

## Aaron's Rod Buds Story

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

You will need the following:

- 6 Sheets of Cardstock (8.5" x 11")  
<http://amzn.com/B006P1EQIA>
- 6 3 mil Laminating Film (optional)  
<http://amazon.com/dp/B009SOVRYM>
- 9 Clear Velcro Dots  
<http://amazon.com/dp/B001ASD850>

### DIRECTIONS

- Print pages 2-13 two-sided on cardstock. If desired, laminate the pages.
- Print pages 14-15 one-sided and laminate. Then cut out the rods on page 14 and the pictures on page 15.
- Attach the pictures to the appropriate pages with Velcro dots (cut them in half for the 12 rods).
- Use these pictures to tell the story of Aaron's rod budding during class.
- When you get to the second page, see if the children can remember the twelve sons of Jacob. Let the children take turns Velcroing the rods on to the front of the story page.
- On the fifth page, let the children Velcro the three pictures on underneath the Ark of the Covenant.

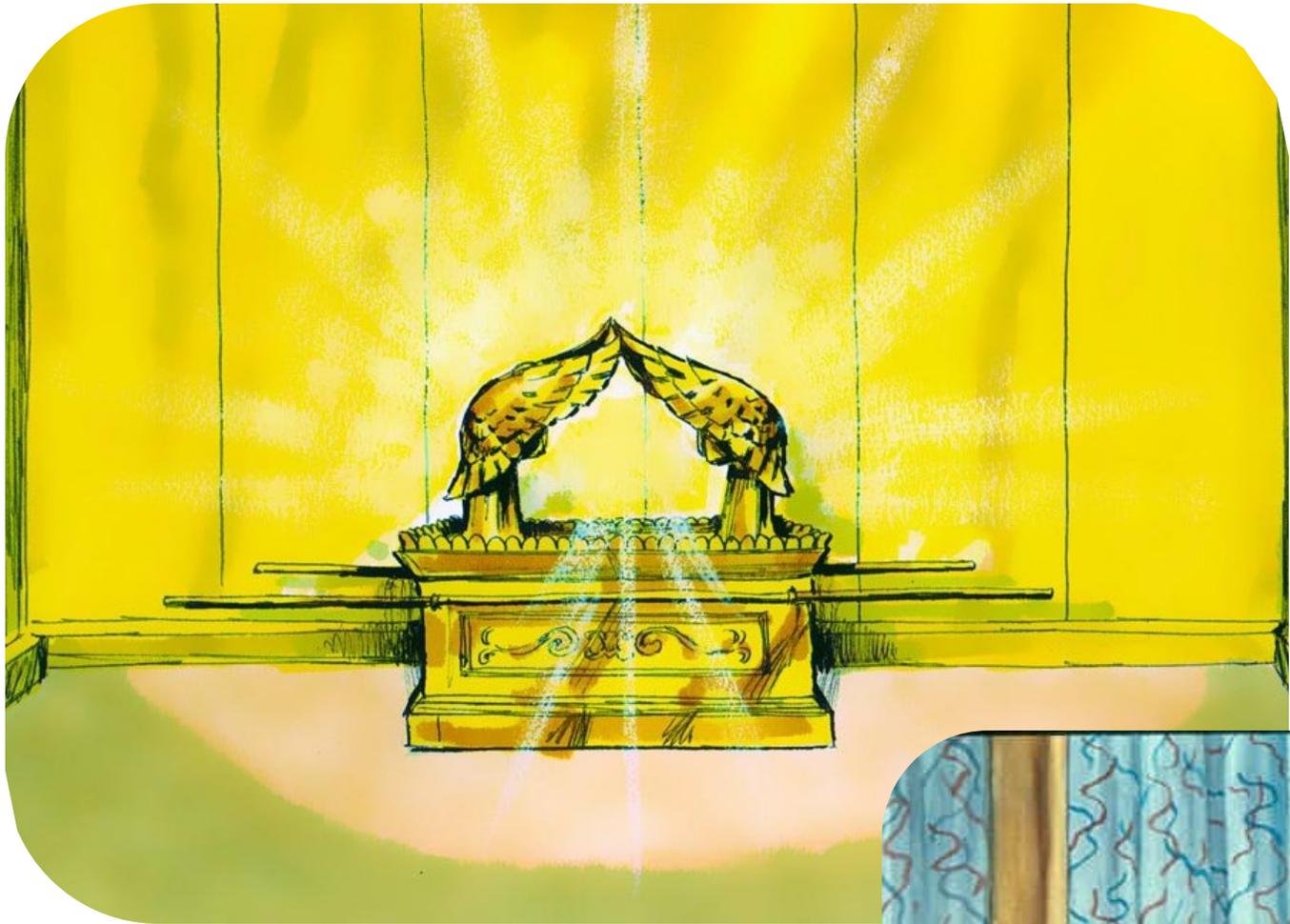




The children of Israel were at it again...they were grumbling and complaining against God and Moses and Aaron. God decided to teach them a lesson and put an end to their grumbling against Him.



God instructed Moses to speak to the sons of Israel and get from them one rod from each tribe in Israel for a total of twelve rods. The name of each tribe was to be written on the rod. For the rod from the tribe of Levi, God told Moses to put Aaron's name on it.



