

The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***When the Chickens Went on Strike*** by Erica Silverman

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

1. How did the chickens influence the boy?
2. What is the moral you learned from this story?
3. Do you think Kapores is a good custom? Why or why not?

Words to Watch

catastrophe negotiate “Nu?” (Yiddish for “So?”) “Sha!” (Yiddish for “Quiet!”)

Jewish Concepts

1. Kapores: The custom of waving a chicken over the head of a person whose sins are supposedly transferred to the chicken, thus ridding one of bad for the New Year.
2. Women's Section: In Orthodox synagogues, the women and men sit separately.

Beyond the Book

1. Discuss customs that your family follows and how you feel about them.
2. Discuss why people cling to traditions.

Complementary Activities

1. Draw a picture of a favorite Jewish tradition.
2. Have there been any misbehaviors in the past week? How can one make up for these without Kapores?
3. Read other stories by Sholom Aleichem.

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