

Tzedakah

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How do mitzvot help Jewish people feel they belong to God?

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Do you remember...?

What is the Jewish word for a good deed?	**Mitzvah**
What is the word for more than one?	**Mitzvot**
What mitzvah did Zoe do for Gran?	**Visited her when she was poorly**
Who gives Jewish people the mitzvot?	**God (in the Torah)**

Today we are finding out...

How do mitzvot help Jewish people feel they belong to God?

- ✔ I can name some different mitzvot.
- ✔ I can say what a tzedakah box is for.
- ✔ I can think of ways to give that are not money.

Who should we give to?



Someone who is hungry



Someone who is cold



Someone who is poorly



Someone who is lonely



An animal that needs a home



A family whose home was flooded

Is money the only way to help?

This is only plastic money, so it can't really help...

What else could we give if we don't have money?

Can you remember how Zoe helped her Gran?

Zoe has sent us a present!



It's a...

It's a...

It's a...

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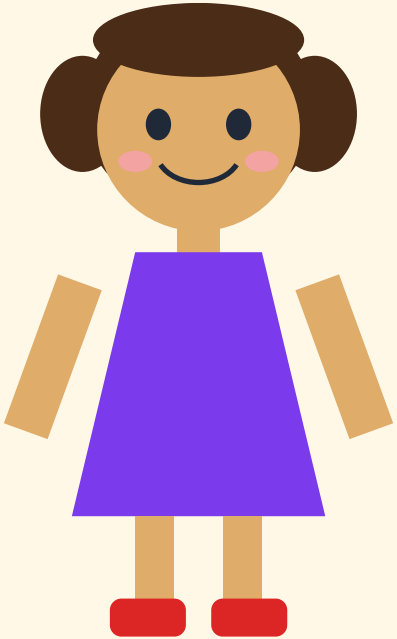
A note from Zoe

Hi everyone! It's me again.

Gran got better really quickly. When I went to visit, she gave me a present. This is it!

Gran said it would help me learn more about mitzvot. I hope you enjoy it as much as me!

Zoe



What does the book tell us about mitzvot?

It's a...
It's a...
It's a
Mitzvah

Liz Suneby & Diane Heiman

Listen and spot these words:

Shabbat
the Jewish day of rest

Tzedakah
giving to help people in need

Join in: "It's a... It's a... It's a MITZVAH!"

What different mitzvot are there?

Visit someone who is ill

Give tzedakah to help others

Welcome guests into your home

Respect your parents and grandparents

Be kind to animals

Rest on Shabbat

Look after the world and don't waste things

Say thank you to God for your food

Zoe's new idea...



When Zoe got home from Gran's, she decided to make something to help her do another mitzvah. She will show Gran next time she visits.

But it isn't finished yet! What do you think it could be?

What is a tzedakah box?



- ★ Some Jewish families have a tzedakah box at home. Some people call it a pushke.
- ★ Can you work out what it is for?
- ★ It collects money… but NOT to keep!

Tzedakah = giving to help people in need. It is the RIGHT thing to do.

Piggy bank or tzedakah box?



Piggy bank
Saves money for ME



Tzedakah box
GIVES money to help OTHERS

Video time: spot the GIVING!



What kinds of giving can you see?

- money
- food
- time
- kindness

Shalom Sesame: Helping those in Need

Click the title to open the video

Class challenge: a giant tzedakah box for Zoe!

1. Turn Zoe's box into a giant tzedakah box. Cut a slot in the top!
2. Make the Hebrew letters צְדָקָה to stick on the outside.
3. On a slip of paper, draw something you could GIVE that is not money.



Ideas: a hug · helping at home · sharing toys · reading to someone · a smile · tidying up · a card

Tzedakah in Hebrew



Start at number 1 on the right, then read right to left ←



Post your idea into the box!

Share your idea with the class, then fold it and post it through the slot.

It's a mitzvah to GIVE when you belong to the Jewish community.

Giving reminds Zoe she belongs to God and her Jewish family.

Is GIVING a mitzvah for everyone?

Teacher page: lesson plan (50 mins)

Time	Section	Slides
0–4	Shalom, recap (mitzvah / mitzvot / Zoe and Gran), objective	1–3
4–12	Who should we give to? Plastic coins by the 'need' pictures; other ways to help	4–5
12–22	Zoe's present: unwrap and read the book, spot Shabbat and tzedakah (or play the card game); different mitzvot	6–9
22–30	Zoe's unfinished box. What is a tzedakah box? Piggy bank vs tzedakah box	10–12
30–35	Shalom Sesame video: spot the giving	13
35–45	Class challenge: make the giant tzedakah box, Hebrew letters, draw 'giving' ideas	14–15
45–50	Share and post ideas in the box; is GIVING a mitzvah for everyone?	16

Resources: plastic coins · printed 'need' signs (slide 20) · 'It's a… It's a… It's a Mitzvah' (Suneby & Heiman), wrapped with Zoe's note, or the mitzvah cards (slides 18–19) · pictures of tzedakah boxes or a real one · photocopy-paper box, card, scissors, glue · paper slips.
The unit's Appendix 1 has its own mitzvah cards. Use those if you have them. KS1 writing plans for the book: education@cofesuffolk.org.
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Printable mitzvah cards (1 of 2): cut out

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Respect your parents and grandparents

Printable mitzvah cards (2 of 2): cut out

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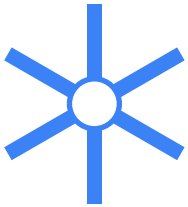
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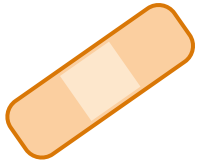
Printable 'need' signs: one per table



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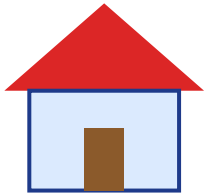
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