

L E S S O N

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Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

NEW WORD

וְאַהֲבַתְּ

v'ahavta

and you shall love

NEW LETTERS

א alef no sound

ו vav "v"

Now Read & Read Again

1 דוּ שׁוּ תוּ שׁוּ וְלֹ וְהֵ

2 וּוּ וְהֵ וְתֵ וְרֵ וְדֵ וְאֵ

3 לֹ מֹ כֹ הֹ תֹ בֹ

4 דֹר שׁוֹהַ תֹּהַ אֹהַ לֹ אָבָה

5 אָתֵר דֹהַ הֹהַ שׁוֹא שׁוֹא וְלֵד דְבֵשׁ

6 אֲשֶׁרָה אֲדוֹהַ רֵאֲוֹהַ וְאֲתָהַ וְאֲהַב

7 אֲבָדָה שְׁלֹוהַ וְאֲכַל מְלֹוהַ הַדְּבַר

8 וְהִלַּכְתָּ וְאַהֲבַתְּ וְאֲמַרְתָּ וְלִמְדַתְּ וְאַהֲבַתְּ

BEYOND THE BOOK

Sssh!

There are two letters in the Hebrew alphabet that have no sound. This week, your child is learning the first one—*alef* (א). (The second one is *ayin*.) If your child has difficulty with this concept, you can explain that the *alef* takes the sound of the vowel under it or after it. Occasionally, you will see a “silent” letter *with no vowel* at the end of a word. In this case, remind your child not to pronounce the letter.

“And You Shall Write it on the Doorposts of Your House”

In Deuteronomy we find the beginning of the prayer that is commonly called the V’ahavta. This prayer is part of our daily service and is also written on the parchment found in the mezuzah—which can be affixed to any doorway in your home (except the bathroom). When you affix the mezuzah say the following blessing:

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha’olam, asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu likbo’a m’zuzah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes us holy with commandments and commands us to affix the mezuzah.

דָּוֹ שׁוֹ תָּו שׁוֹ וְלֹ וְהַ 1
v’ha vala sh’va tava shava dava

וְוֹ וְהַ וְתֹ וְרֹ וְדֹ וְאֹ 2
va’a vada var vat vah vav

לֹ מֹ כֹ הֹ תֹ בֹ 3
lav mav kav havah tav bav

דָּוֹר שׁוֹה תֹה אֹה לֹ אָה 4
davar shavah tavah avah lav avah

אֶתֶר דָּוָה הֹה שׁוֹא וְלֹד דְּבֶשׁ 5
atar davah havah sh’va valad d’vash

אֶשְׂרָה אֲדוּה רֶאֱוָה וְאֶתָה וְאֶהָב 6
asharah advah ra’avah v’atah v’ahav

אֲבָדָה שְׁלוּה וְאֶכֶל מְלוּה הַדְּבָר 7
avdah shalvah v’achal m’lavah hadavar

וְהִלַּכְתָּ וְאֶהַבְתָּ וְאֶמַּרְתָּ וְלִמַּדְתָּ וְאֶהַבְתָּ 8
v’halachta v’ahavta v’amarta v’lamad’ta v’ahavta

L E S S O N

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NEW WORD

צְדָקָה

tz'dakah

tzedakah, justice

NEW LETTERS

ק *koof "k"*

צ *tzadee "tz"
as in "waltz"*

Now Read & Read Again

1 צו צב צר צד צה צל

2 כצ בצ אצ מצ קצ רצ

3 אכה צדק כצד בצר אצה צרה

4 צבא צבר קצר צבת בצל מצא

5 מצה קצת קצב מצב הצב אצר

6 מצא צלה צמד מצה אצת צמא

7 ורצה ואצר צרמת צואר צואה

8 צדקה בצרת מצאת צדקת צדקה

BEYOND THE BOOK

Tzedakah

The word tzedakah comes from the Hebrew root meaning "justice." It reminds us of our obligation to make the world a better place. Maimonides defines eight levels in his Ladder of Tzedakah. The lowest level is giving begrudgingly. The highest level is giving a person a job or entering into a business partnership with a person so that he or she will no longer need to receive tzedakah.

Giving Tzedakah: Starting a Family Tradition

To teach your children about their role in making the world a better place, create a weekly ritual of giving tzedakah. You can make your own tzedakah box or buy one at your local Judaica store or synagogue gift shop. Many families give tzedakah before the lighting of the Shabbat candles. Each month your family can decide where the family tzedakah should go. This is a good opportunity to talk about the values your family considers important. Your rabbi, educator, or other congregational leader may be able to give you suggestions on where to send tzedakah.

