

Ki Tavo “When You Come”

Parasha 50

Deuteronomy/Devarim 26:1-29:8

“Bikkurim - First Fruits”

Objective:

The purpose of this lesson is to instruct the children about the blessings that come from obeying the LORD.

Materials:

- Bring something which you might consider to be your most prized possession.

Welcome/Opening Slide

- Welcome the children & organize as required
- Opening Prayer

Please Remember These Rules

Say: Here are the rules:

- Please don't talk when others are talking
- Please raise your hand if you would like to ask a question
- Please keep your hands, feet and other body parts to yourself
- You must ask to leave the room

Title Slide

Our parasha this week is called Ki Tavo. In English this means “When You Come.”

This teaches Israel what to do when they enter the Promised Land.

When Jewish people would enter the Promised Land they would stop wondering and become farmers.

On The Farm

Say: How many of you have lived on or visited a farm?

Say: My mother's side of the family were farmers in Pennsylvania. They raised dairy cows and grew crops to help feed them. They also grew a large garden to eat fresh vegetables.

Say: My grandpa was good farmer and knew the best time to plant crops. He would watch the crops and would get excited when the plants started to grow.

Say: The first plant to sprout from the ground is called the first fruit. If the plant is a fruit tree, the first evidence of fruit is also called the first fruit.

What is the First Fruit?

Question: What is the title given to the first plant that spouts from the ground? (Wait for or encourage a response)

Say: It is called "first fruits"!

Say: My grandpa would get excited because they expected a good harvest. The first fruit is considered the best!

The First Fruits (Bikkurim)

Say: The Hebrew word for the first fruits is called Bikkurim

Say: Can you say, Bikkurim with me? (Repeat the word several times)

Say: In this week's parasha, Moses teaches us that the first fruits (Bikkurim) of the crops should be brought to the priests in the Temple.

Devarim/Deuteronomy 26:1, 2

When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

The Seven Species

Say: According to Jewish tradition, the first fruits of the crops (bikkurim) referred particularly to shivat ha-minim (the seven species of fruits) of the Promised Land (Deut. 8:8):

- Wheat
- Barley
- Grapes
- Figs
- Pomegranates
- Olives
- Dates

How Was The First Fruit Identified

Say: As soon as a Jewish farmer saw the first sign of ripening fruit in his field or orchard, he would tie a string or ribbon around it and designate it as bikkurim.

Say: Later he would pick this fruit, put it in a basket woven of gold and silver (the poor used wicker baskets of peeled willow branches) and set off for the Temple in Jerusalem for the festival of Shavu'ot.

Say: Since it was a pilgrimage festival, a large procession of other Jews would be carrying their baskets on the road, singing songs of joyful praise.

Say: At the Temple, each family would present the basket of fruits to a kohen (priest) that would be waved in seven directions and then set before the altar.

Say: This was a time of great rejoicing and they had a party!

Question: Why is the first fruit or bikkurim important? (Wait for or encourage a response)

Say: Remember the first fruit represented the best. The LORD wants the best of everything in our lives.

What Is Your First Fruit? – Object Lesson

Note: Bring something which you might consider to be your most prized possession.

Say: Perhaps you are not a farmer or have a garden to give a first fruit offering. So what is a first fruit that you can offer to the LORD?

Say: Remember the first fruit is considered the very best of the crop. It is the first thing what we offer to the LORD.

Say: This (show the object lesson item) is one of my most prized possessions. (Share a few thoughts about the history of this item). I would never consider selling this (show item) because it is worth more to me than any amount of money that I might get if I sold it.

Say: If I were to ask you to name your most prized possession, what would it be?

Say: To some of you, it might be a stuffed animal that you have had since you were a baby. To another, it might be a favorite doll. To someone else, it might be a ball autographed by a famous baseball player.

Question: If a friend came to visit in your home, would you give your most prized possession to that friend to show your love? That is what a woman did in our Bible story today.

Say: One day Yeshua went to the city of Bethany visiting with friends. A woman was sitting at the feet of Yeshua and listening to Him. She then did very unusual thing. She took a bottle of very expensive perfume and began to wash the feet of Yeshua with it. Then she dried his feet with her hair. The Bible tells us that the entire house was filled with the sweet smell of perfume.

Say: Yeshua said, "She has kept this perfume for the day of my burial."

