

Three Middos Tovos Songs

By Mrs. Shoshana Kruger

Grade Level: Elementary

Description:

Three songs about middos tovos which are sung to well known tunes. All of the songs contain important lessons that your students will enjoy singing over and over again. One song is in English and is about Simcha. Another song, also in English, is about the Sheish Zechiros. And the last song is from the mishna in Pirkei Avos which discusses welcoming the poor into our homes. The words of the mishna are quoted followed by an explanation in English.

Goals/Objectives:

Students will enjoy singing these songs and will internalize their important messages.

Instructions:

Simcha Song

1. Discuss various emotions with your students. Give your students scenarios and allow them to tell you how each situation would make them feel.
2. Tell your students about the importance of Middas Hasimcha. Include a story about someone who went through a difficult experience with a smile.
3. Ask your students how they could make others happy. Discuss if there is any way they could feel happy when undergoing a difficult experience. (Refer back to the scenarios you originally discussed.)
4. Teach your students the simcha song.

Sheish Zechiros

1. Explain the inyan of remembering the Sheish Zechiros each day.
2. Discuss the importance of each of the Sheish Zechiros and why we need to remember it daily.
3. Teach the song.
4. Sing the song each day after davening.

Welcoming the Poor

1. Teach your students the mishna in Pirkei Avos.
2. Discuss what it means to be poor and why a poor person may want to come to your home.
3. Discuss the benefits (it's a mitzvah, etc.) compared to the losses (loss of parental attention, loss of privacy, etc) of having poor people as guests.
4. Teach your students the song.

THREE SONGS FOR MIDOS TOVOS

SIMCHA SONG

Tune: I have a little Dreidel

Lyrics: Morah S. Kruger

I have a special secret, but I will let you in
It's all about **SIMCHA** ... that it was born a "twin"

It starts off with a **SMILE**
That spreads from ear to ear
Now everyone who sees you, your **Simcha** they will share

So, every now and then if you're down for a while
Turn your frown around with a great big smile
Do a deed for others, show them that you care
Simcha is a feeling that was meant to share

Now you know the secret of the Simcha power
It's something you can do, any day and any hour
A letter or a phone call, a visit to spread cheer
All who are **IN-JOY** ... their **Simcha** they must share!

So, every now and then if you're down for a while
Turn your frown around with a great big smile
Do a deed for others, show them that you care
Simcha is a feeling that was meant to share!

Pirkei Avos:

יְהוָה בֵּיתְךָ פָּתַח לְרוּחָהּ
וַיְהִי צְנִיף בֵּן בֵּיתְךָ
Open the door
To let in the poor
Help them to feel
right at home.

Tune: Boruch Hamokom
S. Kruger

שש זכירות

Tune: It's a Small World

Lyrics: Shoshana Kruger

There are שש זכירות to remember each day

The *loshon horo* that MIRIAM did say

The evil AMALEK attacked on the way

And SHABBOS, a special day

YITZIAS MITZRAYIM when we became free

The CHAIT HO-EIGEL made from gold jewelry

The MA-A-MAD HAR SINAI : Torah for you and me

REMEMBER the שש זכירות .