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1. Avraham lived in a desert where no food grew. Why did he sit at the doorway to his tent? TO WAIT FOR GUESTS WHOM HE COULD INVITE FOR A MEAL
2. What did people pray to in the time of Avraham? IDOLS
3. If a guest came to Avraham's tent, he would teach the guest when he finished eating and drinking how to thank ה' for the food. If a guest said that he didn't want to thank ה', what would Avraham tell him to do? PAY HIM FOR THE FOOD
4. Avraham would tell the guest to pay him a lot of money. He refused. So he asked them where they could find food in a desert. The guest would agree that food was hard to find in a desert. So the guest would let Avraham teach him about Who? ה'
5. In this way, Avraham got a lot of people to believe in ה'. Who taught the women to believe in ה'? SARA, AVRAHAM'S WIFE
6. Avraham was sick because he had given himself a *brit mila*, but he sat at the doorway to his tent anyway. Why was Avraham so sad? NO ONE WAS VISITING HIM
7. Who visited Avraham because he was sick? ה' AND THREE ANGELS
8. Because ה' visited Avraham when he was sick, what should we do if we know someone who is sick? VISIT AND OFFER TO HELP
9. When Avraham saw the men (who he did not know were angels), what did he say he would give them? A SMALL PIECE OF BREAD
10. What did Avraham give his guests to eat in the end? A BIG MEAL
11. The angels told Avraham that his wife Sara would have a son. Sara heard what the angels said and she laughed. Why did she laugh? BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT THAT SHE AND AVRAHAM WERE TOO OLD TO HAVE CHILDREN
12. ה' got angry at Sara because she laughed. Why? BECAUSE SHE COULD HAVE SAID THAT IT WAS AT LEAST POSSIBLE FOR ה' TO GIVE THEM CHILDREN
13. The people of Sdome were bad. They made bad laws. Was a person from Sdome allowed to give food to a poor person? NO
14. Was a person from Sdome allowed to have guests? NO
15. What were the people of Sdome allowed to do to visitors? TAKE WHATEVER THEY HAD ON THEM (rob them)
16. Why did the people of Sdome make these bad laws? SO THEY COULD SPEND THEIR MONEY ON THEMSELVES AND NOT ON OTHERS
17. Because the people of Sdome were so bad, what did ה' say He would do to the people? KILL THEM
18. When ה' told Avraham that He wanted to kill the people of Sdome, Avraham said ה' should not kill them. At the beginning of Avraham's prayer, he asked ה' not kill the people of Sdome and four other bad cities if there were how many good people in them? FIFTY

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19. At the end of Avraham's prayer, he asked יְהוָה not to kill the people of Sdome and the other cities if there were how many good people in them

20. The angels went to Sdome. When Lot saw them, he invited them to come to his house. Did the angels say they did or did not want to go into Lot's house?

DID NOT

21. Finally, the angels said they would come in. What did Lot's wife tell her neighbors while she was borrowing salt from them for the angels' food? THAT THEY HAD GUESTS

22. Lot's neighbors surrounded his house. What did they say they would do if Lot did not give his guests to them? BREAK DOWN THE DOOR OF HIS HOUSE

23. The neighbors told Lot that they wanted his guests. Lot would not let them see his guests. What did the angels do to Lot's neighbors and why? MADE THEM BLIND SO THEY COULD NOT BREAK DOWN HIS DOOR

24. The angels told Lot, his wife and their two unmarried daughters to run away from Sdome as fast as they could and they did. The angels told them not to look back. Why? SO THEY WOULD NOT SEE THE PUNISHMENT THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN

25. If Lot and his family should have been killed with the people of Sdome, why didn't יְהוָה kill them too? BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE MADE AVRAHAM VERY SAD

26. יְהוָה killed the people of Sdome. Who looked back as they were running away? LOT'S WIFE

27. What did she turn into? A PILLAR OF SALT (a salt statue)

28. Avraham went to the land of the Plishtim. He told Sara to tell the Plishtim not that they were husband and wife but that they were BROTHER AND SISTER

29. Avimelech, king of the Plishtim, married Sara. What punishment did יְהוָה send on Avimelech and his helpers for marrying Sara? A BAD SICKNESS

30. יְהוָה told King Avimelech in a dream that He would kill Avimelech if he didn't let Sara go. So Avimelech let her go. What happened when Avraham prayed to יְהוָה that Avimelech and his helpers feel better? THEY DID FEEL BETTER

31. How old was Avraham when his son Yitzchak was born? 100 YEARS OLD

32. How old was Sara when Yitzchak was born? 90 YEARS OLD

33. What did Avraham give Yitzchak when he was eight days old? A BRIT MILA

34. Yishma-ail was very wild. Sara told Avraham to send Yishma-ail and his mother Hagar away. Avraham didn't want to. What did יְהוָה tell Avraham to do to Yishma-ail and Hagar? LISTEN TO SARA AND SEND THEM AWAY

35. What did יְהוָה make Hagar find for herself and Yishma-ail in the desert? WATER

36. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Later, Yishma-ail married a woman from Mitzra-yim (Egypt). Yishma-ail became the father of the ARABS

37. Avimelech's helpers said that a certain well belonged to them. What miracle did יְהוָה do to show that the well was really Avraham's? THE WATER IN THE WELL CAME UP BY ITSELF

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38. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Name the city in which Avraham and Avimelech made peace. בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע / BEER SHEVA

39. What strange thing did ה' tell Avraham to do to his son Yitzchak? BRING HIM UP A MOUNTAIN AS A SACRIFICE

40. What did Avraham think ה' wanted him to do to Yitzchak? KILL HIM

41. They got to the place that ה' showed them called Mount Moriya. Yitzchak was laying on the wood of the altar. What did he ask his father to do so he would not move while he was being killed? TIE HIS HANDS AND FEET TOGETHER

42. ה' would not let Avraham kill Yitzchak. What did Avraham kill instead? A RAM

43. We read this story on ראש השנה / Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, when ה' decides what will happen to all people in the coming year. Just like ה' did not let anything bad happen to Yitzchak, what do we ask ה' on Rosh Hashana? TO BE GOOD TO US LIKE HE WAS TO YITZCHAK