Say: Yeshua said that because he knew that it was only a few days before he would be crucified and buried. I don't know if the woman knew that or not, but I do think that she wanted to give Yeshua the very best that she had to show her love for him. That perfume was the very best thing that she had to offer.

Say: Yeshua has given us the most wonderful gift imaginable -- the gift of everlasting life. It is free, but it was a very costly gift. It cost Yeshua his life.

Say: What can we give to Yeshua to show our love for him? I don't think he wants (show the object lesson item), a stuffed animal, a doll, or an autographed baseball. I think he wants us to give him our very best. He wants us to give him our life!

Say: The LORD was to be first in our lives!

Let's Learn Hebrew!

Say: Our Hebrew word is **Bikkurim**

בִּכּוּרִים

Say: The Hebrew “**Bikkurim**” means “**First Fruits**” in English

Question: Can you say “**Bikkurim**” with me? (Encourage a response and say the Hebrew word a few times)

Points to Remember

- The First Fruit from the crops and fruit trees were given to the LORD
- The First Fruit reminds us that the LORD want our best
- The LORD was to be first in our lives!

Small Group Time

Break the children into two groups:

- Primary – Ages 4-7
- Elementary Age 8-12

Distribute the self-directed learning handout to each child and let them work together or alone.

Primary Handout Answer Sheet

The Story – Page 1

What is your favorite toy? If a friend came to visit in your home, would you give your most prized possession to that friend to show your love? That is what a woman did in our Bible story today.

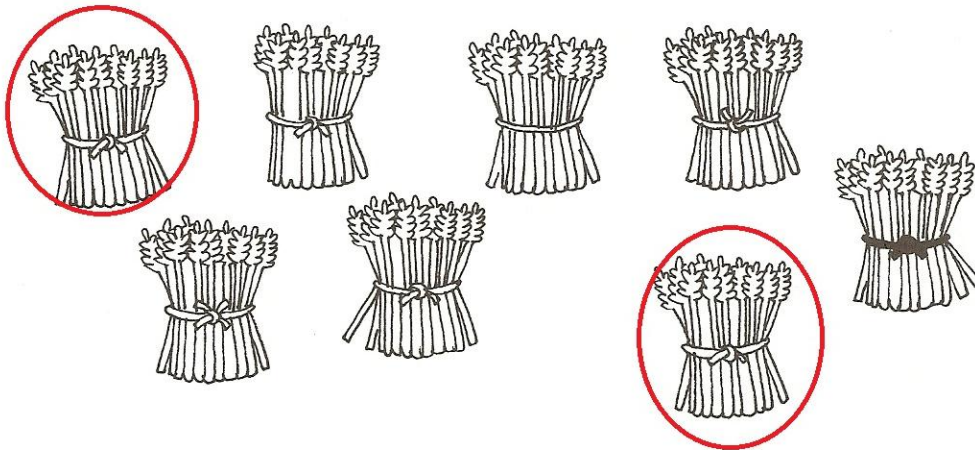
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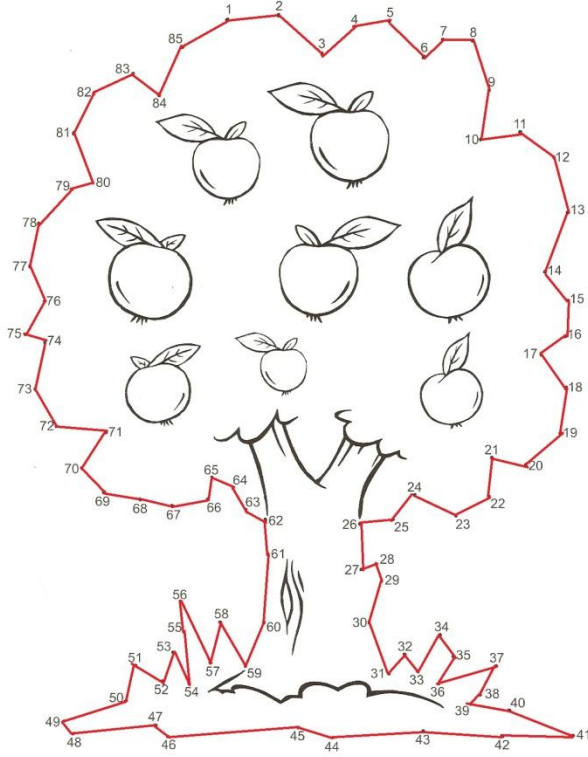
What Bundles Are The Same – Page 1

Draw a circle around each of the 2 bundles of First Fruit wheat that are the same.



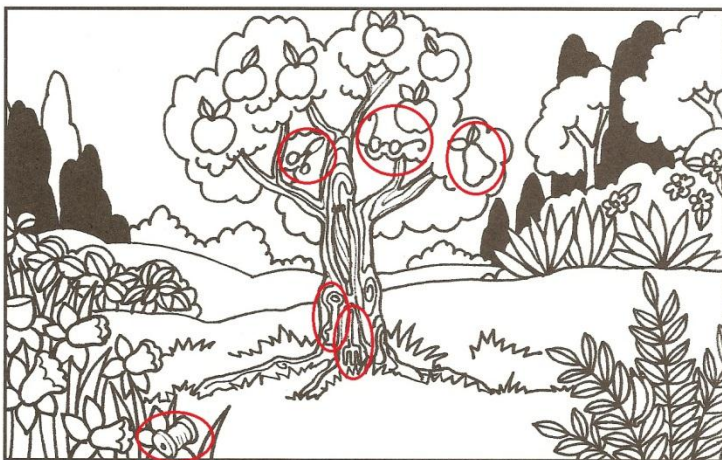
Connect the Dots? – Page 2

The LORD blessed Israel with the fruit of the Promised Land. He instructed to give the First Fruits as an offering. Connect the dots and color



The Blessing of the Lord —The Fruit of the Land – Page 3

Circle all the hidden items in the picture.



The Amazing Maze! – Page 3

Follow the path from start to finish.



Color the Pictures – Page 4

Mary Shows Her Love For Yeshua
She Gives The Very Best!



Mary took a very expensive bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet. She wiped them with her hair, and the sweet smell of the perfume filled the house. Yochanan 12:3

Elementary Handout Answer Sheet

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Remember the first fruit represented the best. The LORD was the best of everything in our lives. If I were to ask you to name your most prized possession, what would it be? If a friend came to visit in your home, would you give your most prized possession to that friend to show your love? That is what a woman named Mary did in our Bible story today.

One day Yeshua went to the city of Bethany. That was the city where a man named Lazarus, whom Yeshua had raised from the dead, lived with his two sisters, Mary and Martha. While Yeshua was in Bethany, a dinner was given in his honor. Lazarus was eating at the table with Yeshua, while Martha was serving the meal. Mary was just sitting at the feet of Yeshua listening to him teach.

As she was sitting at the feet of Yeshua, Mary did a very unusual thing. She took a bottle of very expensive perfume and began to wash the feet of Yeshua with it. Then she dried his feet with her hair. The Bible tells us that the entire house was filled with the sweet smell of perfume.

One of Yeshua's disciples, whose name was Judas, was very upset by what Mary did. He said, "What a waste! This perfume could have been sold and the money given to the poor. It was worth a year's wages." Judas wasn't really worried about the poor. The Bible tells us that he

was worried about the money because he often stole money from the treasury for himself. Yeshua came to Mary's defense and answered Judas. "Leave her alone. She has kept this perfume for the day of my burial."

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Devarim/Deuteronomy 26:1, 2 – Page 2

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Let's Learn Hebrew – Page 2

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The Hebrew "**Bikkurim**" means "**First Fruits**" in English

The Questions - Pages 2

1. What is Hebrew word for first fruits?
 - A. Shema
 - B. Bikkurim
 - C. Shalom

Answer: B. Bikkurim

2. What city did the Jewish people bring the Offering of the First Fruits?
- A. Galilee
 - B. Samara
 - C. Jerusalem

Answer: C. Jerusalem

3. How many species of fruits were discovered in the Promised Land?
- A. 7
 - B. 10
 - C. 12

Answer: A. 7

4. What does the first fruit offering represent?
- A. You can buy fruit really good
 - B. You can be the first person to eat all the fruit during a holiday celebration
 - C. The best you have to offer to the LORD

Answer: C. The best you have to offer to the LORD

5. In our Bible story with Yeshua and his friends, what was the name of the woman that gave Yeshua a special gift?
- A. Martha
 - B. Mary
 - C. Elizabeth

Answer: B. Mary

6. What feast would the Jewish people present the First Fruit offering?
- A. Passover
 - B. Shavu'ot
 - C. Sukkot

Answer: B. Shavu'ot

7. What was the gift that Mary gave to Yeshua before this death and burial?
- A. Expensive perfume
 - B. Diamond Ring
 - C. Big Screen TV

