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## Bible Story Time

### Manasseh, Gad and Reuben's Altar

Joshua 22:1-34

Then Yahoshua called for the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and said to them, You have done all that which Moses the servant of YAHWEH commanded you. And you have listened to my voice, to all that I have commanded you.

You have not left your brothers these many days until today, and have kept the observance of the command of YAHWEH your Elohim. And now YAHWEH your Elohim has given rest to your brothers, as He spoke to them. And now you turn and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of YAHWEH has given to you beyond the Jordan.

Only, be very much on guard to do the commandments and the Torah which Moses the servant of YAHWEH commanded you, to love YAHWEH your Elohim, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cleave to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

And Yahoshua blessed them and sent them away. And they went to their tents. And to the half tribe of Manasseh, Moses had given possession in Bashan. And to its other half Yahoshua had given possession with their brothers beyond the Jordan westward. And also when Yahoshua had sent them away to their tents, then he blessed them.

And he spoke to them, saying, You are returning to your tents with great treasures, and with very much livestock, with silver, and with gold, and with copper, and with iron, and with much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.

And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh turned and left the sons of Israel from Shiloh in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession in which they have possession, according to the command of YAHWEH by the hand of Moses.

And when they came to the regions of the Jordan in the land of Canaan, then the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, an altar of grand appearance.

And the sons of Israel heard it said, Behold, the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar across from the land of Canaan, in the regions of the Jordan, at the border of the sons of Israel. And the sons of Israel heard, and all the company of the sons of Israel assembled at Shiloh to go up against them to war.

And the sons of Israel sent Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and ten rulers with him, one ruler each for the house of a father, for all the tribes of Israel, and each of them a head of the house of their fathers, for the thousands of Israel.

And they came to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and spoke with them, saying, So says all the company of YAHWEH, What is this treachery with which the Elohim of Israel was betrayed, to turn back today from after YAHWEH, in that you built for yourself an altar so that you might rebel today against YAHWEH?

Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not been cleansed until this day? Yea, a plague came on the company of YAHWEH; that you turn away today from following after YAHWEH? And it shall be that today you rebel against YAHWEH, and tomorrow He shall be angry with all the company of Israel.

And surely, if the land of your possession is unclean, you may cross over to the land of the possession of YAHWEH, there where the tabernacle of YAHWEH dwells, and have possession among us. But do not rebel against YAHWEH, and do not rebel against us, by building for yourselves an altar besides the altar of YAHWEH our Elohim.

Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a sin in the cursed thing, and was there not wrath on all the company of Israel? And he was not the only one to die in his iniquity.

And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh answered and spoke with the heads of the thousands of Israel, YAHWEH is the El of Elohim; YAHWEH is the El of Elohim! He knows, and Israel shall know, if it is in rebellion, and if it is in treachery against YAHWEH, you shall not save us alive today.

If we built an altar for ourselves to turn away from following after YAHWEH, or to sacrifice on it burnt offering and food offering, or to offer on it sacrifices of peace, may YAHWEH Himself require it.

But surely from anxiety, for a reason, we have done this, saying, In the future your sons shall speak to our sons, saying, What is to you and to YAHWEH the Elohim of Israel?

For YAHWEH has put a border between you and us, O sons of Reuben, and sons of Gad; it is the Jordan. You have no portion in YAHWEH! And your sons will cause our sons to fail, not fearing YAHWEH.

*Story continued on the next page...*

Hear advice and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter end.

Proverbs 19:20

## Manasseh, Gad and Reuben's Altar

*Story continued...*

And we said, Let us now prepare for ourselves, to build an altar, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice, but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, to do the service of YAHWEH before Him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings; that your sons may not say to our sons in the future, You have no portion in YAHWEH.

And we said, And it shall be, when they say this to us, and to our generations hereafter, that we shall say, See the pattern of the altar of YAHWEH, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice, but a testimony it is between us and you.

Far be it from us to rebel against YAHWEH, and to turn away today from following after YAHWEH, to build an altar for burnt offering, for food offering, and for sacrifice, apart from the altar of YAHWEH our Elohim, which is before His tabernacle!

And Phinehas the priest, and the rulers of the congregation and the heads of the thousands of Israel with him heard the words which the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the sons of Manasseh had spoken. And it was good in their eyes.

