

Shabbat School Bereshit: Mishpatim "judgements"

SUBJECT

What is good for us?

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OVERVIEW: DO WE ALWAYS CHOOSE WHAT IS BEST FOR US?"

TEACHER GUIDE

STUDENT GUIDE

INTRODUCTION "OPENING" 5 MINUTES	Say to them: "Shalom Yeladim" (sha-LOAM Ye-la-DEEM). Invite them to respond: "Shalom Morim!"	Say Shema, Pledge of Allegiance. Who is on the throne?
IDENTITY: B'NEI ISRAEL/BRIT AHM 5 MINUTES	Hebrew: בָּחַר Part of Speech: Verb Transliteration: bachar Pronunciation: bā-khar' Meaning: acceptable, appoint, choose (choice), excellent, join, be rather, require chosen, choose, chooses, chose, choice, choicest, desired When G-D returns will you be ready?!"	Do you think that you are god? Did you know that doing whatever you want is basically worshipping yourself?
IDENTITY: HEARER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Read Portions: Shemot 21:1-24:18 (23:1-22) M'lakhim Bet 12:1-17 (12:1-17) Mattiyahu 5:38-42 (5:38-47) extended Learn our memory verse for the year 5786.>>	Memory Verse: Yeshayahu 41:10 ¹⁰ Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Surely I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.
IDENTITY: BELIEVER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Ask: Do you follow G-D's rules? Does G-D care about the details of our lives?	Discuss: What is the purpose of rules? What is the purpose of G-D's rules for us?

<p>IDENTITY: FOLLOWER OF G-D'S WORD</p> <p>5 MINUTES</p>	<p>Ask: What does it mean to do what is right in the eyes of Ad-nai?</p>	<p>Discuss: Does Yehoash's age surprise you? Are you prepared today to take responsibility of your walk with G-D? Are you in a place you can lead others?</p>
<p>IDENTITY: DOER OF G-D'S WORD</p> <p>5 MINUTES</p>	<p>Who we are is largely dependent upon what we do; we obey G-D's rulings and laws.</p>	<p>Ask: Are you willing to show the world that you are not a slave to culture, fear or yourself, but instead a child of your creator?</p>
<p>GAME/ACTIVITY</p>	<p>Does G-D really care about...?</p>	<p><<-does G-D care about our daily choices?</p>
<p>HOMEWORK</p> <p>3 MINUTES</p>	<p>Our letter of the month of Sh'vat is gimmel. Look around shul for something that begins with the sound like the English letter "g"; "Shavua tov, until next week!"</p>	<p>Close with prayer: say out loud what you are grateful for and things you need prayer for today.</p>

NEED

- Bible

Rabbi's Drash:**RESOURCES**

- Pledges & Shema
- Shabbat Guide

NOTES

The first goal is to approach all scripture with humility and prayer.

This week, we read Parsha Mishpatim, which translates to "ordinances." Within the reading is a long list of commandments given to Israel that deals with all kinds of everyday life issues.

Now today, some of these items seem to be old fashioned or irrelevant, but to the Children of Israel, each item was not only relevant, but vital to understanding their day to day lives. You see, contrary to many people's understanding, our G-D really does care about all of the parts of our lives.

There isn't a detail of your life that He has not prepared for you a plan to walk through with Him. The question is not, "does G-D care about the things in our lives?" The question is, "do we care that He does?".