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בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת  
הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

Teacher's Guide



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# Breishis

Topic to discuss & Question of the week

Why did Hashem create the world?

(2 answers)

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## GOAL:

The child should feel confident facing the world, knowing it belongs to Hashem, is inherently good, and can be elevated through their Torah and mitzvos.

[twelvepesukim.org](http://twelvepesukim.org)

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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Have you ever been scared by the sounds of thunder? How about a big dark barking? (Have kids think about what might be scary for them)

Maybe you were once in an airport or somewhere where there were a lot of goyim around, and you needed to daven. Were you uncomfortable to daven because maybe they'd laugh at you?

Breishis tells us how to not be afraid of anyone or anything besides Hashem!

The Yetzer Hara wants us to feel scared of the world, and scared to learn Torah and do Mitzvos here. But as soldiers in Tzivos Hashem, we know the truth- the world doesn't belong to the Yetzer Hara, or to the goyim, or to anyone besides- HASHEM! We don't need to be scared, because Hashem created and continues to create the world every moment, and He made it for me and you.

Hashem is the Boss of the entire world, which He created for 2 reasons- for Torah and for Yidden.

Hashem created the world in 6 days, and is constantly recreating it for us to enjoy. The first thing He created was LIGHT! Our job in the world as soldiers in

Tzivos Hashem is to light up the world by showing that Hashem is Boss- through Torah and Mitzvos, and particularly through making a Bracha. When we say Shekhakol, we are declaring "Hashem is the boss of the world, He creates everything with His words". Really, all Brachos are declaring Hashem is the Boss- He created this food.

Hashem created this entire wonderful world for me, of course I will fulfill the purpose!

(Mashal the Rebbe brings- imagine the president calling you up and giving you a fancy place in the white house next to him... Of course you'd listen to him)

## Takeaway:

Children can feel small in a big world. Bereishis answers their unspoken question: "Is the world safe? Do I matter?" Yes—because there is a Master to this palace, and He created it for Torah and for Yisrael. Jewish children aren't just surviving in a foreign environment; they're the reason the world exists.

## Goal:

I made a Bracha before I ate or drank, declaring that Hashem is Boss!

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# Pessukim Lingo

"The world has a Master—Hashem is the Ba'al Habayis"	"Every Jewish child has power to illuminate the entire world"
"The world was created for Torah and Yisrael—for me"	"Everything—even a stone—is being created by Hashem right now"
"Everything Hashem made is good; the yetzer hara just 'stole' some of it temporarily"	"The world was made to fit Hashem's ways—and I'm His soldier"

## Ideas

Focus on making Brachos and Amen in class

Story of the Overturned Inkwell

Nature walk, How can I use this for a Mitzvah

## Connections

Davening, learning: We are fulfilling the purpose of creation, why Hashem created the world

Brachos at snack time: Make a huge emphasis

Sefirah- counting down to get the Torah, purpose of creation. the world was "on edge" until this purpose would be fulfilled



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# בְּרֵאשִׁית

צום ניגון פון: נודע ביהודה



בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּרָא אֱלֹקִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ  
אין אָנהויב האָט ה' באַשאַפן די וועלט  
אַלץ אין די הימלן און די ערד

די טונקל פון נאַכט, אַ שרעקעדיקע זאַר,  
קען מיר מאַכן פילן אַזוי קליין, אַליין  
האַב ניט קיין מורא, ווייל ס'איז פאַראַן אַ בּוֹרָא,  
די וועלט איז באַשאַפן פאַר אידן און תּוֹרָה!

מיט אַ בְּרָכָה וואָס איר מאַר, איר באַווייז אַז יעדער זאַר  
איז באַשאַפן דורך די ווערטער פון ה'

דער אויבערשטער איז בְּעַל הַבַּיִת!

ווען איר טו וואס איז ריכטיג, איר מאַר די וועלט ליכטיג  
ביז די שיינ פון ה' איז אנטפלעקט אין אַלץ

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