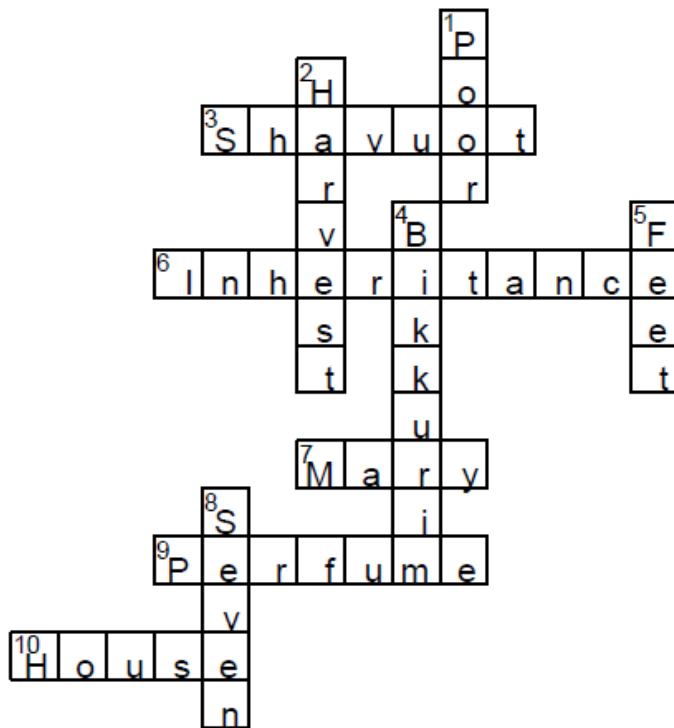
Answer: A. Expensive Perfume

The Crossword Puzzle – Page 3

Complete the puzzle using the clues shown below.

Across

3. What feast would the Jewish people present the First Fruit offering?
6. When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an _____ and have taken possession of it and live in it. (Devarim 26:1)
7. The woman who poured perfume on the feet of Yeshua?
9. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell?
10. The building in which a family lives?



Down

1. The opposite of rich?
2. You shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you _____ from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket? (Devarim 26:2)
4. The Hebrew word for first fruits?
5. Part of the body on which a person stands?
8. The number of species of fruits were discovered in the Promised Land?

The Double Puzzle – Page 3

Unscramble each word. Then use the marked letters to solve the second puzzle.

EWTHA	W H E A T
	8 7
BREYLA	B A R L E Y
	2 18
GRSAPE	G R A P E S
	10 9
GIFS	F I G S
	1 14
OGRAPEAEMST	P O M E G R A N A T E S
	6 13 11 20 4 15
SOLEVI	O L I V E S
	12 3
ADETS	D A T E S
	17 19 16 5

F R U I T S	O F	T H E	P R O M I S E D	L A N D
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The Word Find Puzzle – Page 4

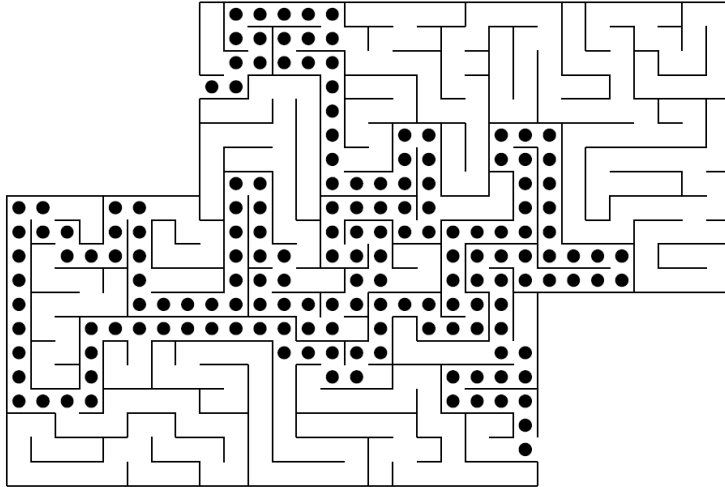
Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

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| Basket | Feet | Inheritance | Perfume |
| Bikkurim | Fruit | Mary | Shavuot |
| Devarim | Harvest | Offering | Yeshua |

The Maze– Page 4

Find the correct path through the maze.



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