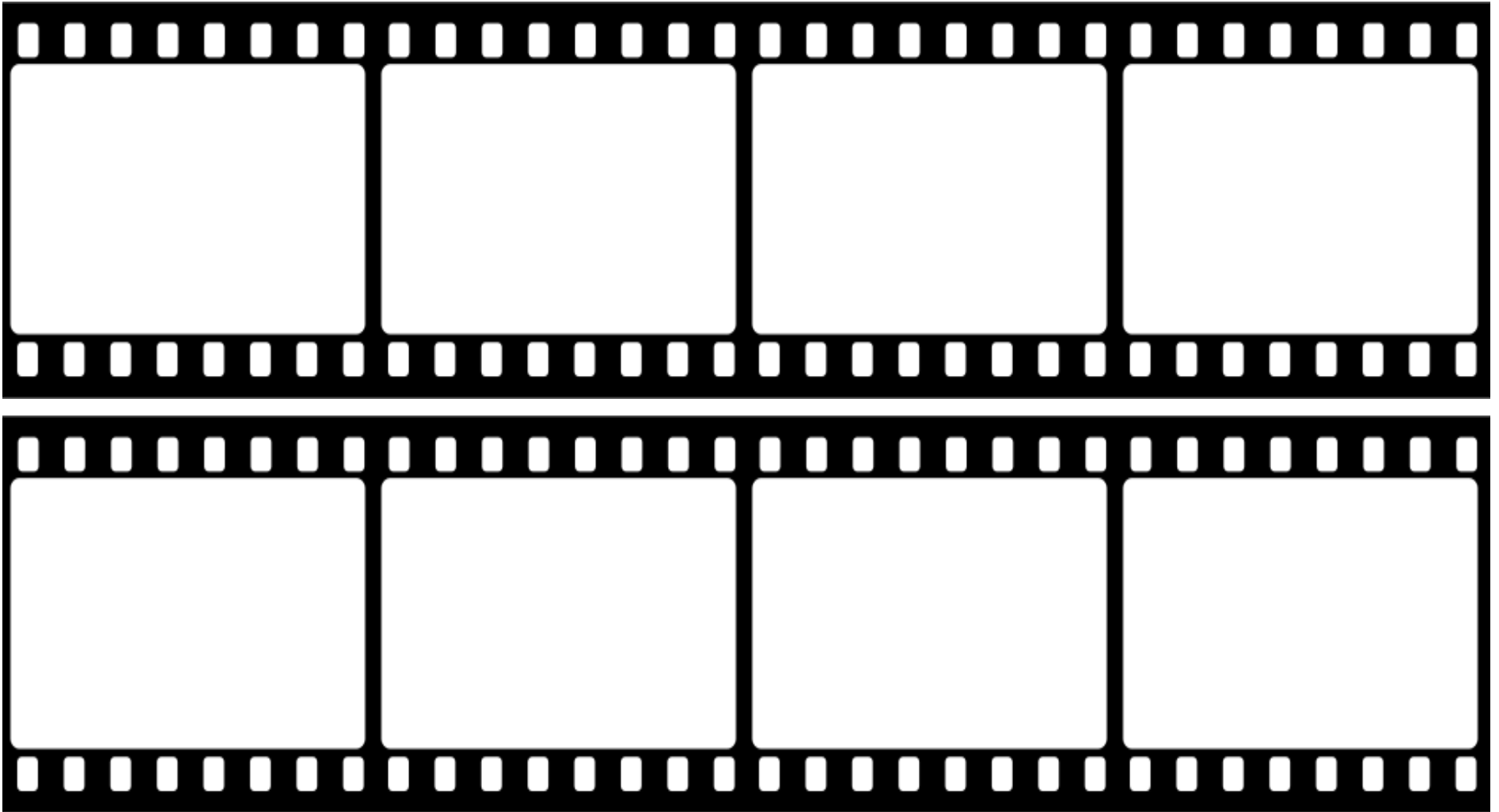
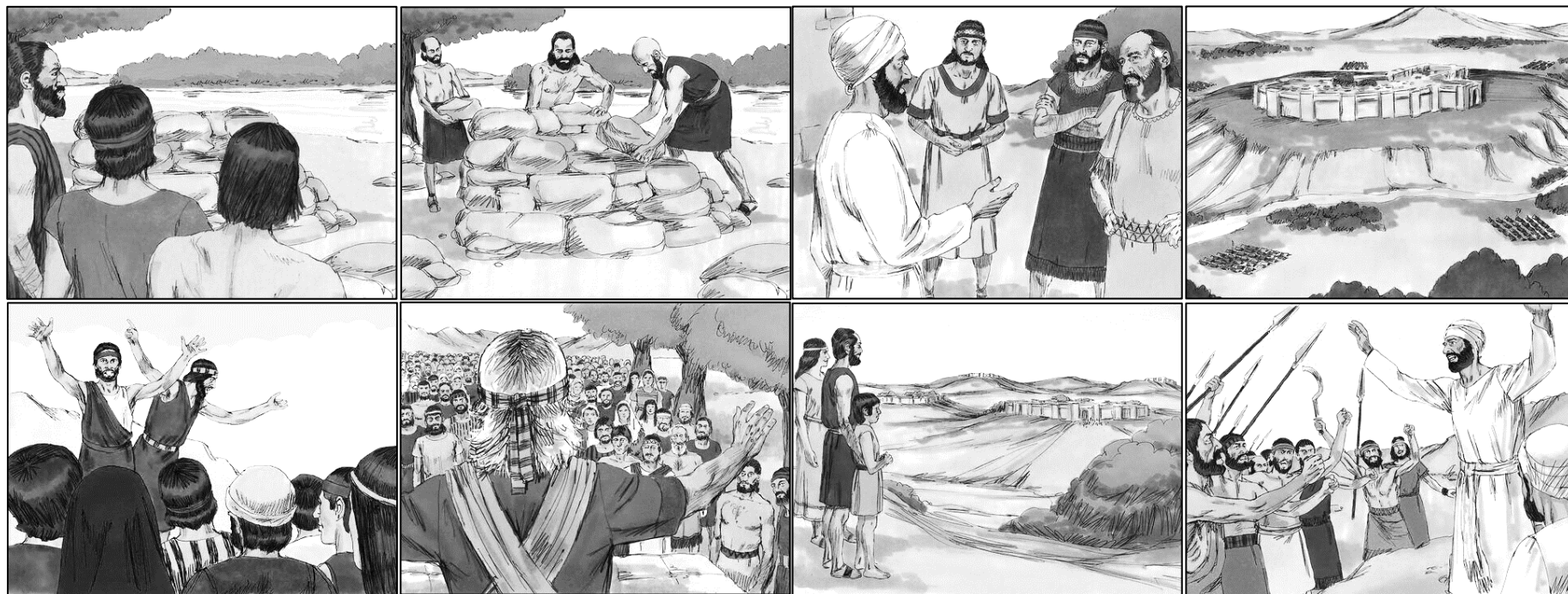


The Altar Beside the Jordan
Josh. 22:1-34; Num. 32:1-5,16-33 (NASB)

Cut out the images from the second page. Glue them into the boxes in the filmstrip to reflect the order of the story.
If you need help, reread the story below.





With Joshua as their leader, the Israelites had crossed the Jordan and had conquered many of the cities in the Promised land. In this way, the Lord gave to Israel all the land He had promised, and they began to live there with their families. Joshua called together the soldiers from the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh and told them they could cross over the Jordan and live in their own land since they had kept their promise to help the other tribes get their land. They left to return home, but before they crossed the Jordan River, they built a large monument in the shape of an altar. When the rest of the tribes saw the altar, they were angry and thought the soldiers were going to make their own place to worship God, and that they would have to fight them. Before attacking, they sent the priests and tribal leaders to find out why they had built a new altar. The two and a half tribes told them that the altar was not for worship but was there to remind all the Israelites that they were one people worshipping one God even though they were separated by the Jordan River. The people of Reuben and Gad named the altar “Witness,” saying, “It is a witness between us that the Lord is God.”