



Kids Parsha Packet

פֿאַרשע לילדיִם

Parshat Noach

Getting ready for the big storm

Did you ever make something and then change your mind and regret making it? Hashem created the world and humanity and now he regrets that he did. Why? Hashem created the world so that people could live peacefully in the world with one another and make the world a better place, but unfortunately that did not happen. Many people did not behave properly towards one another, and they caused the world to turn into a bad place to live. Hashem decides that he wants to bring a flood that will destroy the world. Wait, how can that be? We live in the world! That must mean that he decided not to destroy it! Hashem decides to leave just one person who is good and worthy of living in the world and continuing humanity. This person is named Noah. Hashem tells Noah that he is going to destroy the world, and that he wants Noah to build a large teiva (ark) that will save him and his family when the great flood begins.

"קץ כל בשר לפני

כי גלאתי הארץ

חַטָּאת גִּפְנֵיהֶם

והנני משחיתם את

הארץ" (ו', י"ג)



"The end of all
flesh has come
before Me, for the
earth is filled with
robbery through
them; and behold, I
am about to destroy
them from earth"

(6,13)



How do you feel when you hear bad news?

Entering the ark before the flood starts

Noah works very hard on building the huge ark. People around Noah see him building an enormous ark and they think that he has gone crazy...

The ark is supposed to protect Noah and his family while there is a very powerful flood outside. But why does Noah need so much space? Noah and his family can be safe in something much smaller! The reason is that not only Noah and his family will enter the ark. Hashem commands Noah to bring all types of animals from the sky and land into the ark before the flood begins. But how will there be room for everyone inside??? Noah does not need to bring in all of the animals, only two of each. He must bring a male and female of each species so that after the flood they can reproduce and multiply again. Hashem also commands Noah to bring seven pairs of all types of pure animals and birds.



“Noah, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons’ wives with him, went into the ark because of the waters of the Flood.”

(7,7)

”וַיָּבֹא נֹחַ וּבָנָיו וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וְנָשֵׁי בָנָיו אִתּוֹ

אֶל הַתֵּבָה צִפְנֵי הַצְּבֹל”

(ד', ז')



: Is it hard to build an ark?

Activity

“Teiva” – Build a big ark from the toys in your house (and then bring animals and people inside...)

The rain won't stop falling!

The flood begins. Heavy rain falls, lighting, thunder and winds. Everything is destroyed. Many people die. A lot of water rises up from underground and covers the mountains, trees, and the entire land. And inside the ark, Noah, his whole family and all the animals remain for an entire year. Does it sound like fun to be inside an ark while there is a flood outside? Heavy rain is falling, the ark sways from side to side the whole time, it is impossible to walk steadily, you have to take care of the animals- feed them, clean them and make sure they do not hurt each other (lions and tigers are not very calm animals...). Also, being closed up for so long inside an ark is not much fun, especially when you can't go outside and see the sun. Noah and his family are saved from the heavy flood, but it is also not easy to be inside and hear the world and everything familiar being destroyed.

"ויהי הגבול ארבעים יום על
הארץ וירבו המים וישאו את
התבה ותרים פעל הארץ"
(ד', י"ז)

"And the Flood was
on the earth forty
days, and the
waters
increased
and raised
the ark,
and it was
lifted
above the
earth"
(7,17)



Would you be able to spend so much time with animals?

Activity

-“Flood”- Wear jackets, close your eyes, and take turns making rain sounds for everyone else...

Who will check if the rain stopped?

The flood gradually comes to an end. The water starts to seep into the ground, and the tops of the mountains can now be seen. Noah opens the window but does not know if they can come out of the ark and begin their new life on the land. Noah sends a raven to check what is happening outside, and the raven flies outside but occasionally returns to the ark and then flies away again. Noah is still unsure how much water there is outside. He decides to send a dove outside to check. The dove flies away but does not find a place to rest because there is still too much water on the land. So it returns to the ark. Seven days later, Noah sends the dove again to see what is going on. This time the dove returns with an olive leaf in its mouth. This tells Noah that there is no more water on the ground, and that the trees are beginning to grow. Seven days after that, Noah sends the dove out once again, and this time the dove does not return. Noah removes the top of the ark for the first time, and he sees for himself that there is no water left from the flood. The time has come to go outside and start building their new life.

"וישלח את היונה צאתו לראות
הקלו הגים בעל פני האדמה"
(ח', ח')

"And he sent out the dove
from him to see whether the
waters had subsided from
the face of the ground" (8,8)



Activity

"Messengers" – One person sends everyone else on different missions. See who comes back first (for example: run to your room, drink a cup of water and then come back).

Next week in Parshat Lech Lecha...

We will meet Avram (Abraham), who sets out on a journey to a new land...

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