

Shabbat School Shemot: Terumah "contribution"

SUBJECT

Do I have a begrudging heart?

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OVERVIEW: WHAT WE DO WITHOUT LOVE?

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. What's our motivation?
IDENTITY: B'NEI ISRAEL/BRIT AHM 5 MINUTES	Hebrew: מֵעַן Part of Speech: substantive; preposition; conjunction; conjunction Transliteration: ma`an Pronunciation: mah-ahn Meaning: because of, to the end (intent) that, for (to, 's sake), + lest, that, to order, because, purpose, account, behalf When G-D returns will you be ready?!"	How much do our intentions matter? You have heard that "the road to g'henna is paved with good intentions". Is having "good intentions" enough? Are good actions with wrong intentions better?
IDENTITY: HEARER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Read Portions: Shemot 25:1-27:19 (25:1-9) M'lakhim Alef 5:26-6:13 (5:26-32) 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: How does G-D want us to bring our gifts to Him? Did Solomon accept volunteers or draft workers?	Discuss: What is the difference between a present you give, and a tax that is extracted?

IDENTITY: FOLLOWER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Ask: What does it mean to do what is right in the eyes of Ad-nai?	Discuss: How does G-D give to us? Begrudgingly or generously?
IDENTITY: DOER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Who we are is largely dependent upon what we do; we give our obedience and our gifts with joy.	Ask: Is any gift given under duress worthwhile?
GAME/ACTIVITY	The Cheerful Giver Game	<<-does G-D care about our daily choices?
HOMEWORK 3 MINUTES	Our letter of the month of Adar is dalet. Look around shul for something that begins with the sound like the English letter "d"; "Shavua tov, until next week!"	Close with prayer: say out loud what you are grateful for and things you need prayer for today.

NEED

- Bible

Rabbi's Drash:

RESOURCES

- Pledges & Shema
- Shabbat Guide

NOTES

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

Adonai spoke to Moses saying, 2 “Tell Bnei-Yisrael to take up an offering for Me. From anyone whose heart compels him you are to take My offering.”

In our lives, we are often asked to do things that we really don't want to do. Sometimes, we choose to do those things because we will receive some type of reward at the end. For instance, you may clean your room in order to get an allowance or maybe to get to do something that you really want to.

Your heart isn't really in doing what you were asked, rather your heart was in the reward you would receive. When it comes to the things of Ad-nai, many times people do what they know they should, not because they know it is the right thing. Or maybe they do it in order to get a blessing. Some people only seem to do anything righteous because they want to go to heaven instead of hell.

The truth is that we should choose to obey Torah simply because our heart's desire is to keep Torah - no other motivation. Just as the offering received was to be only from those who really wanted to give the offering, everything we do for Ad-nai should be simply because our heart's desire is to do so..