

Teacher's Lesson Flow: He Went (Vayelech) ויילך
Deuteronomy 31:1-30 ~ Hosea 14:2-10 ~ Micah 7:18-20 ~ Acts 21-23

Life Verse Practice: Deuteronomy 31:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them;
for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you.
He will not leave you nor forsake you.

5.

Reinforcing the WORD to Build "Banah" lives

- a. Prayer and Praise Words to Thank YHVH God.
- b. Review Life Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6.
- c. Review Hebrew letters and vocabulary.
- d. How did God encourage Israel?
- e. How did God's words to Israel help them?
- f. What was Israel's attitude to be?
- g. What did God promise His people even when they turned away from Him?
- h. How will you remember that the Lord is with you and wants you to can help you?

4.

New Testament
"B'rit Chadashah"

- a. Paul needed encouragement
-Acts 22:25, 23:2, 10;
23:27-30
- b. God's words to Paul
- Acts 23:11

**God's
Encouragement**

1.

PRAISE "Hallel" **Start Here**

- a. Practice Prayer and Praise Words to the Lord Including the Fruit of the Spirit Definition and Hebrew Praise Word.
- b. Life Verse Practice
- c. Hebrew Writing Practice
- d. Read Story

Children's work pages begin here!

2.

God's Teachings / "Torah"

- a. Be strong and of courage
-Deuteronomy 31:1-6
- b. God's encouraging words
-Deuteronomy 31:3-6
- c. Moses encourages Joshua
-Deuteronomy 31:7,8
- d. Warning of Israel's future
-Deuteronomy 31:16-17

3.

Prophets/Writings "Haftarah"

- a. God's promises
-Hosea 14:4,7,8
- b. Micah's description of God
-Micah 7:18

Teacher's Special Instructions

We start with a lesson on the Hebrew language. We will both write and speak Hebrew.

We do this for two reasons:

- 1) All students are at the same level in learning a new language, and they enjoy it.
- 2) It gives the students a chance to learn biblical truths embedded in the original language of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). Start by pointing out they are used to reading from left to right, but Hebrew reads from right to left. They also will need to write Hebrew from right to left.

New Hebrew words transliterated

Vayelech (He went)

Chazaq (Strong)

Vahahmatzu (Courageous)

Materials and Vocabulary:

- a. White board, black board or large easel and paper
- b. Markers
- c. Handouts or writing paper for the students
- d. Pens or pencils for the students
- e. The words used on their Hebrew writing pages are all words that are related to each individual lesson. Generally, a Hebrew word is chosen from the lesson and emphasized each week, both to teach character and increase understanding of the concepts being taught. New words will be in the box on the upper right of this page. Various names of God will also be taught in Hebrew.

Preparation:

- a. Choose 2 or 3 Hebrew words from the Hebrew writing page(s). On the board, write the words in English and in the transliterated form given in the left column of the Hebrew writing page(s).
- b. Leave space to write the word in Hebrew.
- c. Explain that the letters they see on the page are written in book print like they might see on a sign, or that they would print themselves.

Procedure:

- a. Demonstrate the writing procedure of two or three Hebrew words on the board. Have the students follow your directions on their work pages. Be sure to point out the special features of each letter. Be sure to write from right to Left.
- b. Then have the students try a few words on their own, or complete the rest of the page. The ability to finish the whole exercise will depend on how much time you have. (2 to 5 minutes time is needed to finish the page.)

Israeli street sign



Games/Activities: Normally games are played after children's work pages are complete.

General game instructions are on page 193.

Prayer and Praise Words

(Thank you ...Bless you...)

FAITHFULNESS: Thank you, Lord, **that You will always care for me and never leave me.**

1. Let's thank God for one thing He has blessed you with this week.
- Whisper a Thank you to the Holy Spirit for FAITHFULNESS, that You will always care for me and never leave me!
 - Shout a Thank you to the Holy Spirit for showing FAITHFULNESS to me!

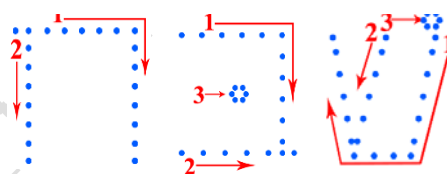
PRAISE is a way to **THANK GOD** for **HIS Goodness** to us and others.



Chet

Beit

Sheen



Praise word: **Shabach**

EXPRESS Confidence in God's Ability

Shabach means: "to shout, to address in a loud tone, to command, to triumph"

Psalm 63:3 (NKJV)

Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life, My lips shall praise You.

Life Verse Practice: Deuteronomy 31:6 (NKJV)

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them;

for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

Vayelech – He Went וילך

Deut. 31:1-30; Hosea 14:2-10; Joel 12:15-27; Acts 21-23



Have you ever lived in a house for a long time? If you have, you know all your neighbors.

You have friends in you neighborhood, and you know all the kids at your school. You know what to expect where you live. Then one day your parents say, "We are moving to a new place – a different country!"

Oh, my! How do you feel? Are you a little bit afraid.

In our Torah portion today, Moses is telling all Israel to be strong and have good courage. Why did he need to say that? He was telling the people that they were about to cross over into a new land – they were moving to a **new country**, and **he** would not be going with them. The people knew there were strong nations where they would be going, and they would have to fight these strong nations. God knew they were afraid. Listen to what Moses said to them: He said, The LORD your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall take the land they are in. The LORD will give them over to you. Be strong and of good courage. Do not fear nor be afraid of them, for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:1-6)

How do you think these words would help the Israelites not to be afraid?

Do you know these words are for you too?



Then Moses told the people that Joshua would be their new leader. Moses said to Joshua, Be strong and of good courage for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD promised to their fathers. And again he said, And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you, He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you. Do not fear nor be dismayed. (Deuteronomy 31:7,8)

Why do you think Moses repeated these words?

How will these words help you when you are afraid?

So things were changing for Israel. They were going to have a new country and a new leader; Moses was about to die and Joshua would now lead them. They were about to leave the wilderness where God had fed them with manna every day, and they were going to war with nations bigger and stronger than they were. But what was their attitude to be? Let's say God's words to them right outloud: (All say together)

BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE; DO NOT FEAR NOR BE DISMAYED FOR THE LORD IS THE ONE WHO GOES WITH YOU. HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU. (Deut. 31:6,8)





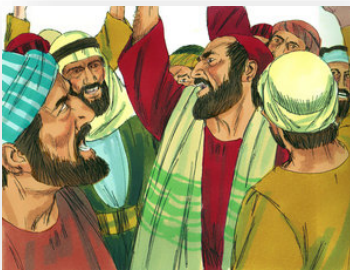
Then the Lord told them some very **sad** words. Though He would not leave them THEY WOULD LEAVE HIM, and they would worship idols! When this happened, God's anger would be aroused, and He would allow them to be *devoured!* (Deuteronomy 31:16,17)

But God would keep His promises to them for the prophets Hosea and Micah tell us that though they did worship idols, God said these words: I will heal their backsliding. I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away. Those who live under His shadow shall return and be revived! (Hosea 14:4,7,8)

How great is our God? Can you name all the things He would do for His people even though they had turned away from Him?

Micah proclaims, Who is a God like you? You forgive iniquities and Passover transgression. You do not retain your anger forever, because You delight in mercy!

(Micah 7:18a,19) Wow! What do you learn from this about being angry? How do you want to give God praise for His amazing love?



Many years later, Paul was chosen by God to tell people about who Yeshua is and how Yeshua loves them.

Paul was doing just what God wanted, but the people he was talking to were angry when they heard these words and wanted to **kill Paul!** (Acts 23:27-30) Paul was tied up and struck in the mouth;

there was so much fighting about Paul's words that it was feared Paul might be pulled to pieces. (Acts 22:25,23:2,10) Even though

they could find nothing he had done that deserved death, still there

were some who said they would neither eat nor drink til they had killed him. (Ac. 23:14,21)




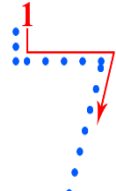


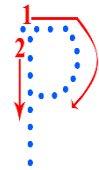
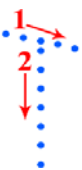
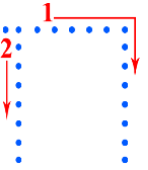

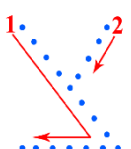
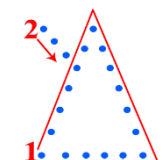
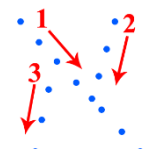

BUT, the following night the **Lord stood by him and said, Be of good cheer, Paul;** for as you have told people about Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome. (Ac. 23:11)

Did God encourage Paul the same way He had encouraged His people when they were about to go to a new country?

How was God just the same with Paul as He was with His people in the wilderness?

How will you remember that the Lord is with you and wants you to be of good cheer?

God's Encouragement

Hebrew /English	 Write and read Hebrew from right to left  Start here
Vayelech / He went	<div>Final Kauf</div>  <div>Lamed</div>  <div>Yood</div>  <div>Vav</div> 
Practice Writing	
Chazaq / Be Strong	<div>Koof</div>  <div>Zayin</div>  <div>Chet</div> 
Practice Writing	
Vahahmatzu /and be Courageous	<div>Vav</div>  <div>Tsadee</div>  <div>Mem</div>  <div>Aleph</div>  <div>Vav</div> 
Practice Writing	

We are moving to a different country!
How do you feel? Are you a little bit afraid?



Moses is telling all Israel to be strong and courageous!

Why did Moses need to say that?

Israel was moving to a new country
and Moses was not going with them.

The people knew there were strong nations there
and they would have to fight them.

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Deuteronomy 31:3, 6 (NKJV)

³ The LORD your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as the LORD has said. ...

⁶ Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

(Circle answers and write in blanks below.

2. God promised to cross over before Israel and fight for them, so what did the LORD ask Israel to do? Be _____ and of good _____
1. God loved Israel, how did HE promise to help them not to be afraid?
He is the One who _____ you. He will _____ you
nor _____ you.

Do you know these words are for you too?



Things were changing for the people of Israel



TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Deuteronomy 31:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷ Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.

⁸ And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

Circle Answers and write in blanks:

1. Who was going to be the new leader of Israel? _____
2. What was Joshua to do? _____ with this _____ to the _____ which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them and _____ shall cause them to inherit it.

The LORD promised four things to Joshua and the people of Israel, what were they?

He is the One who _____ you. He will be _____ you,
He will _____ you nor _____ you;

3. What attitude was Israel to show? Do not _____ nor be _____.
4. Why do you think Moses repeated the same words in Deuteronomy 31:6 and 8.
5. How will the words in Deuteronomy 31:6 and 8 help you when you are afraid?



The LORD God told Moses
that the people of Israel
would leave God and worship idols!

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws)
Deuteronomy 31:16-17 (NIV)

...They will forsake me and break the covenant
I made with them.¹⁷ And in that day I will become
angry with them
and forsake them; I will hide my face from them,
and they will be destroyed.
Many disasters and calamities will come on them,
and in that day they will ask, 'Have not these
disasters come on us because our God
is not with us?'



1. Underline the consequences for the people of Israel when they leave God and break covenant with Him.

How great is our God? Can you name all the things He would do for His people even though they had turned away from Him?

God will keep His promises to Israel. The prophets Hosea and Micah tell us that God said:

- I will heal their backsliding
- I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away.
- Those who live under His shadow shall return and be revived!

Micah 7:18 (NKJV)

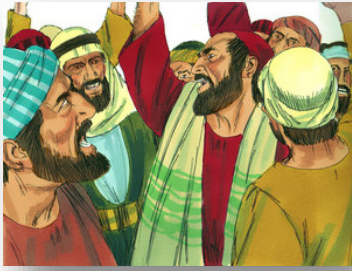
¹⁸Who is a God like You,

Pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant
of His heritage?

He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights *in* mercy.

2. Underline what God promises to do for His people.

Paul was chosen to tell people about Yeshua (Jesus) and how He loves them, but some people did not receive His message and wanted to kill him.



BRIT CHADASHAH (New Testament) Acts 22:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

BRIT CHADASHAH (New Testament)

Acts 23:2 (NKJV)

² And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.

Acts 23:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now when there arose a great dissension, the commander, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring *him* into the barracks.

Acts 23:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

Acts 23:27-29 (NKJV)

²⁷ This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them. Coming with the troops I rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman.

²⁸ And when I wanted to know the reason they accused him, I brought him before their council. ²⁹ I found out that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but had nothing charged against him deserving of death or chains.

1. Did God encourage Paul the same way He had encouraged is people Israel when they were about to go into a new country? Yes or No
2. How was God just the same with Paul as He was with His people in the wilderness?
The _____ by him and said, "Be of _____, Paul..."

How will you remember that the Lord is with you and wants you to be of good cheer?



Read the _____


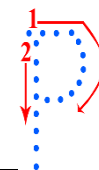



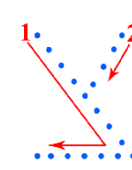
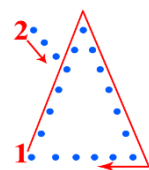
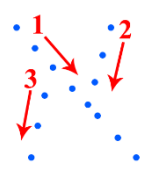

Listen to _____

Talk with _____

Memorize Deuteronomy 31:6

Life Verse Practice: Deuteronomy 31:6 (NKJV)

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Hebrew/English	Read and Write Hebrew Letters from right to left 				
Chazaq / Be Strong			Koof	Zayin	Chet
					
Vahahmatzu? /and be Courageous	Vav	Tsadee	Mem	Aleph	Vav
					

Barook (Blessing)

May Yeshua bless you as you remember: with God all things are possible.

(Teacher note: You can bless the students at the end of the class with this blessing as a whole group or individually.)

Games and Activities Teacher Instructions

For each of the lessons one of the games has been suggested to re-enforce the theme of the lesson. We have used the following games in a variety of ways. You can use the game suggested or choose another which fits your students and your time frame.

A list of general games that can be used for any/all lessons is included on page 193.

ALEPH BET LETTER PRACTICE

Practice the letters 16 through 20 with the Say, Trace and Write worksheet on page 214.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Students use the scramble match game on pages 209 and 208 to review the attributes of God.

Each one write one is a game that works well with the older students. The students write the questions with this one and then the opposing team tries to answer them. This takes a bit of time and you may have to be ready to give some starting suggestions. You could have them make up the questions at the end of a class as a review and play the game as a start for the next class.