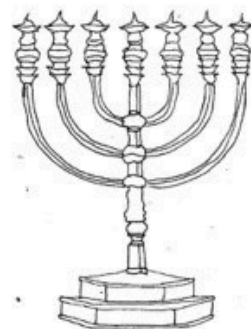


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Jerusalem



Bethlehem



The Red Sea

