



Kids Parsha Packet

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Parshat Vayelech

Last week in Parshat Nitzavim:
We did teshuva...

Until 120

Do you remember when we first met Moshe? At the beginning of Sefer Shemot we read that Pharaoh decided to make Bnei Yisrael work as slaves, and he decreed that all of the newborn baby boys must be killed. Moshe was born, his mother Yocheved hid him, and afterwards Miriam, his sister, watched over him when he was in the basket by the Nile River. A long time has passed since then... There were plagues in Egypt, Bnei Yisrael left Egypt, received the Torah, walked in the desert for 40 years, the whole generation that left Egypt was replaced with the next generation, Aharon and Miriam died, and Moshe lived through it all! How is that possible? Moshe tells Bnei Yisrael that he is now 120 years old. On birthdays, we wish people that they may live to be 120 years old. Moshe is one of the people that reached that age... Moshe encourages Bnei Yisrael. He tells them do not be afraid to enter Eretz Yisrael because Hashem is with them. Moshe has seen so many things during his lifetime. He knows that he can trust Hashem and believes that he will always be there to help Bnei Yisrael.



"בן גאה ועשרים שנה
אנכי היום לא אוכל
עוד לצאת ולבוא"
(ל"א, ב')

"I am a hundred
and twenty years
old today; I can no
longer go out and
come in" (31:2)



What do you want to do in your life until you are 120 years old?

Yehoshua, you have a difficult job ahead....

Are you strong and courageous? Do you think you could be the leader of an entire nation and guide them as they set out to conquer the land? After Moshe led Bnei Yisrael for many years, Yehoshua is about to take over Moshe's role. He will lead the nation into Eretz Yisrael, and will conquer Eretz Yisrael with them. This is not a simple task. Bnei Yisrael need physical strength, but they also need to keep their faith; they must remember that even if the other nations seem strong and live in cities surrounded by high walls, they will still win because Hashem is with them. Yehoshua receives several important assignments. He will bring Bnei Yisrael into Eretz Yisrael, he will fight to conquer the land, and he will divide Bnei Yisrael and settle them on the portions of land that they received. Moshe encourages Yehoshua. He tells him that now he is going to be the leader, and he must always remember that he does not have anything to be afraid of because Hashem will never abandon him.

"Be strong and courageous, for you shall come with this people"
(31:7)

"חזק ואמץ כי אתה
תבוא את העם הזה"
(ל"א, ז')



Are there things that you are afraid to do?

Activity

"Be brave" – See how brave your family is – surprise them from behind and see if they get startled or not...

Everyone comes together...

Have you ever seen a lot of people together in the same place? For example: the whole school in an assembly, a parade in the street, a Kiddush for the whole shul. Think about what it looks like when all of Bnei Yisrael stand together, men, women, and children. Moshe finishes writing the Torah, and he gives it to the Kohanim. Moshe commands them that once every seven years, at the end of the shemita year, when all of Bnei Yisrael are gathered in Jerusalem for the holiday of Sukkot, the Kohanim will read the Torah to all of Bnei Yisrael. This event is called “Hakhel”. Before entering Eretz Yisrael, we receive many mitzvot and hear Moshe talk about the importance of keeping the Torah and following Hashem’s ways. While wandering in the desert, Bnei Yisrael saw the cloud of Hashem above the Mishkan, and Moshe was always present in their lives. When they enter Eretz Yisrael, Moshe will not be with them, and the cloud of Hashem will not hover over them. The mitzvah of “Hakhel” comes every seven years to remind the Jewish nation of the Torah, the mitzvot, and everything that they have to do to serve Hashem.



"הקהל את העם האנשים והנשים
והטף וגרך אשר בשעריך"
(ל"א, י"ב)

"Gather together the people-
the men, and the women, and
the small children, and your
stranger who is in your cities"
(31:12)



When you see a lot of people in one place, how do you feel?

Activity

"Hakhel" – Arrange all of your dolls and stuffed animals in your living room, and tell them stories...

Hashem is hidden by a veil...

Do you know what will happen in the future? No one really knows. Only Hashem knows. Hashem says to Moshe that after Bnei Yisrael enters Eretz Yisrael, they will stop serving Hashem and worship idols. Bnei Yisrael will be punished, and bad things will happen to them. Hashem tells Moshe that when Bnei Yisrael abandons him, he will conceal his face from them. Can Hashem hide his face? Of course not! He does not have a face like human beings. When Hashem says that he will conceal his face, it means that Bnei Yisrael will feel that Hashem is not with them and that he has left them. But that is not true! Hashem is always with Bnei Yisrael, but there are times that he feels hidden because they are not behaving properly. Hashem tells Moshe to write this down as a poem that will be included in the Torah.

It will be a testimony for Bnei Yisrael and for all their future generations that when bad things happen, it is because they did not listen to Hashem.



"ואנכי הסתר אסתיר פני

ביום ההוא" (ל"א, י"ח)

"But I will surely have
concealed my face
on that day" (31:18)

Activity

"Concealed and revealed" – Cover your face with your hands or a blanket, and make a funny or weird face. Everybody else tries to guess what face you made. Once they guess correctly, show your funny face to everyone else.

Next Week in Parshat Haazinu...

We will learn the poem Moshe wrote...

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Yom Kippur

Have you ever broken something that couldn't be fixed, and had to throw it in the garbage? Isn't it sad when that happens? We all ruin things sometimes, and not just toys. We hurt the people we love when we do not speak to them nicely, or upset our parents when we do not always listen to them. Sometimes we do things that we are not allowed to do. This happens to all of us. Once a year we all have the opportunity to fix this, to do teshuva, to repent and ask for forgiveness for the things that we did wrong, and to start over. Yom Kippur is our chance to fix the bad things that we did. On Yom Kippur we fast (only those over bar/bat mitzvah). We are forbidden to eat and drink. Also we don't take showers, put cream on our bodies for pleasure, or wear leather shoes. Many people like to wear white on Yom Kippur, because the Kohen Gadol wore white in the Beit Hamikdash on Yom Kippur. White clothes remind us that we want to cleanse ourselves from our sins and have a good new year. May Hashem answer all of our prayers.



"כי יום כפרים הוא לכפר
עליכם לפני ה' א-להיכם"
(ויקרא כ"ג, כ"ח)

"Day of Atonement to
provide you atonement
before Hashem your G-d"
(Vayikra 23:28)



Can you do teshuva without fasting?

Activity

"Sorry" - Ask for forgiveness from the members of your family and from the house itself. (For example, "Mommy, I am sorry that I did not listen to you and clean my room", and then ask for forgiveness from the clothing that you did not put away, and from the toys that you did not clean up so they got lost under the couch, and more).

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