

Parasha Chayei Sarah

Sunday—Project Day

Today's project is something that you can do today, all at once, or that you can spread out over the week, a little each day. Either way, be sure it is complete and ready to share with the rest of the family by Shabbat.

You are going to make a book! In order to make your book, you will need:

sheets of blank 8 ½ x 11 paper
One sheet of cardstock
glue stick
a ball-point pen or sharp colored pencil
a hole puncher
yarn

1. Do some reading on the town of Hebron in Israel. Have someone help you find some information on historical events that happened there (including Biblical events), its location in Israel, and a description of what the place is like. Include some information about modern Hebron.
2. Each page of your book is going to be dedicated to one significant event in the history of Hebron or one piece of information about Hebron. Decide which are the most important events and bits of information and then count how many pages you will need.
3. If you can, print out some pictures of Hebron from the internet to illustrate the pages you have planned. Cut them out.
4. To make the book:

—Take one sheet of paper. Fold it in half. This will make two pages (using only one side). Repeat for as many pages as you need. You might end up with an extra page at the end. That is okay.

—Take your sheet of cardstock and fold it the same way you folded the pages.

—After all the papers are folded, open them up and stack them so that the folds all nest together, with the cardstock on the bottom. Re-fold all the pages together and straighten them so that all the edges are even.

—With a hole punch, carefully punch two holes on the folded side of the book, about ½ inch from the fold. The top hole should be about 2 inches from the top and the bottom hole should be about 2 inches from the bottom. Take both ends of the yarn and thread them down through the holes, one end through each hole. Cross the yarn on the back

side of the book and thread both ends back up through the opposite hole. Tie the two ends together on the top side of the book.

5. Now take your pen or pencil and design a cover for your book. Be sure to include the name of Hebron in your title (like “The Biblical City of Hebron” or something similar). If you want to use one of the pictures for the cover, apply some glue stick to the back side (pay special attention to the edges) and put it on the cover where you want it. Be sure to press it down hard so that it will not pull off later.

6. Take your pen or pencil and fill in one page of your book at a time with one significant event or piece of information about Hebron. Use the pictures to illustrate, gluing them on the pages the same way you did for the cover.

7. Share your book with the rest of the family on Shabbat! You will be making more books like this about important places in Israel, so be sure to save it in a safe place. You will have a complete set when you are finished.

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Monday—Read Genesis 23

Part 1: What is God Like?

When Sarah died, the Torah tells us about it by telling us about her life. It then tells the story of the purchase of the cave and the field, which were the beginning of the inheritance of the land which was promised to Sarah's descendants.

Why is the story of Sarah's death so filled with life and future hope? It tells us something about what God is like. Do the puzzle on the next page to discover a secret message about God.

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Lev. 19:11

This verse says that we are not to take something that belongs to someone else by pretending that it doesn't belong to them.

When Abraham bought the cave of Machpelah at Hebron, it became his possession, and the possession of his heirs through Isaac and Jacob. In modern times, the Arab nations have tried to pretend that Machpelah in Hebron belongs to them and not to Abraham's heirs, the Jews. By pretending that Machpelah in Hebron is theirs, they are really stealing.

Think about this:

—Do you respect the rights of others to control the things that belong to them?

—Do you ask permission before you use something that belongs to someone else, or do you act like it belongs to you?

—Do you take good care of things that aren't yours so that you don't do damage to someone else's property, or do you pretend that they really don't have a right to protect their own things?

Torah Project



Ask a member of your family if he thinks you respect his ownership of his own things. Ask him to tell you one way that you can do a better job at it. Write it down here:

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Tuesday



Did you have a chance to carry out your Torah Project yesterday? If not, when do you plan to do it?

Read Genesis 24:1-26

Part 1: What is God Like?

Do the puzzle on page 6 to find out one answer to this question from today's story. After you find out the answer to the puzzle, answer this question:

—How did God show this in today's story?

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Deut. 28:9.

The Bible tells us that God is very unselfish in His behavior toward us. He is always working for the good of those who belong to Him. Deut. 28:9 says that we are to walk in His ways. That means that we are supposed to do things the way that God would do them.

How did Rebekah practice this mitzvah in today's story?

Torah Project



Think of one thing you can do to serve someone you know.

What is God Like?

Find the listed words in the puzzle on the left. Write all the leftover letters in order in the spaces below to read a hidden message.

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- CAMEL
- DAUGHTER
- DRINK
- GOLD
- ISAAC
- REBEKAH
- RELATIVES
- SERVANT
- SON
- WATER
- WELL
- WIFE

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Wednesday



Did you carry out your Torah Project yesterday? If not, when do you plan to do it?

Read Genesis 24:27-52

Part 1: What is God Like?

Do the puzzle on the next page to find out one answer to this question from today's story. After you find out the answer to the puzzle, answer this question:

—How did God show this toward Abraham in today's story?

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Deut. 8:10.

When God does good for us, we need to remember to be thankful. How did Eliezer keep this mitzvah in today's story?

Torah Project



Think of something good that God has done for you. Design a nice thank you card for God, thanking Him for it. Put it in your Bible to help you remember to be thankful.

What is God Like?

Re-arrange the tiles below to reveal a secret message.

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Thursday



Did you complete your Torah project yesterday? If not, when do you plan to do it?

Read Genesis 24:53-67.

Part 1: What is God Like?

When God chose Rebekah for Isaac, He chose exactly the person Isaac needed. What does the Torah say that God did for Isaac by means of Rebekah in verse 67?

What does that tell us about God? Do the puzzle on page 10 to find out one answer to this question from today's story.

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Deut. 23:21.

In today's story, Rebekah's mother and brother wanted to wait awhile to keep their promise, but Rebekah was willing to keep her promise right away.

Do you keep your promises as soon as you can or do you put it off till you feel like doing it?

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Can you think of something that you promised someone you would do, but you haven't done it yet? Do it today.

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Friday



Did you complete your Torah project yesterday? If so, write down what happened.

Read Genesis 25:1-18

Part 1: What is God Like?

The Torah says that Abraham died satisfied with his life because God had blessed him so much. What does that tell us about God? Do the puzzle on the next page to find out one answer to this question. After you find out the answer to the puzzle, answer this question:

—In what ways did God show this toward Abraham in his lifetime?

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Lev. 22:32.

This verse tells us that we should never do anything that damages God's reputation. Abraham spent his whole life honoring God with the way he behaved. Others honored God because of Abraham. The Torah says that Ishmael spent his life in conflict with all of his relatives. Do you think that Ishmael's life honored God or damaged His reputation?

What about you? Do you ever behave in a way that damages God's reputation? Has anyone ever looked at your behavior and been excited about following God because they could see God's character in you?

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Think of 3 things you can do today to honor God and help others to honor God.

What is God Like?

Using the code bar at the top, solve the secret message. With the letters that are already supplied, you will be able to guess some of the words. As you fill in the missing letters of the words you guess, add the numbers underneath them into the code bar. You can then fill in every letter that corresponds to that number. Continue in this way until you have solved the code completely and can read the whole message.

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