Parshas Vayeira
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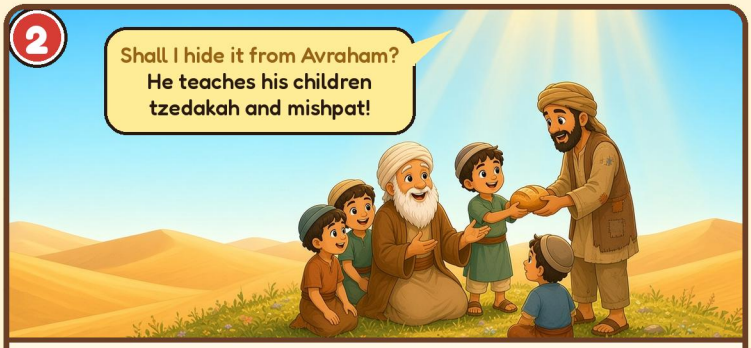
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Walking the guests וְאַבְרָהָם הֹלֵךְ עִמָּם

The men get up and look out toward Sedom. Avraham walks with them to see them off on their way – that is the mitzvah of levayah!

2



Hashem's secret הַמְכַסֶּה אֲנִי מֵאַבְרָהָם

Hashem says: "Shall I hide from Avraham what I am about to do? I love him, because he will teach his children to keep Hashem's way – doing tzedakah and mishpat."

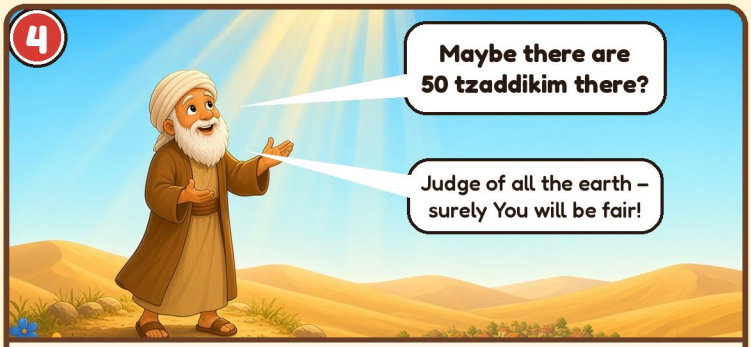
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Avraham stays וְאַבְרָהָם עוֹדֶנּוּ עֹמֵד

Hashem says: "The outcry of Sedom and Amorah is very great – I will go down and see." The two men walk on toward Sedom, but Avraham is still standing before Hashem.

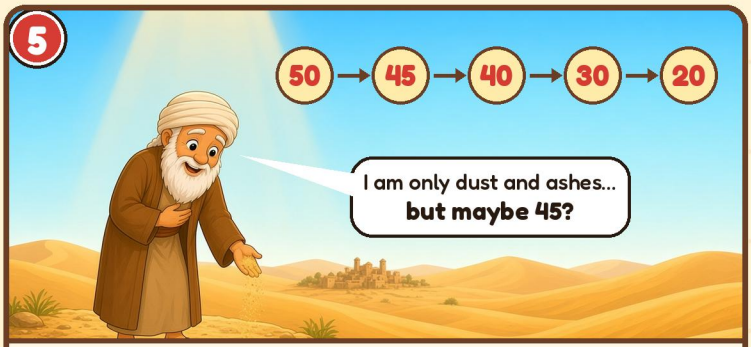
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Avraham steps up הֲסַפֶּה כָּל הָאָרֶץ

Avraham steps forward: "Will You sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Maybe there are 50 tzaddikim in the city! Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justice?"

5



Counting down... וְאָנֹכִי עָפָר וָאֵפֶר

Hashem: "If I find 50, I will spare the whole place." Avraham: "I am only dust and ashes... but maybe 45?" Then 40... 30... 20... and each time Hashem agrees!

6



Just one more time אוּלַי יִמָּצְאוּן שָׁם עֲשָׂרָה

Avraham: "Please don't be angry, I will speak just one more time – maybe only 10?" Hashem answers: "For the sake of the ten, I will not destroy it."

7



Avraham goes home

וְאַבְרָהָם שָׁב לִמְקֹמוֹ

When Hashem finished speaking with Avraham, He went. As the sun set, Avraham returned to his place. He had begged and begged – even for the people of Sedom!

Avraham cared even about Sedom!