

Shabbat School Devarim: Vayeshev “and [Ya’akov] dwelt”

SUBJECT

The lesser of two evils?

TEACHER

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HEBREW DATE

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OVERVIEW: DEATH OR SLAVERY

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. Who said "Give me liberty or give me death?"
IDENTITY: B'NEI ISRAEL/BRIT AHM 5 MINUTES	Hebrew: עֶבֶד Part of Speech: Noun Masculine Transliteration: `ebed Pronunciation: EH-bed Meaning: bondage, bondman, (bond-)servant, (man-)servant servants, servant, slave, male, slaves, slavery, male servant When G-D returns will you be ready?!”	Who saves Yosef from death? What does it mean to be a bond-servant? What was a biblical slave? IS there slavery today? Are you enslaved?
IDENTITY: HEARER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Read Portions: Bereshit 37:1-40:23 (37:3-4, 37:18- 35) Amos 2:6-3:8 (2:6-3:8) extended Acts 7:9-10 (7:6-9) extended Learn our memory verse for the year 5786.>>	Memory Verse: Yeshayahu 41:10 10Fear 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 Reuven and Yehudah did was...? What might have the brothers done to them if they had tried to save Yosef? Kill them?	Discuss: Knowing full well that they were responsible the brothers comforting Ya'akov means what?
IDENTITY: FOLLOWER OF G-D'S WORD	Ask: Who did Ad-nai redeem from Mitzrayim?	Discuss: What destruction does the Lion roar?

5 MINUTES		
IDENTITY: DOER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Who we are is largely dependent upon what we do; we die to ourselves to overcome the culture of evil!	Ask: What did Yeshua do to save us from death and slavery?
GAME/ACTIVITY	Turn up the heat	<<-can you overcome cultural pressure to do evil?
HOMEWORK 3 MINUTES	Our letter of the month of Kislev is alef. Look around shul for something that begins with a vowel sound; "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.

Have you and your friends or family members ever wanted to do something that you knew was wrong but wanted to do it anyway?

But when you started to talk about it, you realized that what you wanted to do was too horrible to do. So instead of choosing not to do what you wanted to do at all, you decided to do something less bad.

You say “we won't do this because it is too bad to do, so instead we will do this. It is still bad but not as bad.”

Well, this is what we find happening in this week's Parsha Joseph's brothers hate Joseph so much they want to kill him, but instead of killing him they decide to only sell him into slavery. After all at least they weren't going to kill their brother. Right?

It doesn't sound right when they did it, and it isn't right when we do it either.