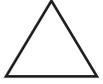
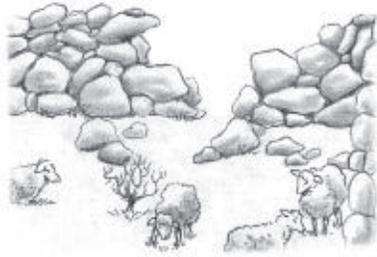


**Study Word**

*terebinth* (ter' ə binth): a small tree in Europe

The wall of the old sheepfold was made of piled-up stones. As the children walked around it, they saw many places where the stones had tumbled down. At a spot farthest from the doorway they came upon a very low place. Plainly someone had pulled out stones to make an opening. "Here's where he climbed in," said Ethan. "Let's close it up so our sheep don't get out the next time Asher stops here."



sheepfold

Quickly the children filled in the low place with the nearby stones. Then



terebinth tree

they hiked up the steep sandy hill behind the fold. There they sank panting in the shade of a

**terebinth** tree. The bare brown hills and valleys spread below them as far as they could see.

"Look for Er and Tola," said Ethan. "They probably put Frisky in with Simon's sheep."

Here and there the children saw strings of sheep and goats slowly following their shepherds in the direction of the village. Dogs trotted behind, nipping the heels of stragglers and keeping the flock together. But nowhere did they see the dirty yellow turbans of Er and Tola.

"First we must make sure they have put Frisky with their sheep," said Ethan. "When we find their flock we'll—." He stopped.

"What will we do?" asked Abigail.

"I don't know yet," admitted Ethan, getting up to go. "You see, even if we do find Frisky in their flock, Er and Tola will say he belongs to Simon."

"But Frisky comes to us when we

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call. He tries to sing along when you play his song. That would show he belongs to us.”

“Yes, it would. But you know Er and Tola would never let us get close enough to call Frisky,” said Ethan.

Abigail laughed. “But they don’t know about the secret mark. When we find him, we can prove he is our lamb by that mark.”

“Don’t you ever tell anyone about that mark,” said Ethan sharply. “If Er and Tola hear about it, they will claim that they put it there. They will say it is their mark. Then we’ll never get Frisky back. I don’t know why you put that mark there to begin with.”

“I put it there to mark him as my pet. We had so many new lambs and they all looked alike. I marked him so I could find him fast when I wanted to play with him.”

“Well, that secret mark isn’t worth anything now,” said Ethan. “We will never get close enough to Frisky to check on it. Anyway, Er and Tola would say it is their mark. Who would believe the word of a little girl against that of two grown men?”

“I don’t know,” said Abigail. “I still

think it might save Frisky’s life some-time. But I won’t ever tell anyone until you say so.”

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The children made it back to the village just as the sun sank behind the western hills. They heard the three

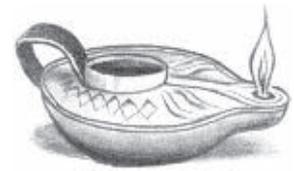


ram’s horn

blasts of the ram’s horn trumpet. That meant the Sabbath

had begun.

As they came into the house, they saw that Father and Asher had come. Mother had already lit the Sabbath lamp.



lamp

The children got ready for supper. They held their hands over the washbowl while Asher poured the water. Then they wiped their hands and sat on the floor around the mat Mother had spread. On it she had put the good things she had made that afternoon.

First Father lifted his head to pray. “Blessed art Thou, Jehovah, our God, King of the world, who causes bread to come forth from the earth. Amen.”

Father broke off a chunk of bread

from the round loaf. He spread grape honey over it. Then he said, "Asher told me all he knows about Frisky. Mother says you think Joktan stole him. I want to know what gave you such an idea, Ethan."