צו צב צר צד צה צל 1
tzal tzah tzad tzar tzav tzav

כץ בצ אץ מצ קץ רץ 2
ratza katza matza atza batza k'tza

אכה צדק כצד בצר אצה צרה 3
tzarah atzah batzar k'tzad tzadak achah

צבא צבר קצר צבת בצל מצא 4
matza batzal tz'vat katzar tzabar tzava

מצה קצת קצב מצב הצב אצר 5
atzar hatzav matzav katzav k'tzat matzah

מצא צלה צמד מצה אצת צמא 6
tzama atzta matzah tzamad tzalah matza

ורצה ואצר צרמת צואר צואה 7
tzav'ah tzavar tzaramt v'atzar v'ratzah

צדקה בצרת מצאת צדקת צדקה 8
tz'dakah tzadakta matzata batzarta tz'dakah

Student's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

NEW WORD

מִצְוָה

mitzvah

commandment

NEW VOWEL

■ short "i" as in "bit"

ל ■ "ee" as in "sheep"

Now Read & Read Again

1 מִקַּדְמֵי לְבַי אֲוִי דָּו בְּרִי

2 שֵׁשָׁה הֶכָּה בֵּיב שְׁמִי צִיר הֶכָּי

3 הִיא אִישׁ אִשָּׁה אִמָּא בְּכִי בְּלִי

4 רַבִּי אֲוִיר דָּוִד בִּימָה דְּתִי תִיק

5 שִׁירָה תִירָא רָמָה קְרִיאת לְבִיבָה קְצִיר

6 צִדִיק בְּרִיאת קְדִישׁ אָבִיב קְהִילָה מְקָרָא

7 צִיצִית בְּרִית מִילָה תְּקֹוּהַ הַתְּקֹוּהַ

8 מִצְוָה הַמִּצְוָה בַּר מִצְוָה בַּת מִצְוָה

BEYOND THE BOOK

One Mitzvah Leads to Another

In Pirke Avot 4.2 (Ethics of the Fathers) we find the following teaching about mitzvot:

Ben Azai teaches: Be as quick to obey a minor mitzvah as a major one...for fulfilling one mitzvah leads to fulfilling another.

Mitzvah Stars

Our tradition teaches that one good choice leads to more good choices. Now is the time to put your child's good choices in a Jewish context. When your child is kind to others, helps those in need, or shows respect to elders, he or she is fulfilling mitzvot (commandments in the Torah). By defining these acts as "mitzvot," you help your child see the world through Jewish eyes. At bedtime ask your child to tell you about a mitzvah he or she performed that day. Acknowledge your child's kind deeds with a reinforcing technique. For example, affix a glow-in-the-dark star to the bedroom ceiling for each mitzvah performed. Together, you can fill the world with light.

מִקְצֵדֵי לְבִי אָוִי דָּוִד בְּרֵי 1
b'ree davi avee l'vee tzadee mik

שִׁשָּׁה הִכָּה בֵּיב שְׁמִי צִיר הֶכִי 2
hachee tzeer sh'mee beev hikah shishah

הִיא אִישׁ אִשָּׁה אִמָּא בְּכִי בְּלִי 3
b'lee b'chee ima ishah eesh hee

רַבִּי אָוִיר דָּוִד בֵּימָה דְּתִי תִיק 4
teek datee beemah david aveer rabee

שִׁירָה תִירָא רִמָּה קְרִיָּאת לְבִיבָה קְצִיר 5
katzeer l'veevah k'ree'at rimah teera sheerah

צְדִיק בְּרִיָּאת קְדִישׁ אָבִיב אֵהִלָּה מְקָרָא 6
mikra k'heelah aveev kadeesh b'ree'at tzadeek

צִיצִית בְּרִית מֵיִלָּה תִקְוָה הַתְּקוּהָ 7
hatikvah tikvah meelah breet tzeetzeet

מִצְוָה הַמִּצְוָה בַּר מִצְוָה בַּת מִצְוָה 8
mitzvah hamitzvah bar mitzvah bat mitzvah

Student's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

NEW WORD

שָׁמַע

sh'ma

hear

NEW LETTER

ע ayin no sound

Now Read & Read Again

1 עָשִׂי עָתִי עָבַ צְעִי מֵע דַּע

2 עַל עָבַ עַד רַע עִיר עֵר

3 וְעַד דַּעַת עֵתָה רַעַשׁ בְּעַל עֵבֶר

4 שְׁמַע רָעַב צְעִיר תִּקַּע עֲמָה שָׁעָה

5 רָקִיעַ עֵתִיד עָשִׂיר אַרְבַּע עֵתִיק עֵבְרִי

6 עֵבְרִית מְעַרִיב תִּקְיָעָה עֲמִידָה קְעָרָה

7 שְׁעוֹה עֲבֹדָתִי שְׁבַעָה עֵתִיקָה עֲמִידָה

8 שְׁמַע תִּשְׁמַע שְׁמִיעָה קְרִיאַת שְׁמַע

BEYOND THE BOOK

Sssh!