And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben, and to the sons of Gad, and to the sons of Manasseh, Today we have known that YAHWEH is among us, because you have not betrayed this treachery against YAHWEH. Now you have delivered the sons of Israel out of the hand of YAHWEH.

And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the rulers, returned from the sons of Reuben, and from the sons of Gad out of the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan, to the sons of Israel, and brought word back to them. And the thing was good in the eyes of the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel blessed Elohim and none said to go up against them to war, to destroy the land which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad were living in. And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad proclaimed regarding the altar, that it was a witness between us that YAHWEH is Elohim.

## Bible Story Questions

1. What did the tribes of Reuben, Manasseh, and Gad build on the other side of the Jordan?
2. What did all of Israel do when they heard they built the altar?
3. What did Phinehas and Israel fear would happen because they built the altar?
4. What was the reason the three tribes built the altar?
5. Did Phinehas and the leaders of Israel believe them? Did they go to war against them?

## Bible Lesson: Correction is Love

There was good reason Phinehas and all of Israel feared Yahweh when they heard that the tribes of Reuben, Manasseh, and Gad had built an altar as they went to the land they inherited across the Jordan. There was only one altar that was to be used by the Israelites in worship towards Yahweh and that was the bronze altar where the Tabernacle was in Shiloh.

Yahweh strictly forbade any sacrifice to be done towards Him except at His altar before His Tabernacle. Phinehas and the leaders of Israel with him were right to think that Yahweh would see the altar as an act of rebellion. It was good for them to go to those tribes and find out their reasoning, because if it was an act of rebellion, and they didn't go to help them repent, then all of Israel would have been judged.

It is the responsibility of each of us that if we see our brother in error or we think they may be in error, to go to him to correct it. Of course we go in humility but if we do nothing and allow our brothers and sisters to sin, they will not only be punished for it but we bring judgement on ourselves.

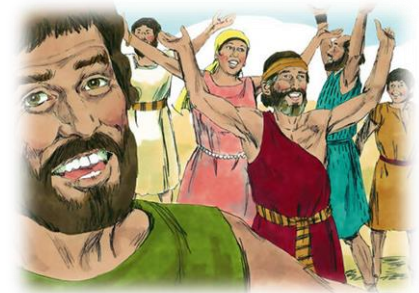
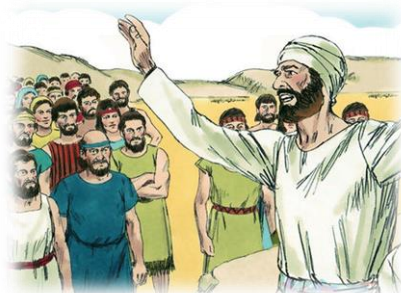
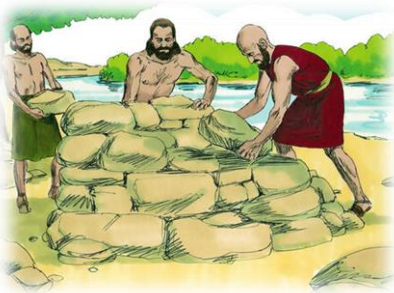
Can You Find the Words in This Puzzle?



FROM THE  
BIBLE STORY

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- Rueben
- Gad
- Manasseh
- Altar
- Jordan
- Phinehas
- Shiloh
- Yahoshua
- Commandments
- Torah



Can You Memorize the Scripture?

Brothers, if any man among you goes before you in error, you who are in the Spirit restore him by the spirit of gentleness and beware, lest temptation also comes upon you.

Galatians 6:1



## Scripture Treasure Hunt Game

If desired, color all the treasures pictures on the next page. The children shouldn't see the treasure pictures until the game is complete.

Cut each of them out.

Find and write 9 Scripture verses on a small piece of paper which the children can read and figure out the clue to find each treasure. See hint below.

Hide the treasures in different locations with a Scripture hint for finding the next treasure. Last hint can be "well done" you have found all the treasures! Can you put them together and figure out the verse?

To start, give the children a note with a hint to where they might find the first clue. They can work together.

