

Shabbat School Bereshit: Vayechi "and he [Ya'akov]lived"

SUBJECT

Blessed

TEACHER

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HEBREW DATE

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OVERVIEW: HOW ARE WE BLESSED?

TEACHER GUIDE

STUDENT GUIDE

INTRODUCTION "OPENING" 5 MINUTES	Say to them: "Shalom Yeladim" (sha-LOAM Ye-la-DEEM). Tell them how to respond: Shalom Morim	Say Shema, Pledge of Allegiance. Have you ever thought about how you are blessed?
IDENTITY: B'NEI ISRAEL/BRIT AHM 5 MINUTES	Hebrew: בְּרָכָה Part of Speech: Noun Feminine Transliteration: Brukah Meaning: blessing, liberal, present blessings, gift, peace, benefit, blessed, generous Word Origin: (בָּרַךְ - blessed) When G-D returns will you be ready?!"	What blessings are you most grateful to G-D for?
IDENTITY: HEARER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Read Portions: Bereshit 47:28-50:26 (48:8-20) Malakim Alef 2:1-12 (2:1-12) Acts 7:15-16 (7:15-16) 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: What is Yehudah offering in return for Benjamin?	Discuss: What blessings are you preparing for this year?
IDENTITY: FOLLOWER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Ask: Where do our blessings come from?	Discuss: Who are we to be united with?

IDENTITY: DOER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Who we are is largely dependent upon what we do; we others as we are blessed.	Ask: Are some blessings tied to our behaviour?
GAME/ACTIVITY	The Two Farmers	<<-how should we prepare for blessings?
HOMEWORK 3 MINUTES	Our letter of the month of Tevet is bet. Look around shul for something that begins with the sound like the English letter "b"; "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.

Every Friday evening, fathers all over the world place their hands upon the heads of their sons and say, "May you be like Ephraim and Manasseh." This week in our Parsha, we find out why. Israel, when blessing his grandchildren whom he had just adopted to become his sons, spoke these words over them:

Genesis 48:20 Then he blessed them that day saying, "In you shall Israel bless by saying: 'May God make you like Ephraim, and like Manasseh. '"Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

These words have been spoken over sons ever since that day. Of course, daughters are blessed by the words, "May you be like Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah. You see, these are not just words, but inherited promises...inherited by you.