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בְּפִיךָ וּבִלְבָבְךָ לַעֲשׂוֹתוֹ

Teacher's Guide

פרשת משפטים



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Ki Karov

Question of the week

What is the source for the Possuk Ki Karov
in Niglah (Chumash)?
In Chassidus?

Answer: Sefer Devarim; Tanya

Goal

The child should feel confident that
serving Hashem fully—in thought, speech,
and action—is entirely within their reach,
and that the Torah's way is actually the
natural and obvious choice.

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This website is being updated constantly, and includes incredible
resources and classes/ teacher's guides from the Rebbe's Sichos.
There are also links to MyMaor videos that you can show in your class. Let
me know if you want additional ideas or resources for your class!

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Lesson Supplies: A balloon (and a pin to pop it)

The Possuk tells us "כי קרוב אליך" it's close to you. What's close to you? הדבר - the thing - ALL of Torah and Mitzvos. And it's not just close, it's קרוב מאד - very close. For us to keep in our hearts (and thoughts), speech and actions.

Some Mitzvos feel so easy and fun for us. Others, maybe not at first glance. But this Possuk tells us that ALL of Torah and Mitzvos is close, natural and easy. How is this so?

When we think about how much our actions matter, how every Mitzvah connects us to Hashem and an aveirah does the opposite, how our one Mitzvah can bring Moshiach - it's obvious for us to do the right thing - all the time!

The YH might make us feel small and unimportant, that our Mitzvah doesn't matter, and the YH might even tell us it's too hard, just go and play or read a book or eat the snack without checking the hechsher or making a bracha.

But this Possuk teaches us that Torah is ours, it's close and EASY for us. How? Chassidus helps us understand. And that's why Ki Karov is the basis of Tanya!

All the thoughts that stop us from doing the right thing are really nothing, it could feel huge, but it's just like a big balloon. (Blow up the balloon) The YH is a old fool. When we pop it, by saying "no silly Yetzer Hara, I won't listen to you, my action matters because I'm a Yid" (and other sentences like this) the taiva goes away instantly, and we can serve Hashem like we should! (Have a girl role play what to tell the YH, while popping the balloon)

Takeaway:

Torah and Mitzvos are easy and natural to me,
and the Yetzer Hara's ideas are nonsense.

Mission:

I showed that Torah is close to me
by doing a Mitzvah with Zrizus

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Pessukim Lingo

Being a good Yid is karov me'od—very near and natural

My thoughts, speech, AND actions all matter to Hashem

Every thought and word of mine has real impact in Hashem's world

The yetzer hara is a fool—his ideas are obviously absurd

Of course you can—Hashem gave you everything you need to succeed

Ideas

Play “hot and cold” with a Mitzvah item.

Conclude learning or davening with something tangible—
a coin in tzedakah, a concrete hachlata, a specific mitzvah

Connections

Purim- Torah and Mitzvos are what a Yid naturally wants to do. Haman tried to make life dark for the Yidden, but ultimately, with their Teshuva and Mitzvos, ליהודים היתה אורה. The YH might try to make life “dark” for us with scary and unwanted thoughts. But we have a Commander in Chief who gives us missions, and when we listen right away to Hashem, happily, the YH gets knocked out!

Davening, Chumash, Subjects throughout the day:
Make it feel “קרוב” to the students through excitement, visuals, songs, games etc. Along with giving “Pessukim praise phrases”

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צוּם נִיגוּן פֿון: הוּא אֶלְקִינוּ

כִּי קָרוֹב אֵלֶיךָ,
ס'איז גרינג און נאָענט,
פאַר מיר צו טאָן,
וואָס דער אויבערשטער מאָנט.
איר האָב די כֹּחַ און מעגליכקייט,
צו לעבן אַ לעבן פון אידישקייט.

בְּפִיָּה וּבְלִבָּהּ,
אין וואָס איר זאָג און טראַכט,
לַעֲשׂוֹתוֹ,
וואָס איר טו טאָג און נאַכט.

דער יֵצֵר מעג זאָגן נאָר גיי שפּילן,
אַבער תּוֹרָה און מִצְוֹת איז מִיין אָמֶת'ע ווילן!