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For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

El'dad	EL-dad
Me'dad	MEE-dad
Kib'roth-hatta'avah	KIB-rahth-hat-TAY-ah-vuh
Haze'roth	huh-ZEE-rahth

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Numbers

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and placed them round about the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was upon him and put it upon the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did so no more. Now two men remained in the camp, one named El'dad, and the other named Me'dad, and the spirit rested upon them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and

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so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “El'dad and Me'dad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, forbid them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and it brought quails from the sea, and let them fall beside the camp, about a day’s journey on this side and a day’s journey on the other side, round about the camp, and about two cubits above the face of the earth. And the people rose all that day, and all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails; he who gathered least gathered ten homers; and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. Therefore the name of that place was called Kib'roth-hatta'avah, because there they buried the people who had the craving. From Kib'roth-hatta'avah the people

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journeyed to Haze'roth; and they remained at Haze'roth.

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The Word of the Lord.

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Sad'ducees

SAD-ju-sees

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

There came to Jesus some Sadducees, those who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the wife and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and died without children; and the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in

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marriage; but those who are accounted worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die any more, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him.” And some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

The Reader concludes

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