

Know Your Niggun – “Yodati”: Video, Audio, Song Sheet, and Worksheet

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Grade Level: Elementary, Middle School

Description:

How many times have you listened to your students passionately sing a contemporary song without having any idea as to its translation or significance? Earlier this year, Rabbi Baruch Levine determined to raise awareness in this area and partnered with Torah Umesorah to create the “Know Your Niggun” project. With this novel concept, a popular song is presented through multimedia, where the words of the song are interspersed with powerful visualizations, real life examples, and a conceptual (not necessarily literal) English translation. “Yodati” is the first installment in this proposed series and graphically demonstrates that no matter how much effort we humans exert, ultimately we are in the Hands of Hashem, “like clay in the hands of the potter.” This video is accompanied by a song sheet and a worksheet. Your students will appreciate this captivating, professionally-made video and will seamlessly imbibe the message that the song is meant to impart. Please note: Included with this material is the video file, audio file, song sheet, and worksheet. If you would like to stream this video directly, [please search for Know Your Niggun in our audio video library.](#)

Please have in mind that the zechusim generated as a result of this video should bring a refuah shelaima to Ahuva bas Esther.

Materials Needed:

- Computer with projector OR DVD player

Instructions:

1. Distribute the song sheet.
2. Show the video to your students.
3. Initiate a hashkafa discussion about the song and video.
4. Distribute the worksheet and instruct the students to complete it.
5. Ask your students to give their own examples of the concept of כחומר ביד היוצר.
6. Show the video to your students again and invite them to sing along.

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Additional Tips:

You may wish to present this video before the Yamim Noraim when explaining the tefilla that includes כחומר ביד היוצר.

YODATI - ידעתי**1) LOW**

Master of heaven and earth,
 יְדַעְתִּי I know
 That I am in Your hands Hashem,
 Just Your hands alone
 Like clay in the palms of the one
 Who shapes it with care
 כְּחֹמֶר בְּיַד הַיּוֹצֵר

2) MID

And if I would try my own plans and
 ideas
 To change what You have decreed
 And if all the world were to gather
 and help me,
 I know I could never succeed
 For without You Hashem
 There's no hope, there's no force,
 there's no power
 אֵין עֲזָרָה וַיְשׁוּעָה
 אֵין עֲזָרָה וַיְשׁוּעָה

3) HIGH

Oh..Master of heaven and earth,
 יְדַעְתִּי I know yes I know
 That I am in Your hands Hashem,
 Just Your hands alone all alone
 For without You Hashem
 There's no hope, there's no force,
 there's no power
 אֵין עֲזָרָה וַיְשׁוּעָה
 אֵין עֲזָרָה וַיְשׁוּעָה

4) LOW

Master of heaven and earth,
 יְדַעְתִּי I know

That I am in Your hands Hashem,
 Just Your hands alone all alone
 Like clay in the palms of the one
 Who shapes it with care
 כְּחֹמֶר בְּיַד הַיּוֹצֵר

5) MID

ואם גם אֶתְאַמֵּץ בְּעֲצוֹת וְתַחְבוּלוֹת וְתַחְבוּלוֹת
 וְכָל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל יַעֲמְדוּ לִימִינִי
 לְהוֹשִׁיעַנִי וְלִתְמֹךְ נַפְשִׁי,
 מִבְּלַעֲדֵי עֲזָדָה וְעֲזָרְתָּהּ,
 אֵין עֲזָרָה וַיְשׁוּעָה
 אֵין עֲזָרָה וַיְשׁוּעָה

6) HIGH

Oh..Master of heaven and earth,
 יְדַעְתִּי I know yes I know
 That I am in Your hands Hashem,
 Just Your hands alone all alone
 כִּי הִנְנִי בְּיָדְךָ לְבַד
 כְּחֹמֶר בְּיַד הַיּוֹצֵר

7) HIGH

And if I would try my own plans and
 ideas
 To change what You have decreed
 And if all the world were to gather
 and help me,
 I know I could never succeed
 For without You Hashem
 מִבְּלַעֲדֵי עֲזָדָה וְעֲזָרְתָּהּ,
 אֵין עֲזָרָה וַיְשׁוּעָה
 אֵין עֲזָרָה וַיְשׁוּעָה
 For without You Hashem,
 There's no hope, there's no force,
 there's no power
 אֵין עוֹד מִלְּבַדוֹ

"יִצְטִי"

תפילה מהרה הקדוש רבי מאיר הלוי מאפסא

רְבוּן הַעֲלֵמִים _____
יִצְטִי _____
כִּי הִגַּלְתָּ הַיָּדָא לְהֵדָא _____
בְּחֹמֶר הַיָּד הַיְזִירָה. _____
וְאִם עָס אֶתְאֵמֵץ _____
הַצִּזוֹת וְתַחֲבֹלוֹת _____
וְכֵל יוֹשֵׁה' תַּהֲלֵם יִצְמָדוּ לְמִנִּי _____
לְהוֹשִׁיעַנִי וְלִתְמַחַךְ גַּבְשִׁי, _____
מֵהִלְעָד אֶזְכֶּךָ וְאֶזְכְּרֶנְךָ. _____
אִין אֶזְכְּרָה וְיִשְׁעָה. _____

What is the lesson of this song?

When in our history have we seen people try to outsmart Hashem without success?

Draw a picture illustrating your answer to the above: