



KS2 Children's Service Guide

Parasha: Emor

Shabbat Info

Hebrew date: 10<sup>th</sup> Iyar, 5784

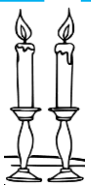
Gregorian date: 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

London Shabbat times: 20:35 – 21:49

Special events: n/a

Upcoming events in the week:  
Pesach Sheni - Wednesday

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## Key Parasha Information

### Summary

In this week's parasha we learn more laws for the Kohen (priest), Kohen Gadol (High Priest) and the services in the Mishkan (traveling temple) and the Beit HaMikdash (permanent temple). A Kohen may not have any contact with a dead body unless its his closest relatives; mother, father, wife, brother, unmarried sister, son or daughter. A kohen who has an injury or a deformity can't work in the Temple. An animal that has a defect also can't be brought as an offering.

If someone wants to use a newborn kid (goat), calf or lamb for an offering in the Temple, the baby animal must stay with their mother for seven days first. An animal and its child may not be slaughtered during the same day.

We then receive a list of some of the Holy times in the Jewish calendar; Shabbat, Pesach, the bringing of the Omer offering on the second day of Pesach, and the mitzvah to count the Omer, Shavuot, Rosh HaShannah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret.

We are then taught about lighting the menorah daily in the Mishkan, and the Lechem HaPanim (showbread), which was placed each week on the Shulchan (table).

In Emor we also learn about the consequence for causing someone to have an injury or for destroying someone's belongings.

### Discovery

Did you know that Jewish cemeteries have separate areas for kohanim?

Did you know that the Omer offering was a handful of grain that was brought on the Second day of Pesach?

Did you know that the Lechem HaPanim had a miracle upon it and stayed fresh all week?

## Parasha Thinking

- 1) During Pesach, Shavuot and Succot, the Jewish people used to walk to the Beit HaMikdash. What do you think they did if they lived a fair distance away?
- 2) In your opinion, if someone broke someone else's property accidentally but because they were being careless, should they need to replace it?
- 3) How does the word, grain, link to the Parasha?



Counting the Omer: Day 25

Today is the 25<sup>th</sup> day making three weeks and four days of the omer.

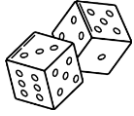
### Pesach Sheni

One year after leaving Egypt, the Jewish people were in the desert and Hashem (G-d) asked them to bring the Pesach offering on the 14<sup>th</sup> Nissan, as they had done the previous year. They would eat it that evening together with matzah and marror (bitter herbs).

Unfortunately, there were members of the Jewish nation who were impure because they had come in contact with a dead body and were not allowed to prepare the Pesach offering on that day. They spoke to Moshe (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron), as they were sad that they couldn't participate in this Mitzvah. In response Hashem declared that they would be able to bring the offering one month later when they were pure, on the 14<sup>th</sup> Iyar, which will be known as Pesach Sheni (Second Passover).

### Games

#### 1) Order, Order



Link: We need to know the order of the Chaggim so that we can prepare what we need for the upcoming chag.

All the participants stand around the room and children's service leader asks them to line up in order based on a criteria such as height, number of pets or door number of their home. They may not talk whilst getting into their line so they should find other ways to communicate.

#### 2) Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament on the TABLE

Link: the lechem hapanim bread was placed on the table each week.

There are three choices of hand signal, representing a rock (fist), paper (flat hand), and scissors (open pointer and index finger). Rock beats scissors because it blunts the metal; paper beats rock because it can cover it; and scissors beat paper because they can cut it. If both players throw the same hand signal, it is considered a tie, and play resumes until there is a clear winner. **Although this is normally played with hands in the air, this time, it should be played on a tabletop.** The winner stays on and plays the next person until there is an overall champion.

#### 3) Moo Off

Link: a calf, kid or lamb may not be slaughtered on the same day as its parent

Two children get down on all fours facing each other (if it is safe to do so). They take it in turns to moo like a cow and the first player to laugh is eliminated. The winner takes on the next child from the group, for another moo off.

Story (One of the children can read this out loud – encourage them to use expression.)



"Let's make him a giant card from all of us!" said Jordana, excitedly.

"Yes, and we can all write a message, saying we hope his leg gets better soon!" added Grant.

Poor Matt had to stay in hospital a few days because he broke his leg. He was worried about missing out on the school trip tomorrow but there was nothing he could do – tomorrow they were going to put his ankle in a cast.

That afternoon, Sally and her mum came to visit Matt in the ward. He was very pleased to see a couple of friendly faces. Matt chatted to Sally and the Mums spoke to each other, too. "I can't believe I'm missing the London trip tomorrow," sighed Matt, "I'd been looking forward to this since I found out about it when I was in Year 1 and now I'm nearly finishing Year 6." Sally thought hard – 'what can I do to help? I know, I could take photographs during the trip and visit Matt again, to show his everything we see and everything we do!' She suggested this to Matt, who was so grateful.

The next day, Sally carefully packed her camera. Mum had emailed the school first thing in the morning to let them know the plan and that she gave her permission for Sally to bring in her expensive camera. Miss Smith emailed back to confirm that this was ok.

Before Sally knew it, she was on the first train. She pulled out her camera and gasped, "Oh no, oh no! Noooo!" Everyone turned to look at her. "I can't believe I've done something so careless – I didn't check the batteries and they're totally out of power. Now I can't even switch it on! Oh but need to because I comforted Matt, telling him I'd take photos!" she began to weep.

Despite the hiccup with the batteries, everyone really did have a lovely day and was exhausted when they got back to school. Sally went straight to the hospital again and was surprised to see Matt asleep. Mum asked how the trip was and told her that Matt is so excited to see the photos when he wakes up later. Sally explained what had happened and told Matt's mum how embarrassed she was. "Don't be silly," said his Mum, "it's totally fine! In the summer holidays Matt will be walking really well by then - you and him can go into London for a take 2. Matt will make up for the trip he missed and you can use the time for your photographs."

This certainly put a smile on Sally's face – "It's like I'm having a second chance! ... I'll make sure that I bring spare batteries – don't want to have to make it a third!"

1) What can we learn from this story and how does it connect to Pesach Sheni? (see sheet 1 for more information on Pesach Sheni)

2) Have you had a second chance at something? What happened and how did you feel?

3) People celebrate Pesach Sheni by eating some Matza. How much matza do you have left over from Pesach (Passover)?