



Kids Parsha packet

פ"ש לילדים

Parshat Ki-Tisa

Last Week in Parshat Tizaveh:

The Kohanim were given responsibility for running and maintaining the Mishkan.

Who Likes to Wait?

Do you like to wait? Most people do not have patience to wait for a long time... Bnei Yisrael were in a similar situation. They had to wait. For who? For Moshe! Do you remember when Hashem gave them the Torah on Har Sinai? Moshe went up on Har Sinai and received the Torah from Hashem. He stayed there for forty days and forty nights, learning Torah from Hashem. While Moshe was learning the Torah, Bnei Yisrael were waiting at the bottom of the mountain for him to return. Why didn't they go up to check what happened to him? Hashem had commanded Bnei Yisrael not to touch the mountain, and only Moshe was allowed to ascend. Bnei Yisrael was used to Moshe being with them all of the time, especially since they left Egypt. Moshe was their great leader. Bnei Yisrael understands that it would take time for Moshe to come down from the mountain, but their patience was running out. And as they start to get impatient, they start doing all different things that are not necessarily very good.

"וירא העם

כי בשש גשה

לרדת מן ההר"

(ל"ב, א')

"The people
saw that
Moses delayed
in descending
the mountain"

(32, 1)



What things have you waited for?

The wrong kind of happiness

Bnei Yisrael runs out of patience. The people turn to Aharon and demand that he make them a God who will lead them instead of Moshe, who seems to have disappeared. Aharon knows that Moshe will return soon, but he tries to buy time. In the meantime he tells Bnei Yisrael to gather gold jewelry from their wives and daughters. Bnei Yisrael quickly bring Aharon the gold jewelry that he asked for and he uses it to create a statue in the shape of a calf. When Bnei Yisrael sees the golden calf, they declare that it is their new God, who took them out of Egypt. Aharon tries to “buy” a little more time, and tells Bnei Yisrael to prepare to celebrate the next day and bring sacrifices to the golden calf. Aharon hoped that Bnei Yisrael would wait, but they woke up early the next morning and begin to celebrate their new God.

“Then they said,
‘These are your gods,
O Israel who brought
you up from the land
of Egypt.’”
(32, 4)

“וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
אֲשֶׁר הָעֵלּוּךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם
(ל"ב, ד')



Can an idol be like Hashem? Why?

Activity

“Who has patience?” – See who has the most patience in the family. Stand up and look at the door. See who manages to wait there the longest...

Everything is broken!

Bnei Yisrael began to worship their new God as Moshe learns Torah from Hashem. He has no idea what is going on at the bottom of the mountain. Hashem suddenly tells Moshe to leave Har Sinai and return to Bnei Yisrael because they have not obeyed his commandments and have made themselves a calf of gold. Hashem is furious with Bnei Yisrael and tells to Moshe that his connection with Bnei Yisrael is over. Moshe understands that Bnei Yisrael did something terribly wrong, but he convinces Hashem not to give up on them just yet. He reminds Hashem of his promise to our forefathers, Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov, that their children would become a great, large nation. Hashem is comforted by Moshe's words and agrees not to give up on Bnei Yisrael. In the meantime, Moshe comes down from Har Sinai carrying the tablets containing the ten commandments that he received from Hashem, and sees Bnei Yisrael dancing around the golden calf. When Moshe sees the calf and the celebration, he understands Hashem's fury. Moshe is infuriated as well and throws the tablets to the ground, shattering them to pieces.

"ויחר אף גשה

וישלך גידו את הלחת

וישבר אתם תחת ההר"

(ל"ב, י"ט)

"Moses' anger burned, he threw down the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the bottom of the mountain."

(32, 19)



Have you ever gotten angry? Why?

Activity

"Expression pantomime" - Each member of the family chooses an emotion and acts it out. Everyone else tries to guess which emotion it is (angry, happy, disappointed, excited, etc.).

It's never too late to repent...

Moshe burns the golden calf and punishes all of the people that worshipped it. He understands that Bnei Yisrael angered Hashem terribly and returns to Har Sinai to pray to Hashem to forgive Bnei Yisrael for what they have done and not to abandon them. Hashem tells Moshe that Bnei Yisrael will enter the Land of Israel, but they will be accompanied by an angel and not directly by Hashem. Moshe tries to convince Hashem to remain with them and to lead Bnei Yisrael through desert to the Land of Israel. Hashem does not tell Moshe whether he agrees or not, but he does tell Moshe to prepare new tablets like the first ones. That's a good sign! Despite everything that Bnei Yisrael has done, they will still receive the Torah! Moshe prepares to return to Har Sinai for another forty days and forty nights. During that time Moshe will not eat or drink at all! He will use this time for important prayers to Hashem, asking him to continue to lead Bnei Yisrael.

"וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל מֹשֶׁה
פֶּסֶל לְךָ שְׁנֵי לַחֹת
אֲבָנִים כְּרַאשֵׁינִים
(ל"ד, א')

"Hashem said to Moses,
'carve for yourself
two tablets of stone
like the first ones,'"
(34,1)



Activity

"As similar as possible" – Stand in pairs, facing one another. One person makes a movement and his partner imitates that movement. The idea is to mirror one another.

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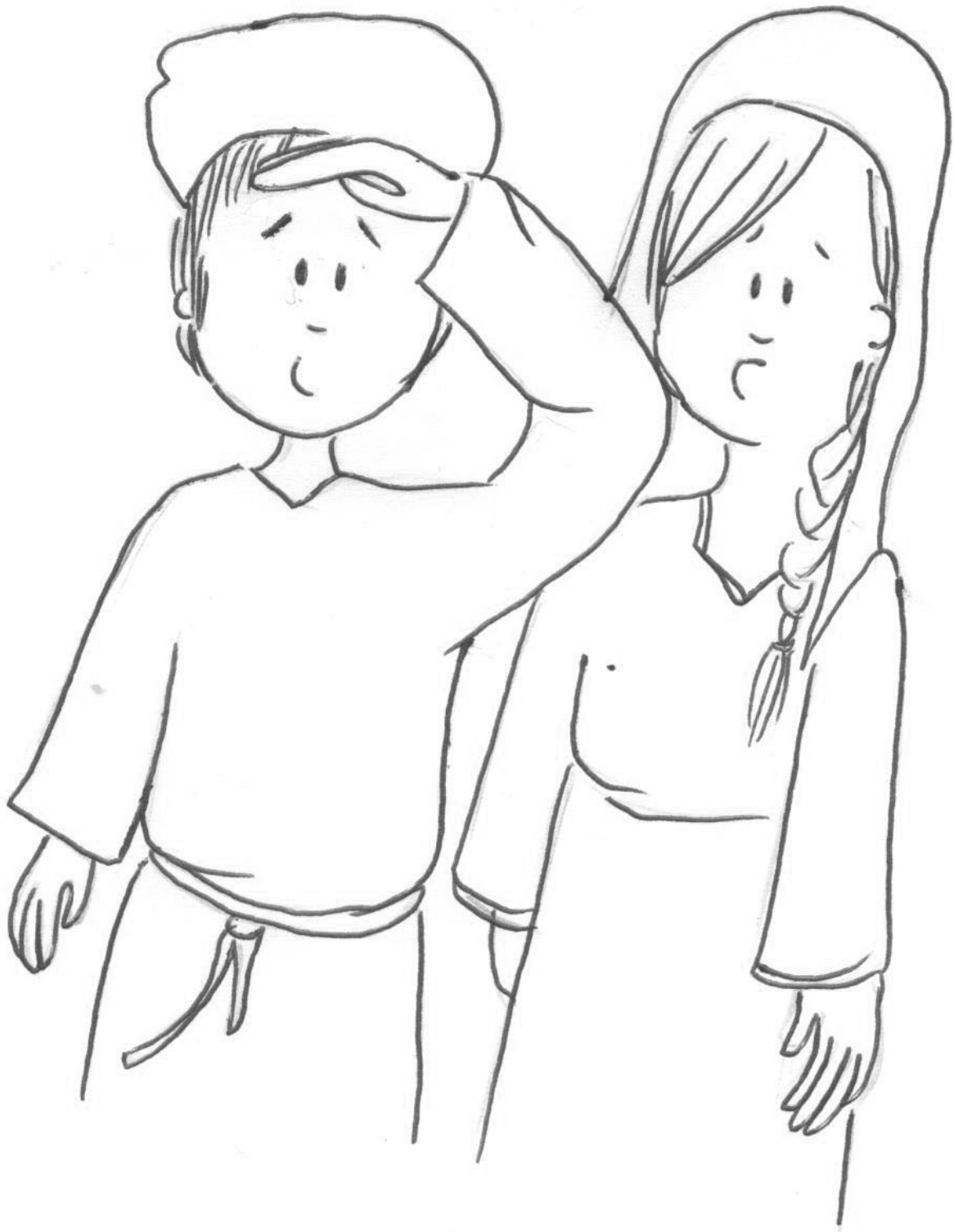
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