So Moses spoke to the Israelites and each leader gave him a rod - 12 staffs in all with Aaron's rod among them. Then God told Moses to place the rods in the tabernacle in front of the ark of the covenant. And God said to Moses, "And it shall be that the staff of the man I choose will sprout, and I will rid Myself of the Israelites' complaints that they have been making about you."

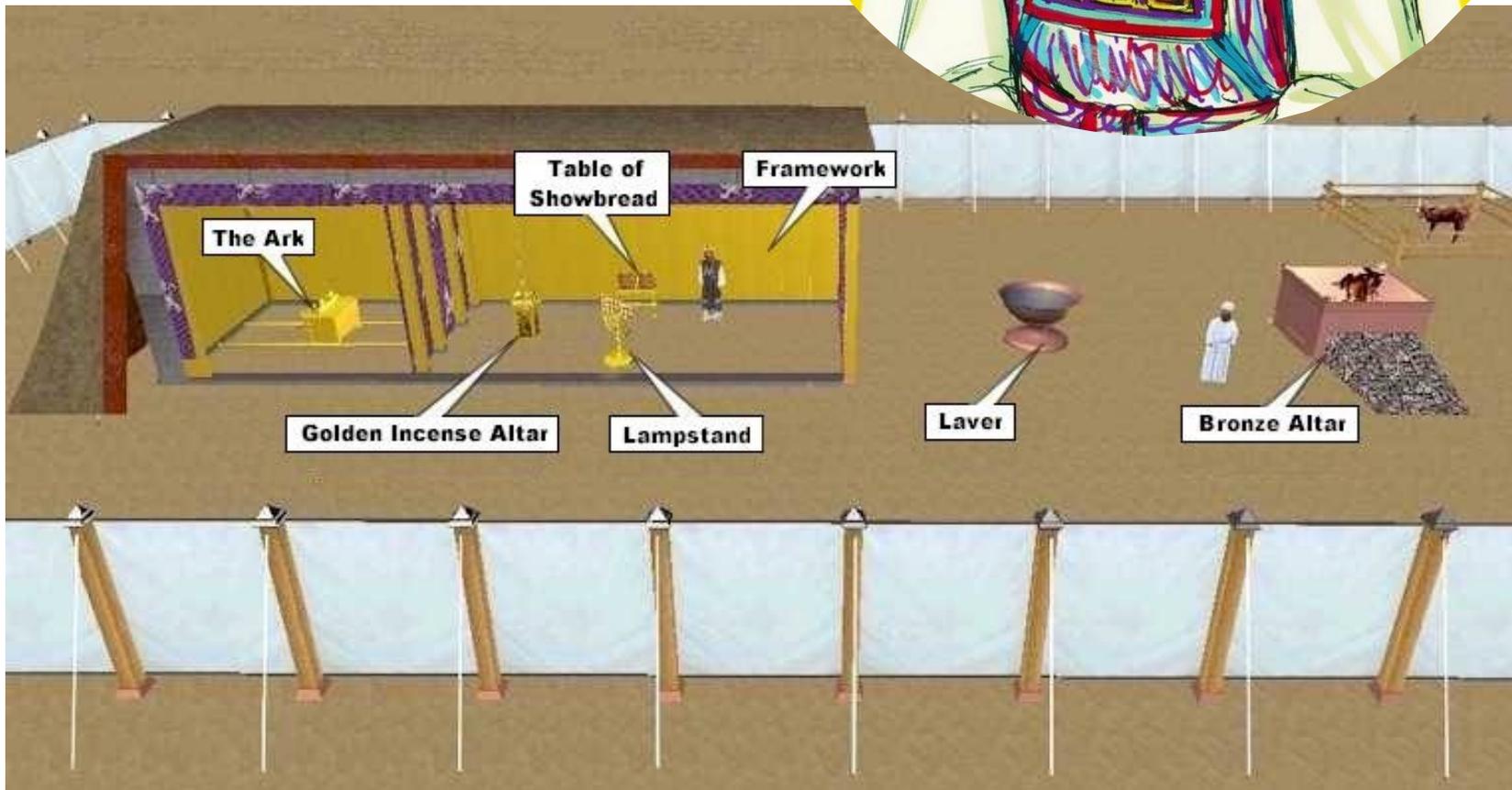


Now it came about on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle and behold the rod of Aaron from the tribe of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms and also had ripe almonds on it!



Moses then brought out all the rods to the people and they looked and each man took his rod. But the Lord said to Moses, "Put Aaron's staff back in the ark of the covenant to be kept as a sign for the rebels, so that you may put an end to their complaints before Me, or else they will die." So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. So the three things kept inside the Ark of the Covenant were:

1. The Ten Commandments
2. Gold Jar of Manna
3. Aaron's Budded Rod



God instructed Aaron and his sons on how they should serve as priests before the tabernacle. Only Aaron and his sons would be allowed to enter the inside veil (Holy of Holies). Anyone else who entered the inner tent would die. God gave Aaron the rest of the men of the tribe of Levi to perform services at the tabernacle. Only men from the tribe of Levi would be allowed to perform services at the tabernacle - anyone else who came near the tent would die.



