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Answers to all *parsha* and holiday questions are in CAPITAL LETTERS after each question. "EXTRA CREDIT" questions are somewhat difficult. Please note that 'ה = Hashem = G-d.

1. In how many days did 'ה make the world? SIX
2. What was the earth like before 'ה made anything on it? DARK AND FULL OF WATER
3. On the first day of the Making of the World, there was darkness. So what did 'ה make? LIGHT
4. Sometimes it was light outside and sometimes it was dark. What did 'ה call the light that He made? DAY
5. What did 'ה call the darkness? NIGHT
6. On the second day of the Making of the World, there was water everywhere. So where did 'ה put the water so people could breathe? HE PUT SOME HIGH UP AND SOME HE LEFT ON THE EARTH
7. On the third day of the Making of the World, there were no dry spots anywhere. So 'ה put all the water in one place, and He made the bodies of water. What was left where the water used to be? DRY LAND
8. Also on the third day of the Making of the World, what did 'ה make grow on the dry land? PLANTS, FRUITS, TREES, VEGETATION, FLOWERS, ETC.
9. On the fourth day of the Making of the World, 'ה went back to the sky and He made three things. What? THE SUN, THE MOON AND THE STARS
10. On the fifth day of the Making of the World, 'ה for the first time made small things that breathe and have life. What did He make? BIRDS, BUGS, FISH AND SMALL ANIMALS
11. On the sixth day of the Making of the World, 'ה made the big animals. He then made something very important. What? PEOPLE
12. 'ה made two kinds of human beings, male and female. What is a male and what is a female? MALE IS A BOY AND A MAN; FEMALE IS A GIRL AND A WOMAN
13. What did 'ה tell people to have many of? BABIES
14. What did people and animals eat? FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
15. What did Hashem call the seventh day? SHABAT
16. What did 'ה make on Shabat? NOTHING
17. What should Jews do on Shabat? REST; NOT DO ANY WORK
18. Why should Jews rest on Shabat? SO THEY CAN BE LIKE 'ה
19. The Torah tell us *what* 'ה made on each of the six days. But it does not tell us *how* He made anything. They are secrets. How can a Jew know the secrets about how 'ה made the world? STUDY THE TORAH
20. What was the first man's name? אָדָם / ADAM
21. What was Adam made from? THE DUST OF THE GROUND AND WATER
22. How did 'ה make Adam become alive? BY BREATHING INTO HIS NOSTRILS
23. Where did Adam live? IN גַּן עֵדֶן / GAN AIDEN (the Garden of Eden)

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24. ה' told Adam not to eat from Tree of Knowing Good and Bad. Name some of the bad things ה' said would happen if Adam ate from it. HE WOULD DESERVE TO DIE; HE WOULD BECOME JEALOUS OF OTHERS; HE WOULD WANT TO DO BAD THINGS; ETC.
25. There were two reasons why ה' brought the animals to Adam. What are they? (1) TO TRY TO FIND A WIFE TO MARRY; (2) TO GIVE THEM NAMES
26. Did Adam find a wife to marry from the animals? NO
27. How was the first woman made? ה' TOOK OUT ONE OF ADAM'S RIBS AND MADE SKIN AROUND IT
28. What was the first woman's name? חַוָּה / CHAVA
29. What did Adam tell her not to do to the Tree of Knowing Good and Bad? EAT FROM IT OR TOUCH IT
30. Did ה' tell Adam not to touch the Tree of Knowing Good and Bad? NO
31. What did snakes do that people do today? WALK AND TALK
32. The snake wanted Chava to eat from the Tree of Knowing Good and Bad. Chava told the snake that she couldn't eat from it because Adam told her not to eat or TOUCH the Tree. And if she did eat or touch it, she told the snake that she would DIE
33. **EXTRA CREDIT:** When Chava was deciding whether or not she should eat from the tree, he pushed her against the Tree. Why? TO SHOW HER THAT TOUCHING THE TREE WOULD NOT MAKE HER DIE
34. The snake talked her into eating from the tree. What bad things did Adam and Chava do after they ate from the tree? THEY STARTED FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER, THEY WERE JEALOUS OF EACH OTHER, AND THEY DID OTHER BAD THINGS
35. ה' got angry at Adam, Chava and the snake and He punished them. Chava's punishment was that she and all women would have a hard time having BABIES
36. Adam's punishment was that he and all men would have a hard time growing FOOD
37. The snake's punishment was that it and all snakes would crawl on their tummies and eat DUST
38. Where were Adam and Chava kicked out of? GAN AIDEN
39. What stopped them from coming back into Gan Aiden? ANGELS WITH SWORDS OF FIRE
40. ה' didn't want Adam and Chava to go back into Gan Aiden. He was afraid they would eat from a certain Tree and live forever. Which Tree? TREE OF LIFE
41. Adam and Chava had two sons. The oldest was קַיִן / Kayin, the youngest was הֶבֶל / Hevel. What did Kayin do? HE WAS A FARMER WHO GREW FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
42. What did Hevel do? HE WAS A SHEPHERD (someone who made sure sheep had enough grass to eat and water to drink)
43. Both brothers brought sacrifices to ה'. What did Kayin bring? FRUITS WHICH WERE NOT VERY GOOD

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- 44. What did Hevel bring? BIG, FAT SHEEP
- 45. Whose sacrifice did ה' like? HEVEL'S
- 46. Kayin became jealous of his brother Hevel. He started to argue with Hevel. What did Kayin do to Hevel? KILLED HIM
- 47. ה' punished Kayin. One punishment was that Kayin would have no rest. What would he have to do? GO ALL OVER THE EARTH
- 48. Another punishment was that Kayin would have a hard time growing FOOD
- 49. ה' said that Ka-yin would be killed after how many generations? SEVEN
- 50. Did Kayin like his punishment? NO
- 51. Kayin was afraid people and animals would kill him. What did ה' put on his forehead to stop animals and people from killing him? A LETTER OF THE NAME OF ה'
- 52. לֵמֶךְ / Lemech lived seven generations after Kayin. Lemech came from Kayin. Lemech was blind. He was hunting animals with his son. What did Lemech do to Kayin by accident? KILLED HIM