

Torah Reading #44 (Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22) A Parable Skit

Threading Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 1:17a

Luke 18:7 & 8a

Proverbs 28:5

Scriptures References:

Luke 18:1-8

Teaching Concepts:

- G-d is a just ruler.
- Favor comes from G-d.
- As believers, we must try to treat others with fairness and respect.

Materials:

- ❖ photocopies of script with individual parts highlighted
- ❖ actors
- ❖ costumes (old lady wig, bath robe for the judge, etc.)
- ❖ props (gavel, picket sign, scroll)

Idea Reinforcement Activity:

1. Assign parts to each player.
2. Allow students to read over the skit for a few minutes
3. As students are reading set up the 'stage' area.
4. Review with the student the basic premise of the skit.
5. Have students read through the skit.

6. Perform!!
7. Have the students discuss what the skit meant to them and how it relates to the day's parsha reading.

The skit can be used as an opening exercise or as reinforcement to the lesson learned during the Shabbat school lesson. Encourage the players to be as silly and dramatic as possible with their parts! The shabbat school kids may even want to put the play on for the kinders hul kids after a little practice.

Possible Kinders hul Activity/Modification:

The kinders hul bulleting includes an activity comparing opposites (comparing what is right/fair what is wrong/unfair). First allow your learners to color the pictures inside the bulletin. Next ask your learners which of the two they would choose...the big juicy hamburger or the little hamburger, the big dog or the little dog...etc. Once you have gone through all the examples, change the scenarios and ask your learners again. For example, they may have all chosen the big juicy hamburger over the little hamburger so ask them to choose again only this time they are choosing which hamburger they'd like if they had just eaten a big lunch. They may now reconsider their choice and choose the smaller meal. Continue this for the rest of the comparisons. Learners may come up with their own scenarios as you talk. Allow them to present these to the class as well!

The Skit of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

Narrator: Once there was an Old Widow who had been taken advantage of by a Wicked Man. Everyday the Woman would go to the local Judge and demand that the Wicked Man would be made to pay for his crimes.

(Scene: the Unjust Judge sits in his courtroom with his two clerks. There is a knock at the door announcing the entrance of the Old Widow.)

Widow: I want justice done!

Clerk #1: Oh no (groan)... Its nutty old Mrs. Shmellmech.

Clerk #2: Again! (Clerk #2 walks over to the door to let the Old Widow in.)

Widow: (LOUDER) I want justice done!

Unjust Judge: Mrs. Shmellmech, what did I tell you yesterday?

Widow: But I want justice! I deserve it!

Unjust Judge: Madam answer the question!! What did I tell you yesterday?

(The widow does not answer the Judge but just looks at him angrily.)

Unjust Judge: Woman I demand an answer!

Widow: You told me that you would not hear my case.

Unjust Judge: That's correct! And what did I tell you the day before last?

Widow: (quieter) That you would not hear my case.

Unjust Judge: And the day before that?

Widow: (even quieter) That you would not hear my case.

Unjust Judge: Again you are correct...so what do you think my answer will be to you today?

Widow: (yelling again) But the law of Moses says that you are to protect the widows of the community! You are supposed to take care of and guard the widows and the fatherless! I am a widow and my children are fatherless!

Unjust Judge: You're children are grown up and you are a pain in the neck!

Clerk #1: (aside to other clerk) That's the truth.

Clerk #2: (aside response to clerk #1) A huge pain...and really loud!

Unjust Judge: Silence in the court! Madam I told you before and I'm telling you again go home!

Widow: But Sir a wicked man stole my eggs! I was selling eggs in the market place and day after day he'd come by and take some without paying. I

yelled for the guard but the man lied and told the guard that he had paid! The guard believed him! He's taking my livelihood! He will ruin me!

Unjust Judge: I know, I know! But like I told you before you have no proof!

Widow: You must investigate him! Set up a sting operation! Send in a spy to watch my stand! He comes everyday...you'll see him for sure! You must investigate It's the law of Moses!

Clerk #1: (aside to other clerk) Boy I hope he doesn't make me go.

Clerk #2: (aside response to clerk #1) Me either! It's hot outside.

Unjust Judge: Silence! I do not respect G-d or other people...Madam I told you before and I'm telling you again **go home!** Next case!
(A man enters and quietly hands the judge a paper and speaks to him inaudibly...The judge nods his head as he listens.)

(The widow leaves crying and the clerks laugh. The widow quickly goes around a corner and returns with a picket sign that reads: THIS JUDGE IS MESHUGGINA! The old widow marches in front of the Unjust Judge's court yelling)

Widow: This Judge stinks. He refuses to fulfill the law. Moses would roll over in his grave. He is unjust! (She repeats this loudly over and over again.)

Judge: (Shouting over the widow to be heard) And he killed your ox you say? He dropped a cow on him?!

Man: No a plow!

Judge: A cow?

Man: No a PLOW P-L-O-W.

Judge: (Looks over at the woman with a glare because he can't hear to do his job.) A plow? How could he drop a plow on your ox?

Man: (Yelling to be heard) He dropped it off a cliff.

Judge: HE dropped your ox off the cliff?

Man: (still shouting) NO!! He dropped his plow off a cliff and it landed on my ox.

Judge: (getting angry) It landed on your rocks? Who cares they're just rocks! Why are you wasting my time?

Man: NO SIR!! The plow landed ON my OX O-X!

Judge: OK I can't take it!! Clerk #1...go get the woman. Clerk #2 go to her egg stand in the market place! (Clerk #1 goes to get the Widow and Clerk #2 frustrated goes off stage to the market. Clerk #1 returns with the Old Widow.) I do not fear G-d or man but because you are such a nudnik, I will see to it that you get justice. I've sent my clerk to watch your egg stand and he will

report to me when he sees the wicked man taking your eggs without paying. Now *GO AWAY!!*

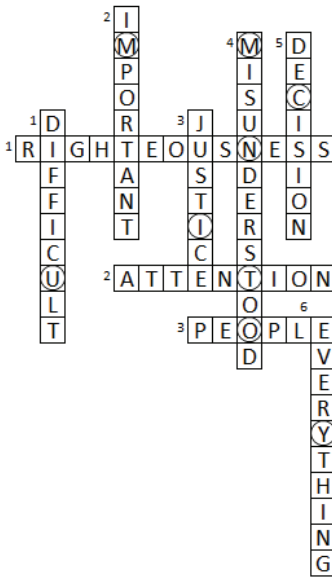
Widow: (Smugly the widow replies) Heh! I still got it!

(The judge looks at the Widow and then bangs his head repeatedly on his bench.)

THE END

(Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22) Puzzle Keys:

Junior Bulletin Mystery Word Puzzle (p.3)



Deuteronomy teaches us laws about how to live together in a _____.

Answer: Community

Kindershul Picture Pages Puzzle Key (p. 4)

Answer: Vase on the bottom left hand corner.