

SINAI

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STORY 1 – ASKING THE NATIONS

Hashem had a special present he wanted to give to someone. Can you guess what it was? It was the Torah! His most precious gift.

Hashem was looking for people who would love and treasure his present. He asked the people of Edom, “Would you like my Torah?”

“What’s in your Torah?” they asked. “It says, you shall be gentle”.

“No thank you,” they said, “we like to be wild”.

So Hashem went to the people of Amon and Moav, “Would you like my precious Torah?”

“What’s inside?” they asked. “It says you shall be respectful.”

“No thank you,” they said, “we don’t like using our manners”.

Hashem went to the people of Yishmael, “Would you like my Torah?”

“What’s inside?” they asked. “It says you mustn’t take what isn’t yours.”

“No thank you” they said, “we like using other people’s things without asking.”

Hashem asked the Jewish people if they would like His present. “Yes please!” they said, “We would like your present! We would love to learn your Torah and do your Mitzvot!”

SONG #1 HASHEM GAVE US A PRESENT

Hashem gave us a present,
Do you know what it was?
He gave us the Torah!
And we must keep its laws.

He asked some other people,
Do you want this gift of mine?
But they said, “No thank you,
For Torah we have no time.”

Then to the Jewish People,
Hashem did go,
We said, “Na’aseh Venishma” (Yes please, we’d love to)
Because we love Him so.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Do you like receiving presents? Can you remember what it felt like when you got a present?
[excited, surprised, happy]
2. Why do the Jewish people want the Torah? What does the Torah give us?
[teaches us how to be our best selves, kind, respectful and good]

STORY 2 – CHOOSING A MOUNTAIN

Hashem was looking for a special place to give the Torah to the Jewish people. Hashem was looking for a mountain. Hashem saw a very nice, tall mountain. The mountain said, “I am so tall! I am so high! The Torah should be given on me!”

Another mountain said, “No! Don’t give the Torah on that mountain. I am much wider! I am much better! The Torah should be given on me!”

Hashem didn’t like all that fighting and arguing. He kept on looking. Hashem noticed another mountain. He was happy with himself. He wasn’t shouting and screaming. It was Har Sinai, not very tall and not very wide. But Har Sinai was the happiest mountain around. He stood quietly and confidently, without making a fuss. Hashem decided that He wanted His Torah to be given on Har Sinai!

SONG #2 I AM A MOUNTAIN

I am a mountain so very high,
I can reach way up to the sky.

The Torah should be, given on me,
Because I am as tall as can be, you see!

Oh no! I am much wider than you,
And there are so many things I can do.

The Torah should be given on me,
Because I am as great as can be you see!

But little Har Sinai stood strong inside,
I know I’m not tall, I know I’m not wide,
What matters the most, is I’m happy to be,
The way Hashem created me!

And from all the mountains,
Hashem chose Sinai,
Because he did not hold himself high.
He had such simple and humble ways,
And from this we learn that humbleness pays.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Why did Hashem choose Har Sinai?
[He was happy with himself.]
2. What do you like about yourself?
[My body, my ability to be kind and to love.]
3. Do you think being bigger is better?
[Everyone is unique and special in their own way.]

STORY 3 – RECEIVING THE TORAH

The Jewish people were very excited that Hashem was giving them His most precious gift. Moshe Rabbeinu told the Jewish people to gather around Har Sinai. Moshe built a special fence around the mountain, so no one could touch it. Hashem made flowers grow on Har Sinai to make it look beautiful.

The special day finally arrived. All the Jewish people were so excited! They took a bath, washed everything and dressed in their best clothing. The men, the woman and the children all gathered around the mountain to receive Hashem's Torah. There was loud thunder and bright lightening. All the Jewish people were very, very quiet. They listened carefully to the things that Moshe Rabbeinu was saying.

Moshe Rabbeinu went up on the mountain to learn Torah with Hashem. They waited a long time. Finally, Moshe came down from the mountain with the Luchot, and taught the Jewish people everything he had learnt. The Jewish people were so happy to have the Torah and learn all of Hashem's wisdom.

SONG #3 LITTLE TORAH

Little Torah, little Torah,
Let me hold you tight.
Teach me, teach me,
All your Mitzvot,
So I can do what's right.
The Torah teaches every Jew.
Torah, Torah, I love you!

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. If you were getting ready to receive a special gift, how would you prepare?
[Describe it]
2. How would you feel standing around Har Sinai with thunder and lightning?
[Draw it]
3. Why did the mountain need a fence, so people could not touch it?
[You don't go into someone else's space with asking their permission. We all need boundaries.]