

# TORAH TIME

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## PARASHA

Vayeira

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“Vayeira YHWH” are the first two words found in this week’s Torah parasha. The phrase simply means “YHWH appeared.” In this portion, YHWH reveals Himself to Abraham three days after his circumcision at age 99. Abraham rushes off to prepare a meal for three visitors who appear in the desert heat. One of the three announces that in exactly one year, the barren Sarah will give birth to a son. Sarah laughs.

Abraham (or “Avraham” in Hebrew) pleads with YHWH to spare the wicked city of Sodom. Two of the three messengers arrive in the doomed city, where Abraham's nephew, Lot, extends his hospitality to them and protects them from the evil intentions of a mob. The two guests reveal that they have come to overturn the place, and to save Lot and his family. Lot's wife turns into a salt pillar when she disobeys the command to not look back at the burning city as they flee.

While taking shelter in a cave, Lot's two daughters become pregnant. The two sons born from this incident father the nations of Moab and Amon. Avraham moves to Gerar, where the Philistine king Avi Melech takes Sarah to his palace. The king thinks Sarah is Abraham’s sister. In a dream, YHWH warns Avimelech that he will die unless he returns the woman to her husband. Avraham explains that he feared he would be killed over Sarah.

YHWH remembers His promise to Sarah and gives her and Avraham a son, who is named Isaac (“Yitzchak” in Hebrew, meaning "will laugh"). Isaac is circumcised at the age of eight days. Avraham is 100 years old and Sarah 90 at their child's birth. Hagar and Ishmael are banished from Avraham's home and wander in the desert; Elohim hears the cry of the dying Ishmael and saves his life by showing his mother a well. Avimelech makes a treaty with Avraham at Be'er Sheva, where Avraham gives him seven sheep as a sign of their truce.

YHWH tests Abraham's devotion by commanding him to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem. Isaac is bound and placed on the altar, and Abraham raises the knife to slaughter his son. A voice from heaven calls to stop him; a ram, caught in the undergrowth by its

horns, is offered in Isaac's place. Abraham receives the news of the birth of a daughter, Rebecca, to his nephew Bethuel.

(This is an easy explanation of the Torah portion taken from the book "The Open Bible" available at [www.emetministries.com](http://www.emetministries.com))

**MEMORY VERSE**

Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another and tenderhearted"

**LEARNING ACTIVITY**

Do you like to take tests in school? Classroom quizzes make sure you learn what the teacher has taught. Tests might not be fun but they are very important. YHWH tests us too!

In our weekly reading we see how Abraham was blessed with the son of promise. Abraham had prayed for a long time that his wife would be pregnant. At a very old age Sarah finally gives birth to Isaac. The boy begins to grow

and learn from his father. One day YHWH tells Abraham to take Isaac to Mount Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Believe it or not, the Almighty told Abraham to kill his own son Isaac! Why would YHWH do this? Well, YHWH was testing Abraham's faith to see if Abraham would do what YHWH said.

**(GENESIS 19:1-30)**

R W C I H A B D N L U O O H Q A U N F U V Q P C M S X D V R  
V H T T A Y P V Y Y U V U X U E Y E W W S R L U R G Y O X X  
N Q C A U Q P B M H A S I V M I E E L I E U J R X I A N R T  
G I J L M U Y G A L S P I T W O A N G E L S D S G F E Z B P  
D L W O U Q P C S T U T B S J S E M J A T M D J B L M F I K  
P H D E T T F I R X D F R U Q G J J B C K E R L I B X N U Z  
K O Y B K H O U L O D W I X L F I R E L T S A E F K Z X Q O  
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S Y T Z D K M H Y I A H G H R P V V K A B H A R R O M O G L  
P O N N D T J S K R T R T U T E K E J I Y Z J B V M U A H C  
P A A K Q T W K W F L J O Q W Z M V K E B P L N S I I D C Y  
R V S O C R S K L Y A Y K F K F U V U Y R J P S M U J P C Y  
X C L O T R S R W X O K Y T S B O L M A I H O R K X L U N P  
O A L B U D O O R D A P W O M A Z A X Q M D L E I W M K U D  
S L P H J W I R W F P G I P R X L I Y A S C T T R V P I K D  
L O U F K P A A Z B A K U L L T X T R O T U P H K K X X S A  
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W M T V M K W Z O L Y P F B G M A E T E N S R U Y P C Q N Z  
V F N I E B A E A H I S O J C Z M R D A E Y A A C H H I E C  
J M D O J N F N K T S N E H V X Z U C E Z J P D Z K M J S P  
X Q R N T C I C U L M O D E P A C S E E A G L S A H X L X Y  
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D B D F N E J H U E E J Y R H Z Z R C U K N H Q Y J Q K I P  
D Q W F Q P K R D N M D T D X X F U S O G Y D U E L V J A P  
Z W I F E I G E L I J U W C A D V K G Q C N R I H D U S K B  
Z J Q T X Y H M U S M O U G U K F B E U M M S C Z R G F Q X  
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| <b>BLINDNESS</b> | <b>EVENING</b>  | <b>MEN</b>            | <b>STRUCK</b>     |
| <b>BRIMSTONE</b> | <b>FEAST</b>    | <b>MERCIFUL</b>       | <b>TWO ANGELS</b> |
| <b>DAUGHTERS</b> | <b>FIRE</b>     | <b>OUTSIDE</b>        | <b>WIFE</b>       |
| <b>DESTROY</b>   | <b>GOMORRAH</b> | <b>PILLAR OF SALT</b> | <b>ZOAR</b>       |
| <b>HOUSE</b>     | <b>SMOKE</b>    | <b>DOOR</b>           |                   |