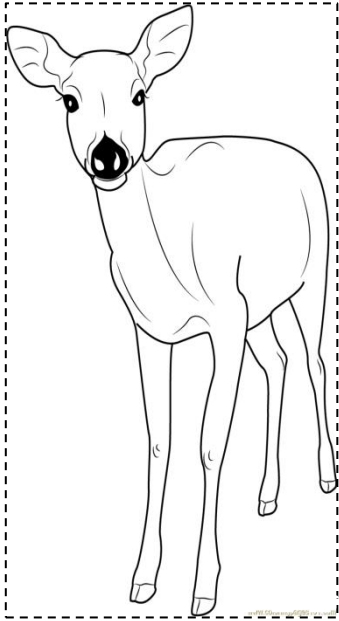
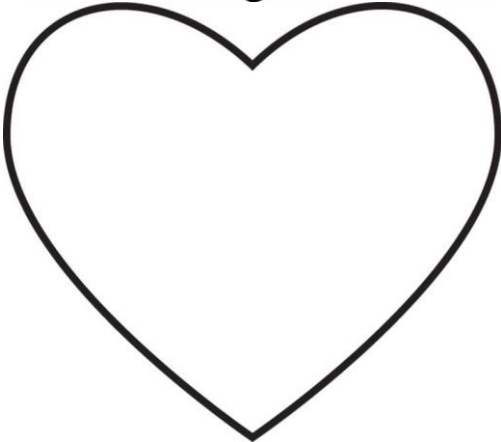
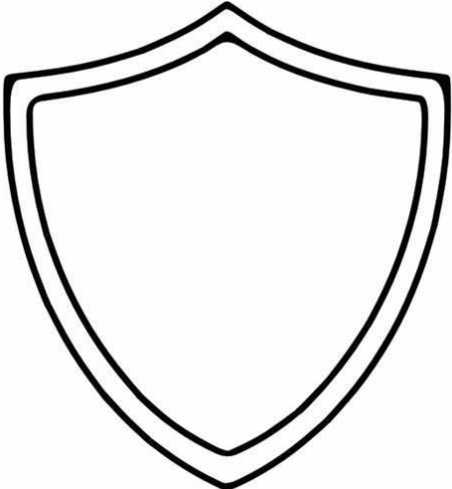
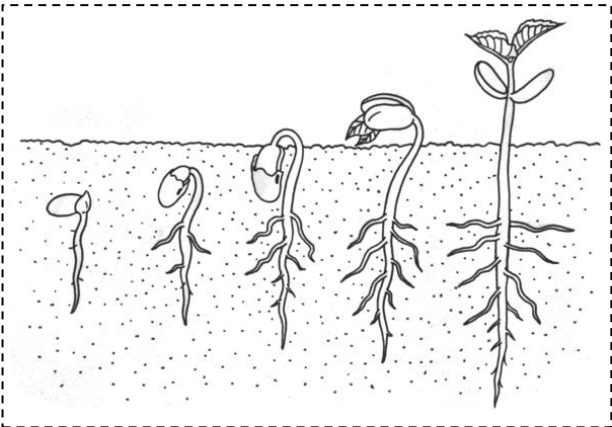
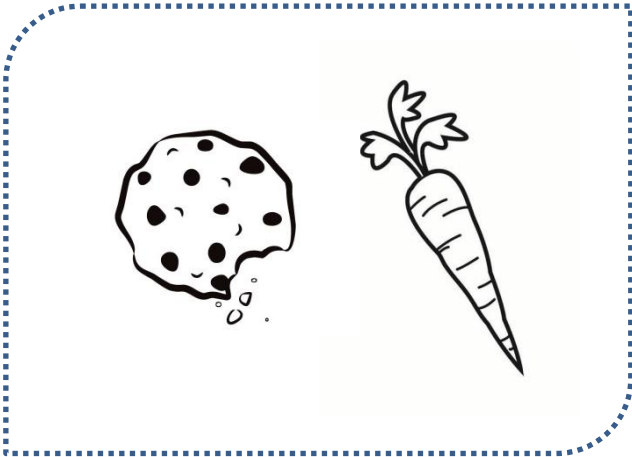
When the first clue is found they should have another hint leading to the next treasure and clue as so on...until all 9 treasures have been found.

When all treasures have been located have the children put them together and figure out what the Scripture is in the Bible. (This will be in Galatians 5:22-23)

### Hint:

It could be a Scripture verse with a word that hints to where the clue might be. For example:

Your Word is a **lamp** to my feet and a light to my path. Psalms 119:105  
So the clue would be hidden under or on the lamp.



TREASURES