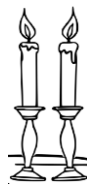
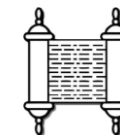


Torah Reading Thinking

- 1) What tools do you think Moshe used to carve the two tablets of stone?
- 2) Imagine someone asked you if you wanted to buy an idol from their store. What would you say to them?
- 3) How does the word, walk, link to the Torah Reading?



Succot Shabbat Torah reading Information



Summary

Moshe (Moses) asked Hashem (G-d) that instead of Hashem fully living amongst the Jewish people, only His presence would live amongst them and Hashem agreed, later on, making a covenant to assure this. Moshe asked to be shown Hashem's glory and Hashem agreed, but told Moshe that he will only be shown Hashem's "back," not His "face."

Do you remember that the luchot (tablets of stone) had been smashed by Moshe when he saw that the Jewish people were dancing around an idol in the shape of a Golden Calf? Well in this Torah reading, Hashem told Moshe to carve new stones and bring them up Har (Mt.) Sinai, so Hashem can write the 10 Commandments upon them once more. Moshe did as he was asked and Hashem revealed His glory to Moshe and told him His Thirteen Attributes of Mercy.

Hashem told the Jewish people that He will remove the Cena'anim (Canaanites) from before them, when they reach the land of Cena'an. He told them that they must destroy all the idols from the land, never to make idols or images themselves and not to make any covenants with the people that live in Cena'an. Firstborn humans and cattle are to be deemed as holy and meat and milk should never be cooked together.

The Jewish people were commanded to keep the three foot festivals — Pesach (Passover), Shavuot (Pentacost) and Succot (Tabernacle). All males must walk to the Beit HaMikdash (Temple) in Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) to "be seen by Hashem" during these chaggim (festivals).

Discovery

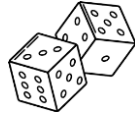
Did you know that we don't wear gold jewellery on Yom Kippur to not bring up the sin of the Golden Calf, whilst we're asking for forgiveness?

Did you know that we may not work in a non-kosher restaurant because not only do we not eat milk and meat together, we also can't mix meat and milk?

Did you know that even in this day an age, people gather at the Kotel during the three foot festivals.

Games

1) Quiz Time



Divide group into pairs and get the partners to face each other. Ask questions about the Torah reading on pg 1. They need to link arms and get to the other side of the room by hopping, in order to qualify to answer the questions. First pair to reach the other side gets to answer.

2) Milk, Milk, MEAT (Duck, Duck, GOOSE)

Link: The Jewish people were told not to mix milk and meat together

One person is "it" and walks around the outside of the circle. As they walk around, they tap the other players' shoulders and say "milk" or "MEAT". Once someone is tapped and they hear "MEAT" they get up and try to chase "it" around the circle. If they catch "it", then "it" continues. If "it" gets to the 'MEAT's' space first, then 'MEAT' becomes the new "it".

3) Link It to the Succah, for the Win

Divide group up into two teams. Children's service leader mentions a random object to Group 1 and they have to say how it connects to a Succah. It could be really easy, such as, object: a cardboard box, link: it's cuboid, like a succah, or totally obscure, like object: chocolate, link: they both snap if they're broken.

Each group has 10 seconds to connect the object to a succah and if they miss the 10 second slot, the other teams gets a chance to link it.

Ideas: Lamp, siddur, soap, carpet, stars, Paris, vinegar, flowers, schoolbag and pillow.

Story (One of the children can read this out loud – encourage them to use expression.)



"I really want to find the most amazing recipe for my auntie's birthday!" sighed Mila "but it's so difficult!"

"What is so difficult?" asked Tabbie. "You've been searching for days! Surely you've found something by now!"

Mila looked up from her iPad. "Oh, I've found loads and loads of recipes – I could practically open a restaurant with all this information! But every recipe that looks promising is a letdown because it contains both milk and meat. I'm feeling so upset by this. I just want to make something special for my auntie's 40th birthday. She's the best auntie and I want to surprise her."

"So why don't you use a substitute?" offered Tabbie, who was used to using all kinds of substitutions in her baking, so that her very lucky family and guests could eat her cookies and cakes after meaty Shabbat meals.

Mila looked confused and paused for a moment, wondering to herself if she knew what a substitute was. She didn't. "A substitute? What's a substitute?"

Tabbie smiled, put her arm round her friend and said, "my dear friend, I am about to change your world. Say a recipe calls for milk, then you can substitute it with oat milk, rice milk, almond milk, soy milk or even hazelnut milk – there are so many choices."

"What?!?!" Gaspd Mila, "rice milk? Hazelnut milk? I've never heard of such things!"

"Oh it doesn't end there," continued Tabbie, "if the recipe lists cream, you can use parev cream. If a recipe needs cheese, you can use the kosher vegan cheeses from the kosher shops. If a recipe asks for butter, you have so many kosher margarines that you can choose from. There are coconut or soy based yoghurts that you can get instead of dairy yoghurts - the options are endless. You know, you can even get kosher dairy-free milkshake if you want it. One thing I will say, though, is check for allergens. If you know someone is allergic to oats or nuts, for example, don't use the products that contain those things but all in all, finding the perfect substitution is simple as pie."

Mila breathed a sigh of relief and thanked Tabbie profusely. Tabbie had 'saved the day'. She went back to her recipe search and within four minutes, she'd chosen and saved the most perfect bread, starter, soup, main and dessert recipes ... all with the most perfect substitutions.

1) What can we learn from this story and does it connect to the Torah reading for today?

2) Have you ever used a substitute in your cooking?

3) In your opinion, did Tabbie have the right to tell Mila about the dairy-free options or should she have kept her ways to herself?