

The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***Joseph Who Loved the Sabbath*** retold by Marilyn Hirsh

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. What things does Joseph buy to make his Shabbat special?
2. What things does Joseph do to prepare for Shabbat?
3. Why did Sorab sail away on a ship wearing his hat and a big ruby?
4. Discuss why Joseph spent his very last coin as he did.
5. What does Joseph give up during the week to make Shabbat more special than the other days of the week? Why is it so special for him?

Words to Watch

greedy selfish prayer shawl (tallit) Scroll of the Law: Torah

Jewish Concepts

1. Shabbat
2. Hidur Mitzvah: making a ritual or ritual object as beautiful as possible in order to honor God.
3. Treating people who work for you fairly.

Beyond the Book

1. Do you know any people who work as hard as Joseph?
2. Discuss what Sorab could have done to treat Joseph more fairly. Did Sorab know he was being unfair? Could Joseph have done anything to change the way he was treated?

Complementary Activities

1. Look at the picture on the last page of the book. Find all the things you can in this picture that are things you use or things you can do on Shabbat.
2. Find the picture of Tallit in the book. If you have one at home, put it on. Otherwise, when you go to Temple, you can try one on.
3. Save your money to buy something or make something special for Shabbat (flowers, hallah covers, napkin rings, etc.).
4. Invite a friend to Shabbat dinner.

✓ ***Please check those activities completed.***