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Fight Famine

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Let’s Get Along

Text connection: From Bereishit (Genesis) 1:27

בְּנֵלָ֖ל אָוֶֽרֶת קָרָ֣ה [מְדַלְמַדְמַדְמַד]. Be-tze-le-m e-lo-hi b’a ra (et ha-o-dom).

In God’s image was humankind created.

Questions to consider:
• Humans are created in God’s image, yet the Torah says God is not a physical being. If you can’t be like God physically, in what ways can you be like God?
• How do we show that we recognize everyone is created in God’s image?
• Brainstorm ways to treat people with dignity and respect.

Text connection:

From Bamidbar (Numbers) 24:5 and the siddur (prayer book)

מַה לְתַּֽהֲקֵלָה, תַּֽקְבֶל. Mah to va o-ha-le-cha Yo a-kav.

Balaam, a wizard, is sent to curse the people of Israel, yet when he sees the tents of the community he says, “How goodly are your tents, [O people of] Jacob.”

Questions to consider:
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Feed the Hungry

Text connection: From the opening paragraph of Birkat Hamazon (Grace after meals)

보러 아, 하노 아, 하온 아

Blessed are You, Adonai, who provides nourishment for all.

Questions to consider:
- What does it feel like to be hungry?
- How do you feel when someone smiles at you?
- What difference can you make with a smile?

Smile

Text connection: From Pirkei Avot 1:15

( condemned or good deed) adds light to mitzvah

Shammay says: Greet people with a cheerful face.

Questions to consider:
- How do you feel when someone smiles at you?
- What difference can you make with a smile?
- Should you smile when you're not feeling happy? Why or why not?

Fix the Darkness

Text connection: The beginning of the Shacharit (morning) service contains this blessing

보러 아, 하노 아, 하온 아, 하온 아, 하온 아.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God and sovereign, who has caused this to exist in the world.

Questions to consider:
- The Talmud teaches that each mitzvah (commandment or good deed) adds light to our world and changes it for the better. How can you be a light?
- What mitzvot (plural) can you do to make the world better?
- God created darkness, too. Why do we need light and dark?

Make the World Beautiful

Text connection: Rabbi Meir, a great sage, said each person should recite 100 blessings every day. One blessing is for seeing something or someone of great beauty.

Shabbat, when you look at something beautiful, you should... מה אתה באה?

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Questions to consider:
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Be the Change

Text connection: From Pirkei Avot 1:14

( Ethics of Our Ancestors)

Hillel says: If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

Questions to consider:
- What does it mean to be a light?
- What difference can you make with a smile?
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Shalom/Salaam

Text connection: From a popular folk song

There will yet be peace for us and for everyone.

Questions to consider:
- What difference can you make with a smile?
- What can you do to make the world a more beautiful place?
- What are the two languages in this poster?

Go Green

Text connection: From Bereishit (Genesis) 2:15

Go Green

God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and to watch over it.

Questions to consider:
- What does cultivate mean? What does it mean to watch over the earth?
- How can we be “green” at home and at school?
- Give an example of one way you can reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Questions to consider:
- What do we use the earth's resources for?
- In what ways do we use the earth's resources?
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Volunteer at an Animal Shelter

Text connection: From The Talmud, Bava Metzia 32b

comes to your class make?

Questions to consider:
- What teams or groups are you part of, and what do you accomplish?
- Who is the head of your class?
- What positive changes could your class make?

Questions to consider:
- What two animal shelters are shown?
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