Like the letter *alef* (א) that your child learned a few weeks ago, the letter *ayin* (ע) does not have a sound. Both letters take the sound of the vowel under or next to them. Occasionally, you will see a “silent” letter *with no vowel* at the end of a word. In this case, remind your child not to pronounce the letter.

To Be a Witness

When we see the Sh'ma prayer in its source—the Torah—we notice something very interesting. The last letter of the word *sh'ma*, ע, and the last letter of the word *ehad*, ד, are written larger than all of the other letters.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד

Sh'ma yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai ehad

Hear O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One

These two letters together (עֵד) mean “witness.” Our tradition teaches that one of the lessons of the Sh'ma is that each Jew is a witness that God is One.

עָשִׂי עֵתִי עֲבַ צְעִי מֵע דַּע 1
da'a ma tza'ee ava atee ashee

עַל עֲבָ עֵד רַע עִיר עַר 2
ar eer ra ad ava al

וְעַד דַּעַת עֵתָה רַעַשׁ בְּעַל עֵבֶר 3
avar ba'al ra'ash atah da'at va'ad

שְׁמַע רַעַב צְעִיר תִּקַּע עִמָּה שָׁעָה 4
sha'ah imah taka tza'eer ra'av sh'ma

רָקִיעַ עֵתִיד עֲשִׂיר אַרְבַּע עֵתִיק עֵבְרִי 5
ivree atek arba asheer ateed rakee'a

עֵבְרִית מְעָרִיב תִּקְיָעָה עֲמִידָה קְעָרָה 6
k'arah ameedah t'kee'ah ma'areev ivreet

שְׁעוּה עֲבַדְתִּי שְׁבָעָה עֵתִיקָה עֲמִידָה 7
ameedah atekah shiv'ah avad'tee sha'avah

שְׁמַע תְּשַׁמַּע שְׁמִיעָה קְרִיאַת שְׁמַע 8
sh'ma k'ree'at sh'mee'ah tishma sh'ma

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NEW WORD

נָבִיא
navee
 prophet

NEW LETTERS

נ *nun "n"*
ן *final nun "n"*

Now Read & Read Again

1 נון נו נעי קו בין

2 ניו לון דון מון שיו רון

3 דין בני עני נקי אני נא

4 שנה לבן ענו רנה ענד נער

5 נביא בינה נשמה משנה נערה

6 מאמין שכינה כונה נעילה מרבין

7 רענו משכן להבין קנקו למדן

8 נביא מדינה מה נשתנה נביא

BEYOND THE BOOK

Final Letters

In Hebrew there are five "final letters." Final letters appear only at the end of a word. For example, the regular *nun* (נ) can be found at the beginning or in the middle of a word, but final *nun* (ן) will be found only at the end of a word. A final letter makes the same sound as its regular letter. As the year progresses, your child will learn the other four final letters.

Tanach

The word *Tanach*—the Jewish Bible—is an acronym for the three sections that make up the Bible:

- T**orah "Teaching" The Torah—also called the Five Books of Moses—contains the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.
- N**'vee'eem "Prophets" *N'vee'eem* contains 21 sections, including Joshua, Isaiah, and Jonah. The Haftarah reading in the Torah service is taken from this section of the Bible.
- K**'tuveem "Writings" *K'tuveem* includes 13 different books and scrolls, including Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, and Chronicles. We read from *K'tuveem* on the festivals.

1 נָן נוּ נְעִי קָן בֵּין
been kan n'ee nav nan

2 נִין לָן דָּן מָן שִׁין רָן
ran sheen man dan lan neen

3 דִּין בְּנֵי עָנִי נָקִי אָנִי נָא
na anee nakee anee b'nee deen

4 שָׁנָה לָבָן עָנָו רִנָּה עָנָד נֶעַר
na'ar anad rinah anav lavan shanah

5 נְבִיא בֵּינָה נְשָׁמָה מִשְׁנָה נְעָרָה
n'arah mishnah n'shamah beenah navee

6 מֵאֲמֵיִן שְׁכִינָה כֹּוֹנָה נְעִילָה מֵרְבִין
marbeen n'eelah kavanah sh'cheenah ma'ameen

7 רַעְנָן מִשְׁכָּן לְהַבִּין קִנְקָן לְמִדָּן
lamdan kankan l'haveen mishkan ra'anan

8 נְבִיא מְדִינָה מַה נִשְׁתַּנָּה נְבִיא
navee nishtanah mah m'deenah navee