

Tonight's



passage – Numbers 27.¹²⁻²³

theme – **Leaders needed!**

name the leader ..

Here are some leaders who've been in the news recently.

See if you can match the name with the picture.

Some of these leaders are quite powerful:

but that doesn't make them 'good' leaders.

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Over the next weeks we're going to be learning about what makes a 'good' leader.

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This week we'll take a look at one of the most famous leaders in the Old Testament, and the person who took over from him as leader of God's people.

Joe Biden

Pep Guardiola

Ursula von der Leyen

Giorgia Meloni

Vladimir Putin

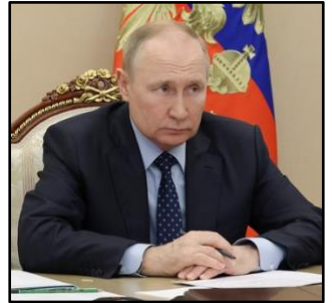
Nicola Sturgeon

Liz Truss

Justin Welby

Charles Windsor

Volodymyr Zelensky



Read
Numbers 27
verses 12-17



a good
leader..
.. yes, but ..

¹² Then the Lord said to Moses, "Climb this mountain in the Abarim Mountains, and look at the land I have given to the Israelites. ¹³ After you have seen it, you will die and join your ancestors as your brother Aaron did, ¹⁴ because you both acted against my command in the Desert of Zin. You did not honour me as holy before the people at the waters of Meribah." (This was at Meribah in Kadesh in the Desert of Zin.)

¹⁵ Moses said to the Lord, ¹⁶ "The Lord is the God of the spirits of all people. May he choose a leader for these people, ¹⁷ who will go in and out before them. He must lead them out like sheep and bring them in; the Lord's people must not be like sheep without a shepherd."

The man who had been the leader of the people of Israel for a long time was about to die.

Write the name of the man who'd been leading the people all those years in the box below.

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This man had been a good leader.

He'd been used by God to lead the people out of slavery in Egypt:

he'd led them through the desert for almost 40 years:

he'd seen God wonderfully provide for all their needs:

and he'd taught the people how God meant them to live their lives.

Definitely a really 'good' leader!



BUT

... **definitely not**

perfect!

Why was the leader not allowed to enter the land which God had promised to the people of Israel?

Because he did not _____ God as holy before the people at the waters of Meribah.

You can read the story in Numbers 20.1-12

a gift from the Lord



Read

Numbers 27

verses 18-21

The people must have feared that when their leader died it would be disastrous.

Who could ever be like the man who'd led them out of Egypt, kept them alive through the desert and taught them God's message?

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But the Lord wasn't thinking like that!

He already had a 'successor' up His sleeve, a man well-prepared for the great challenge of leading the people into the land which God had promised to them.

The letters of this man's name are all jumbled up here: see if you can put them in their right order to spell the name of the man.

AH OJ US



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This is the Hebrew version of the name **Jesus**.

Before Jesus was born, all through the Bible God was giving His people hints (like here) that He would give us not just a *good* leader, but the best and most perfect leader.

His name would be Jesus.

Because that name means simply

THE LORD SAVES!