Abraham obeyed YHWH and was willing to sacrifice his own son. Isaac didn't die though. YHWH provided a ram to be killed in the place of Isaac. From this story we can learn that YHWH always provides for us. He tests us sometimes too! If you are faithful to follow YHWH then you will pass the tests in life.

Take some time to discuss with an adult how YHWH has tested their faith. What have they had to sacrifice in the past? What lessons did they learn through the testing?



## WALK THE TALK

One key theme of this week's portion is hospitality or kindness. To be hospitable is to take care of others. Do you see the word "hospital" in the word "hospitality"? A good hospital shows care and concern for the sick. Hospital workers pay close attention to their patients.

Sadly, the people in Sodom and Gomorrah did not show any hospitality to Lot and his family. These towns were full of wicked people who only cared about themselves. Instead of treating Lot with kindness they were rude and wanted to harm him. Because of this the town was destroyed. Ezekiel 16:49-50, "This was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy."

Every day you have chances to help others by being kind. Messiah said that we are to treat people the way we want to be treated. This means you should always act with respect. Honor others above yourself by giving and loving. You can show hospitality by cleaning your room without being asked or by helping with other chores around the house. The memory verse for the week tells us to "be kind to one another and tenderhearted."

Our father Abraham showed kindness all throughout the Torah. He helped the needy, took care of strangers, and helped his family. He even left a time of worship to be hospitable! Make it your goal to do five acts of kindness every day this week. Start off the day with five pennies in the right side of your pants pocket. When you show hospitality move one penny to your other pants pocket. Move all the pennies each day as you are being kind. You can show hospitality! To remind you about this week's lesson write a poem about hospitality below. Write a word or sentence about kindness beside each letter below.

**K** \_\_\_\_\_

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**N** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E** \_\_\_\_\_

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# TORAH TALK

What does the name of this portion mean?

Why is this portion special?

What is the main subject of this portion?

How can you live this portion?

What commandments are in this portion?

Did you read about the Messiah in this portion? Where?

How did YHWH show His love to man in this portion?

What did you learn from the Torah?

# HEBREW LESSON

## MEET THE DALET:



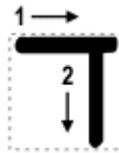
Delet = Door

Devar = Words

Dahg = Fish

Dreidle = Spinning toy

## WRITE THE LETTER



Note that the first line extends past the vertical line to the right.

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## REVIEW THE LETTERS



The numbered arrows show the order and direction for drawing the lines (the gray rectangle shows the letter proportions in a graph paper cell).

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HOW TO READ THE HEBREW VOWELS

# Hebrew Vowels

Color coding worksheet

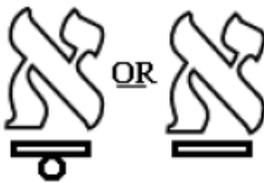
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GREEN



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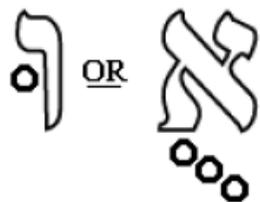
AQUA



GREY



RED



BLUE