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1. Who told Sara that Avraham was about to kill Yitzchak? AN ANGEL
2. Sara went to the city of חֶבְרוֹן / *Chevron* to find out if it was true. What did she ask her friends who were giants? IF THEY SAW A MAN AND HIS SON ON A MOUNTAIN
3. The giants stood on their toes. What did they tell her? THEY SAW A MAN HOLDING A KNIFE OVER A BOY
4. When Sara heard this, what happened to her? SHE DIED
5. Was Sara a very good woman? YES
6. The Torah says she was 100 years old and 20 years old and 7 years old when she died. This is because when she was 100 years old, she was just like a woman of 20 who ISN'T PUNISHED FOR HER SINS
7. When Sara was 20 years old, she was just like a girl of 7 who is VERY PRETTY
8. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Avraham went to Beer Sheva where he and Sara lived. He didn't see Sara there so he went to Chevron. Name the place Avraham wanted to buy to bury Sara. הַמְּכַפְּלָה / *ma-a-rat ha-mach-pai-la* (the Cave of Machpaila)
9. Avraham told the בְּנֵי חֵת / *Bnai Chait* that he wanted to buy a place to bury Sara. They said he could take any piece of land he wanted. Avraham said he wanted the Cave of Machpaila. He talked to the owner עֶפְרוֹן / *Efron*. How much did Efron want Avraham to pay for the cave at first? NOTHING
11. In the end, how much did Avraham pay Efron for the Cave? 400 SILVER SHEKELS
12. Was 400 silver shekels a lot of money or not very much? A LOT
13. Why did Efron tell Avraham that he could have the Cave of Machapila for free, and then tell Avraham to pay a lot of money for it? BECAUSE EFRON WAS SELFISH AND LIKED MONEY, AND ALSO BECAUSE HE MADE PROMISES HE DID NOT KEEP
14. Did Avraham tell Efron that he did not want to pay so much money for the Cave of Machpaila? NO
15. Avraham wanted the Cave of Machpaila because he knew that צְדִיקִים / *tzadikim* (good Jewish people) either were buried there or would be buried there. Why did Avraham get a receipt from Efron? IF SOMEONE TRIED TO SAY THE CAVE DID NOT BELONG TO HIM OR HIS DESCENDANTS, HE COULD PROVE THAT HE BOUGHT IT
16. Avraham asked his helper אֱלִיעֶזֶר / *Eliezer* to find a wife for his son Yitzchak. Avraham told Eliezer not to look for a wife in Canaan but to go to חָרָן / *Charan*. Who lived in Charan? AVRAHAM'S FAMILY
17. Eliezer got a letter from Avraham. What did the letter say? THAT YITZCHAK WOULD GET ALL HIS THINGS WHEN HE DIED

2 - Questions to פְּרַשְׁתַּי שָׂרָה / Parshat Chayai Sara

18. Eliezer took a lot of presents that Avraham gave him. He went to the well in Charan. He said a prayer that he should find a nice woman. What would he ask the woman? TO GIVE HIM A DRINK

19. What would the nice woman offer to give Eliezer? WATER FOR HIM AND ALSO FOR HIS CAMELS

20. Eliezer saw Rivka. What miracle did ה' do for her when she came to the well? THE WATER CAME TO HER BY ITSELF

21. Eliezer asked Rivka for some water. What did she say? SHE WOULD GIVE WATER TO HIM AND TO HIS CAMELS

22. Did Rivka ask Eliezer for money for helping him? NO

23. Eliezer knew he found a good woman for Yitzchak. What did he give her? PRESENTS (a nose ring and 2 golden bracelets)

24. Eliezer went to Rivka's house. She had a brother לָבָן / Lavan. He saw his sister Rivka wearing the jewelry. Why did he run to meet Eliezer? BECAUSE LAVAN THOUGHT ELIEZER ALSO BROUGHT HIM SOME PRESENTS

25. Rivka's family told Eliezer to eat. But he said he would not until he told Rivka's family why he came. After he explained why he came, he asked Rivka's family permission to bring Rivka to Yitzchak. What did her brother Lavan say? O.K.

26. Why was Lavan rude? BECAUSE HE ANSWERED ELIEZER AND DID NOT LET HIS FATHER TALK

27. Rivka and Lavan had a father named בְּתוּאֵל / Betu-ail. He put poison in Eliezer's soup so he could kill Eliezer and get his presents. The angel of ה' changed the bowls of soup. What happened? BETU-AIL ATE THE POISON AND DIED

28. The next morning, Eliezer said he wanted to take Rivka to meet Yitzchak right away. What did Rivka's family want her to do? STAY IN CHARAN FOR A YEAR

29. When they asked Rivka what she wanted to do, what did she say? SHE WANTED TO LEAVE RIGHT AWAY

30. Why was she in such a hurry to leave her family? BECAUSE THEY WERE BAD PEOPLE WHO PRAYED TO IDOLS, AND SHE WAS EXCITED ABOUT MAYBE MARRYING YITZCHAK

31. Yitzchak and Rivka got married. Did they love each other a lot? YES

32. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Avraham married קְטוּרָה / Ketura. Some rabbis say Keturah was really another name for who? HAGAR

33. Avraham and Keturah had many children. But who got all of Avraham's things after he died? YITZCHAK

34. Avraham was 175 years old when he died. Where did Yitzchak and Yishma-ail bury him? IN THE MA-A-RAT HAMACHPAILA