

Shir HaShirim: Cycles of Love

Questions for young children and families

LOOK

Take a close look at the illustration:

Which image do you notice first?

What other pictures, shapes, or symbols can you find?

What is your favorite part of the drawing? Why?

How do the faces and people change in different parts of the drawing?

What colors do you notice? How do they make the artwork feel?

Which image would you like to know more about?

Can you find: A flower, a fruit, an animal, a person, a door, fire, water

CONNECT

Choose one image from the artwork that reminds you of someone you love - a family member, a friend, or someone important in your life.

Which image did you choose?

Who does it remind you of?

What is it about that person that connects to this image?

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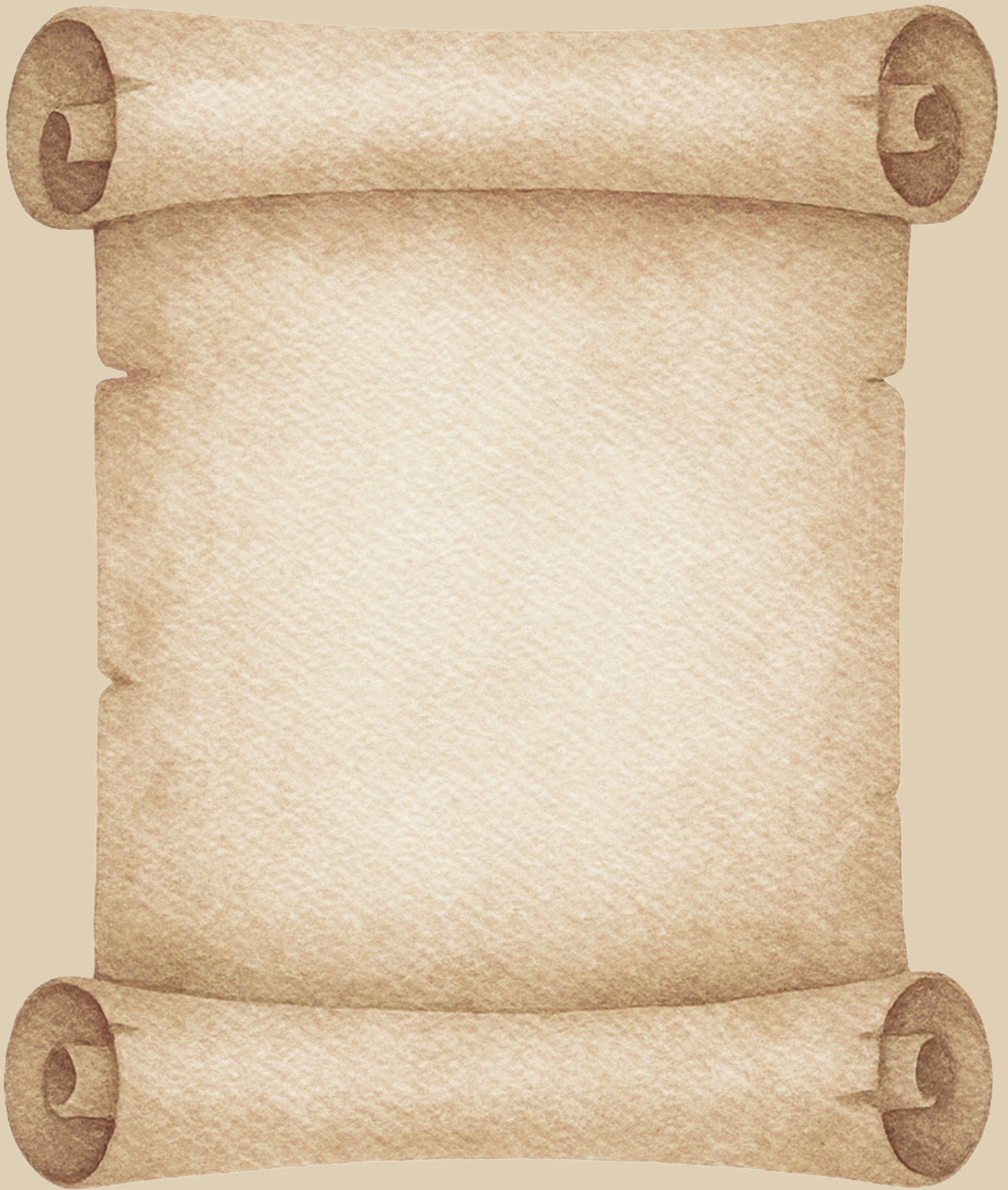
Shir Hashirim is full of beautiful images from nature that express love.

What in nature reminds you of love, friendship, or your family?

Draw it on the scroll below.

Examples: sun, mountain, tree, bird, flower, river, rainbow, or something else

If you wish, add a few words or a short poem about your drawing.



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Questions for teens and adults

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Take a close look at the illustration:

What patterns, symbols, or themes do you notice?

Why do you think the artist organized the artwork in circles?

