

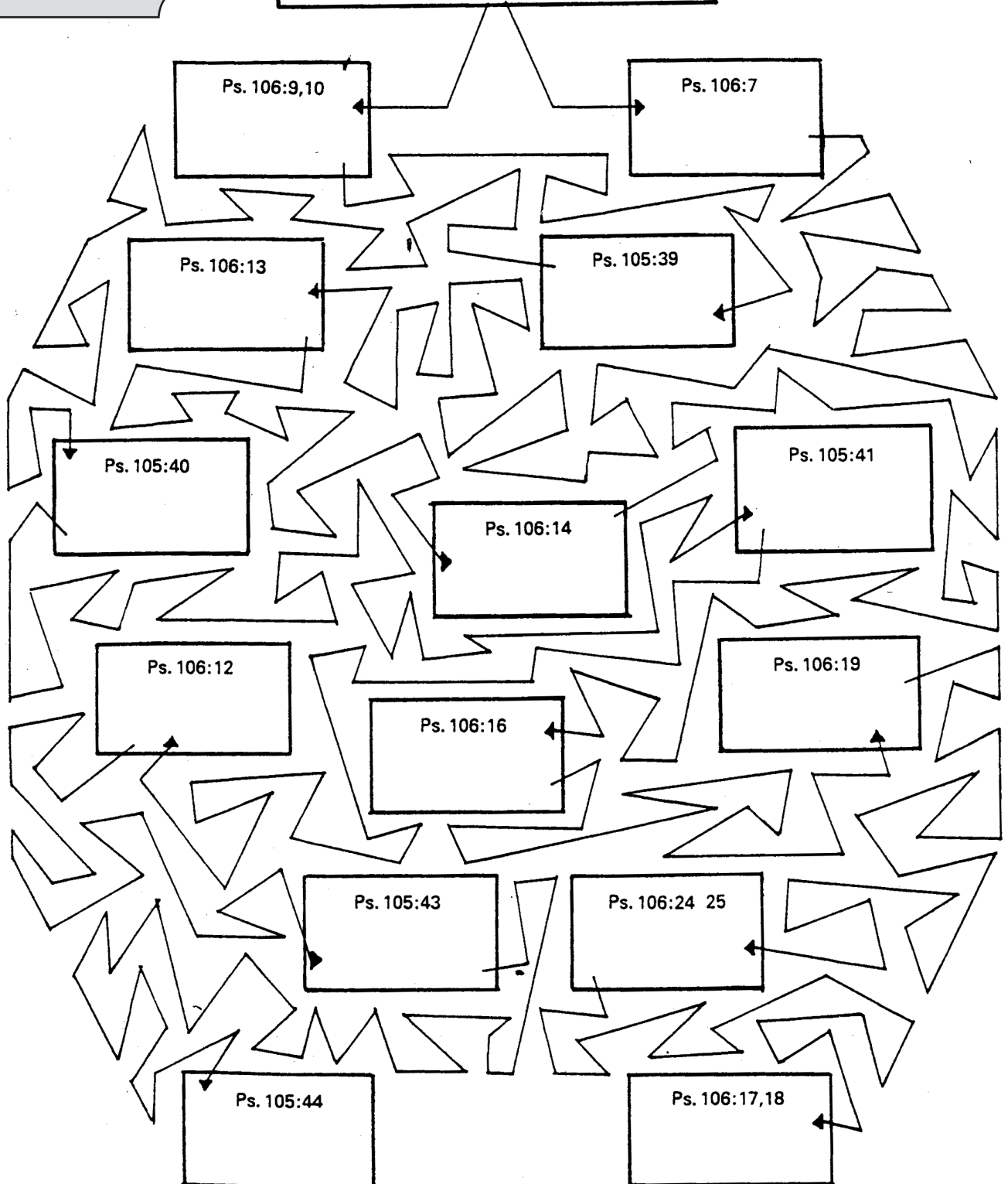
Psalms 105 & 106

Now these things happened to them as a warning, but they were written down for our instruction. 1 Corinthians 10:11

Readings this week

- S Exodus 18:1-12
- M Exodus 18:13-27
- T Psalm 106:7-15
- W Psalm 78:10-39
- Th Psalm 78:40-54
- F 1 Corinthians 10:1-12
- S Hebrews 3

Which way will you take in the wilderness?



Any idols here?

The Egyptians worshipped some silly gods - look at page 33. You'd think the Israelites would have had more sense than to do the same.

Not many people worship gods like that any more. Does that mean that we don't have any idols?

Money

Look at what Jesus said in Matthew 6:24. Why do you think Jesus said that?

Look at 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

Wanting more

Do you know anyone who always wants the latest game, or the latest clothes, just to be like their friends? Look at what Paul said about covetousness, or greed, in Colossians 3:5. Why do you think it's a problem?

Pleasure

The Romans had a god called Bacchus. He was the god of wine and pleasure. Do you think fun is bad? Or alcohol? When can they be idols?

Look at 1 Corinthians 10:7 and 1 Peter 1:1-5.

A temple of the living God

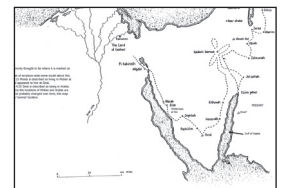
Most temples are made of stone, and nobody lives there.

Think about 2 Corinthians 6:15-18. How do those words affect us?



The Temple of Kom Ombo in Egypt, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek, god of fertility.

Look at page 50 to find a large version of this map of the journey Moses and the Israelites took from Egypt to the Promised Land.



Digging Deeper - Moses' faith

Read Hebrews 11:24-29 to find out what quality of Moses helped him do all that he did.

Faith is complete trust in God.

In the wilderness the people had several tests of their faith. Read these two accounts and write a sentence for each explaining how their faith helped them.

Exodus 17:8-13

Numbers 21:4-9

Now read John 3:14-15 and write another sentence explaining how faith can help us.

What is your attitude to life? Are you more like the Israelites or more like Moses? How can you make improvements?

Pray that you will learn not to grumble about what God has provided for you.