

My Lil' Mailbox



Woof, woof! I'm Pete the Puppy back again and my tail is wagging because I'm so excited to be back with you today!



I hear you've learned about the Creation story these past emails, and you left off talking about the lights in the sky that rule the day and the night. What is your favorite part of the day? Hmm... it's hard to say what mine is. I like the day to play, but I also love my rest at night.

Today we're going to talk about the sun. Is the sun out where you live right now? It's shining here, so I'm ready to learn. Shalom!

pete

And Elohim made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and the stars.



And Elohim set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

and to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And Elohim saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:16-18
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Circle which light is the GREATER.



Hebrew Word of the Day

GADOL

גָּדוֹל

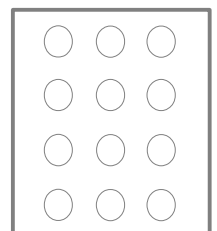
(gaw-dole')

This Hebrew word gadol means great. Why do you think the sun is "gadol", or the greater light?

It's larger. It's a lot hotter. It's of great importance. Without the sun, we would be very cold. Without the sun, plants and trees wouldn't have fuel for energy to grow.

In the Scriptures, we read of something else gadol. Aaron was appointed "ha-kohen ha-gadol", The High Priest. He was set apart as greater than the other priests.

He wore a special breastplate with stones representing the 12 Tribes of Israel, like you see here. Can you color in the stones?





This Little Light of Mine

When it's dark, what makes us feel better? Having a light to turn on! The Scriptures tell us this world is a dark place. People sin and hurt others. But when we show love and truth, we are lights that can bring healing and happiness to someone hurting.

When people see us sharing, being kind, being obedient... it makes them smile and feel happy. Matthew 5:16 tells us to, "Let your light so shine before men, so that they see your good works and praise your Father who is in the heavens."

Not only do our good deeds make people feel happy, they cause others to praise our Father in Heaven, and we know He delights in praise.

Don't let anyone blow out your light. Let it shine brightly, little friend!

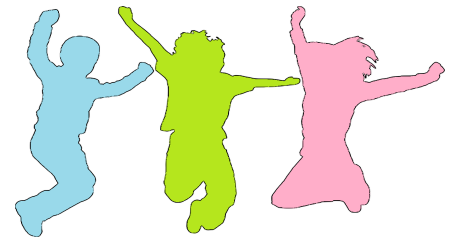


Can you think of 3 ways to let your light shine today?

(Parents, we had a hard time finding a Torah Name friendly version of this song, so feel free to find your own video or sing it along with the motions together with your child.)

Have you ever been outside and looked down to see that there's something beside you... something that looks like you?

It's your shadow! Do you know what makes your shadow? Think about it... it's the sun!



I'd like you to go outside today and look for your shadow. Do you see it? If so, is it long and tall, or is it short?

Maybe you don't see a shadow. Why do you think that is? Maybe the sun is blocked by the clouds, so even though it's daytime, you won't see it.



There's one other fun observation you can discover today. Go outside at different times, stretch your arms way up high, and ask someone to measure how tall your shadow is. One of these times will be גדול / gadol – much greater than the others.

Circle which time your shadow was גדול.

9 AM

12 PM

3 PM

6 PM