After Ethan repeated everything Joktan had told him, Father ate quietly for a while. Then he said, "Simon needs to know what Er and Tola are doing to Joktan and to his sheep. I will tell him myself after the Sabbath. It is

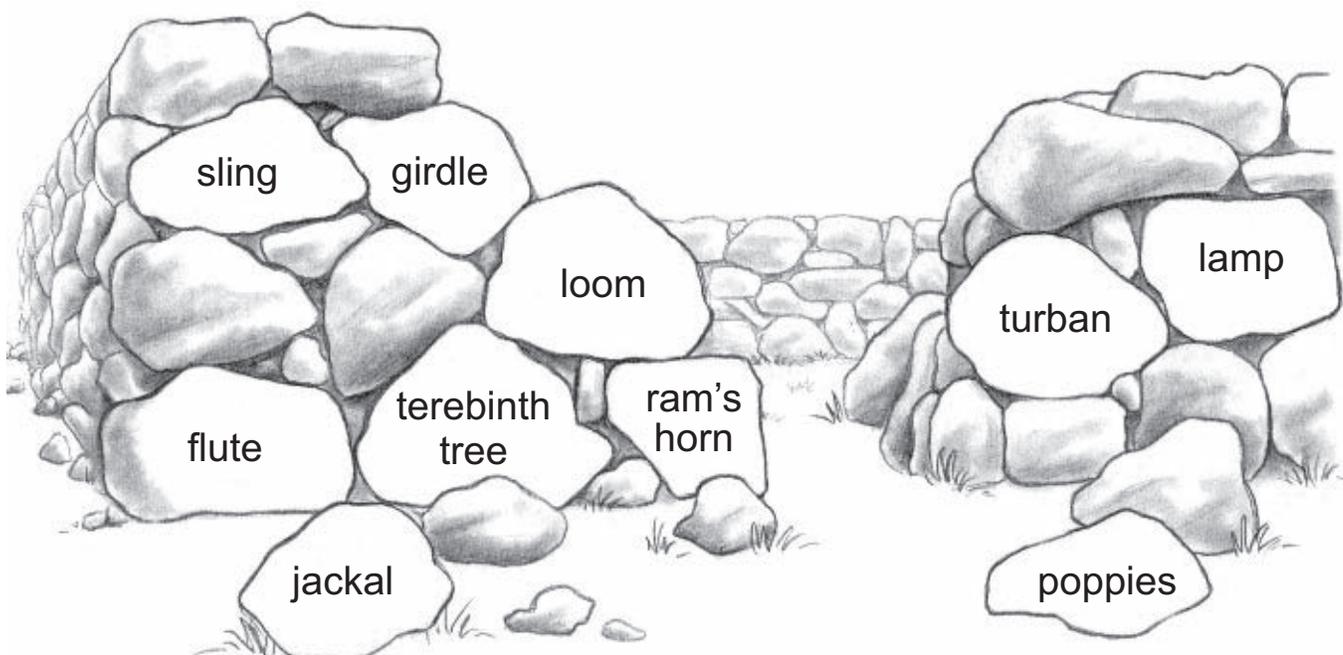
time he gets rid of those shepherds. They are worthless hirelings."

"Oh, no, Father, don't do that!" cried Ethan in alarm. "Don't you see what will happen? If Simon says anything to Er and Tola, they will tell him that Joktan stole Frisky because he had ruined the Passover lambs. Joktan will be in trouble with his father. Simon will make Joktan bring Frisky back, and they still won't have a lamb for Passover."

## From the Story

**Find rocks with pictures on page 62. Cut out the shapes. Match each picture with its name and rock shape. Glue them in place.**

See pages 1, 2, 3, 7, 15, and 16 if you need help.



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**Underline the answers.**

1. The sheepfold was made of **stone, wood, brick**.
2. The children rested in the shade of a **tamarisk, fig, terebinth** tree.
3. **Jackals, Dogs, Goats** helped shepherds round up straggling sheep.
4. **Two, Three** blasts of the ram's horn trumpet meant **the Sabbath, the New Year, Sunday** had begun.

**We Remember**

**Unscramble the words of King Solomon and write them in order.**

5. "regards A his life righteous beasts the of man."

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6. "loveth born A and at for friend a times is all adversity brother."

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**Circle *T* for *true* or *F* for *false*.**

7. **T F** Mother sometimes cooked food on the Sabbath.
8. **T F** The Sabbath began early in the morning.
9. **T F** Ethan and Abigail lived in Bethany.