Which verse seems most important or meaningful to you? Why?

What details do you notice about the male and female figures that appear?

What does it mean to you that the arrows between the words point in two directions?

How do the colors, shapes, and layout contribute to the meaning of the artwork?

CONNECT

The artwork suggests that relationships move through cycles of closeness and distance. Do you think this is true? Can you think of examples from your own relationships?

The artwork presents two allegorical interpretations of Shir HaShirim:

1) The relationship between God and the Jewish people (national/historical)

2) The relationship between God and the individual (personal/spiritual)

Which interpretation feels more convincing or meaningful to you?

Can multiple meanings exist at the same time?

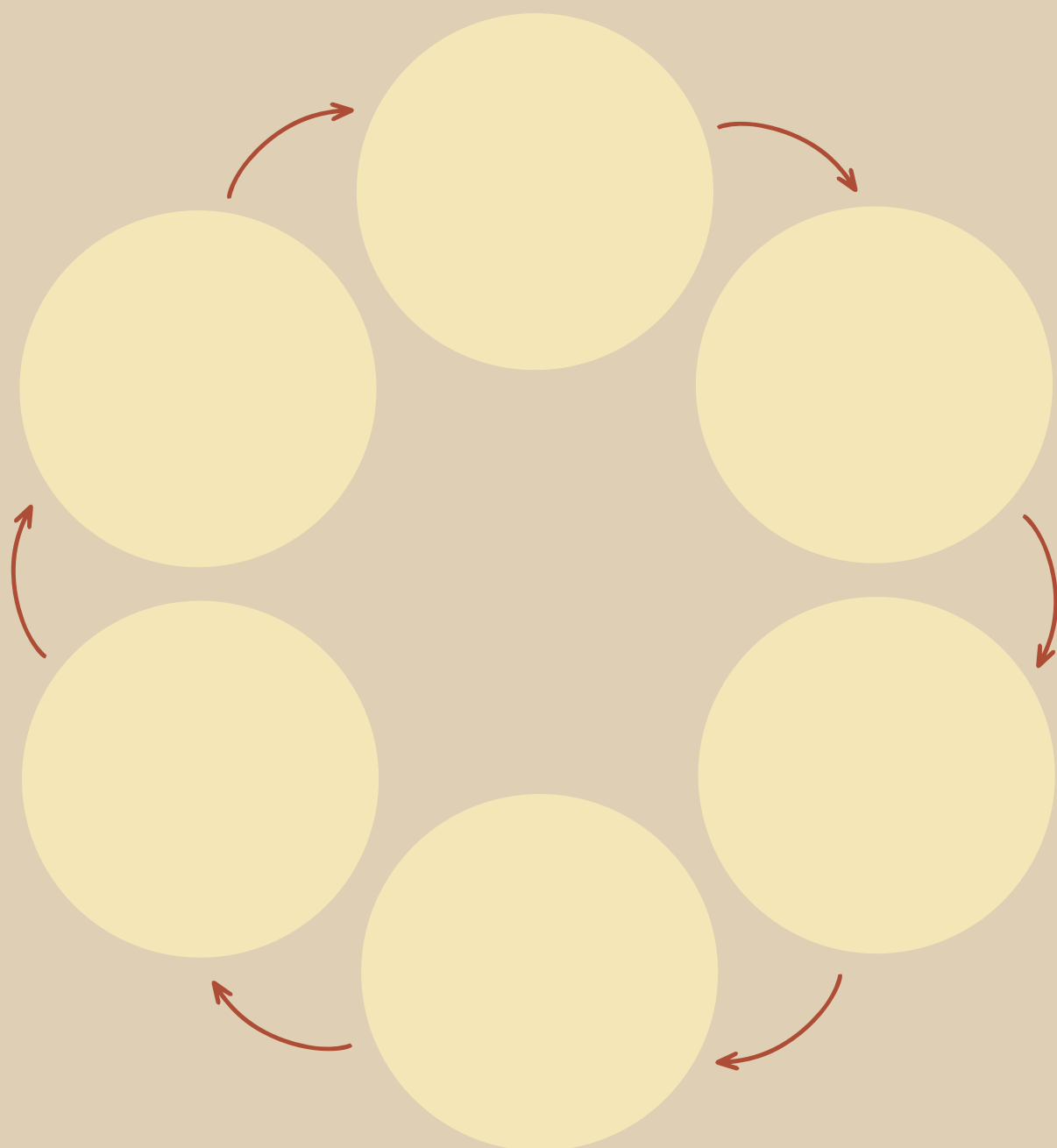
One verse compares love to fire: "Love burns like blazing fire; many waters cannot quench love." In what ways might love be like fire?

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The artwork presents love as a dynamic cycle rather than a straight line.

Choose a relationship that is meaningful to you (friendship, family, romantic, relationship with yourself, relationship with God). Create your own cycle using words, symbols, colors, and images that depict the different stages of this relationship.

If it is helpful, you can use the template provided below.



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