Look again at

Numbers 27 vv. 25-17

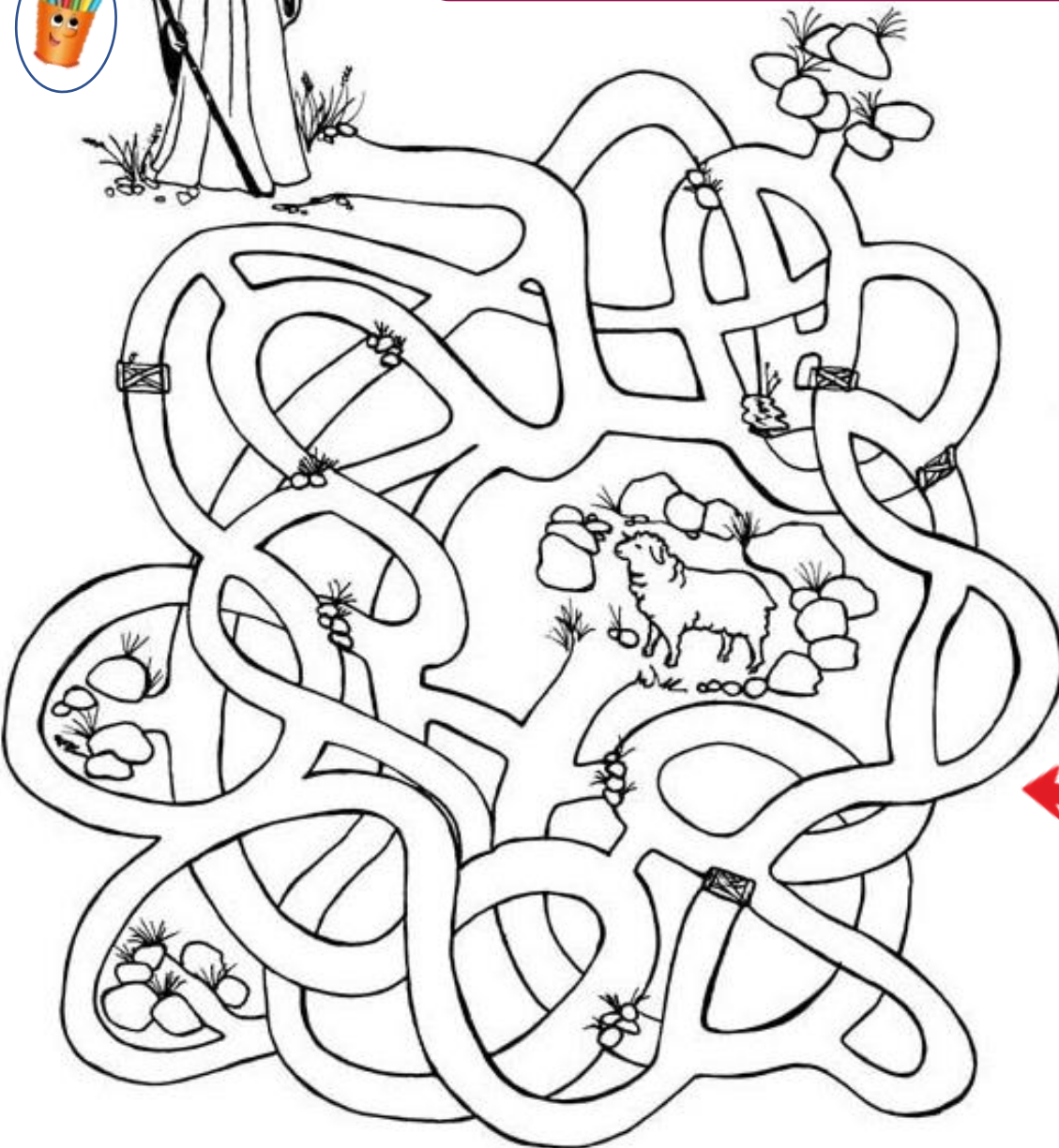
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leaders have a special task

Fill in the missing words to find out what the special task is which the leader has, and to see what the leader is said to be like.

“He must _____ them out like _____ and
_____ them in ... like .. a _____”



God tells us in the Bible that all of us are like sheep – we easily wander off the right track and get well and truly lost!

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Jesus came to be our ‘good Shepherd’: He leads us out into each new day, and brings us safely back home!

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See if you can help the shepherd in the puzzle to find the lost sheep



Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

Lord Jesus, thank You that You've come to be our Leader.

I'm glad that You look after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep.

I often get things wrong and go astray – so I'm glad that You're always looking out for me and keeping me safe.

Thank You for all the different 'leaders' in my life.
All the people who look after me at home.
My Sunday School teachers.
My teachers at school.

Please help each of them in the work which they do every day.

Please help the new king, Charles III.
It must be hard for him, taking over from his Mum after her years as queen.

