



{ **How have you changed this year?** }

Turn, Turn, Turn

As it says in the Bible, “For everything there is a season.” Our planet has distinct seasons, and the Jewish year does, too. The fall holiday of Sukkot, when families gather together in huts under the stars, is known as “the season of our joy.” The spring holiday of Passover, when families tell the story of escaping slavery in Egypt, is called “the season of our freedom.” With every new season, we grow a little more and experience the holidays in new ways. To learn more, visit pjlibrary.org/hereistheworld.

Shabbat Shalom

One thing stays constant all year long: Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath. Each week, from sunset on Friday to nightfall on Saturday, Jews take a break and revel in some down time. Shabbat serves as an anchor for all the change and growth that takes place all the time, all year long. Shabbat is a chance for us to stop doing for a moment and focus on simply being. That’s why we wish one another “Shabbat Shalom” -- a peaceful Sabbath.

We’ve Got You Covered

At the baby-naming ceremony at the start of this book, we see a newborn wrapped in a baby blanket. It is traditional to cover many ritual objects with the same care we give to a new baby. Search this book for some covered items: a braided loaf of challah on the Shabbat table, a Torah scroll in the synagogue, and a piece of matzah (the afikomen) being hidden during the Passover meal. Throughout the book, you will spot heads covered with kippot (yarmulkes) and shoulders draped with a tallit (prayer shawl). When we cover something, we demonstrate how much we care about it.

HANDS ON!

Draw Your World

This book shows the winter world as snowy and cold, and the summer world as hot and sunny. The world can look very different depending not only on the time of year, but the region where you live. Draw some illustrations of your world, right now.

Supplies:
Paper
Crayons, markers, paints

Take a look out the window. What does your world look like to you right now? What color is the ground? What color is the sky?

Select the colors you’ll need. Depending on where you live, you might need white, brown, green, gray -- maybe even some pinks and purples.

Draw a picture of the world as it looks today, and hang it up on your fridge.

In a few months, repeat the steps. What does your world look like now? What colors will you need to draw it?

Hang your pictures side by side as a reminder of our ever-changing world.

TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR KIDS

WHICH holidays in this book take place during cold weather, and which during warm? How can you tell?

DO you recognize some of the activities and celebrations in this book? Which ones have you done with your family?

AT the start of this book, the baby is very little. Can you see how the baby grows? What is the baby able to do by the end?