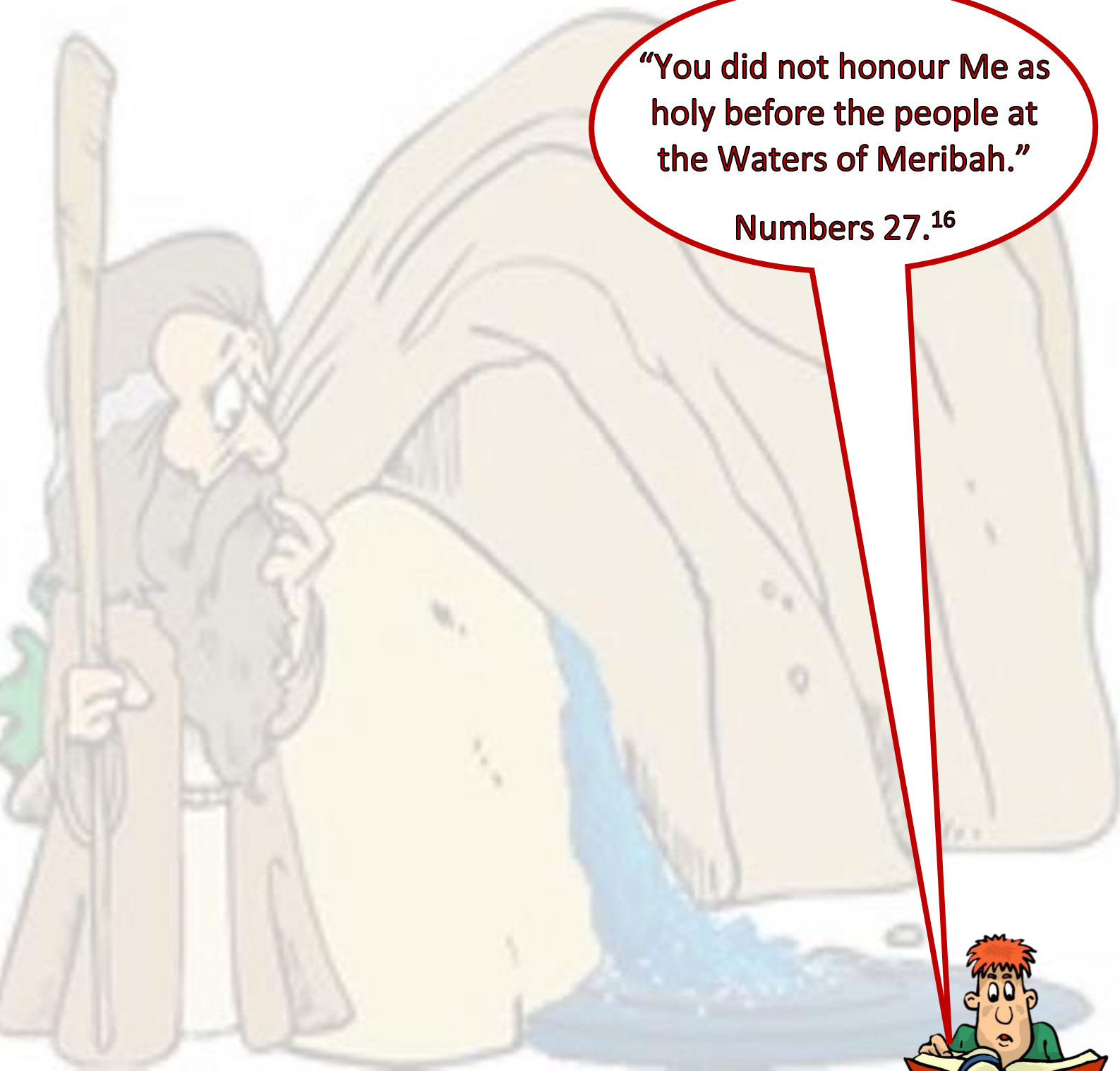
Comfort him when he's sad, and make him wise in all he says and does. Thank You!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

"You did not honour Me as
holy before the people at
the Waters of Meribah."

Numbers 27.¹⁶



A WORDSEARCH..

Here's a wordsearch about the death of Moses.
You can read the story in Deuteronomy 34.1-12

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THIRTY
MIRACULOUS
LAND
SIGNS
BURIED
DAYS

MOURNING
JOSHUA
JACOB
MOSES
PROMISED
ISSAC

GRAVE
WEEPING
ABRAHAM
PROPHET
MOAB
LORD

COLOUR in the picture

Joshua had been one of Moses' closest helpers for a long time

