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1. What are the descendants of Yakov's 10 sons and two grandsons called in Hebrew? BNAI YISRAEL

2. When Yosaif and his brothers were living, why did they tell Bnai Yisrael to live far away from the Egyptians? BECAUSE THEY KNEW THE JEWS WOULD PRAY TO EGYPTIAN ANIMALS AND IDOLS AND LEARN BAD HABITS IF THEY LIVED CLOSE TO THEM

3. After the brothers died, many Jews moved out of Goshen and lived near Egyptians. Which Tribe stayed away from the Egyptians? LAIVI

4. The Jews did some good things and some bad things. Let's talk about the good things first. Did the Jews give their children Jewish or Egyptian names? JEWISH

5. Did the Jews talk Hebrew or Egyptian? HEBREW

6. Did the Jews dress like the Egyptians? NO

7. Were they nice to each other? YES

8. Did they marry Jews or Egyptians? JEWS

9. The Jews also did some bad things. Did the Jews pray to Egyptian idols and animals? YES

10. Did the Jews go to theaters and circuses where they saw people doing bad things to each other? YES

11. **EXTRA CREDIT:** ה saw that the Jews were assimilating. What does this mean? THEY TRIED TO BE LIKE THE NON-JEWISH EGYPTIANS BY DOING SOME OF THE BAD THINGS THE EGYPTIANS DID

12. Still, ה loved the Jewish people. So He made Jewish mothers have how many babies at one time? SIX

13. Were the babies born healthy or sick? HEALTHY

14. **EXTRA CREDIT:** ה saw that the Jews were assimilating. So He made the Egyptians hate the Jews. The Egyptians told Paroh to get rid of the Jews. At first, he said no. When did he change his mind? WHEN THE EGYPTIANS SAID THEY WOULD GET ANOTHER KING

15. Paroh thought of a plan in which Jewish mothers and fathers would not be able to live together and have children. He first said that Egyptians and Jews should do something in the cities of Pitom and Ramses. Do what? BUILD BUILDINGS TO KEEP THE COUNTRY'S MONEY

16. Paroh talked the Jews into building the buildings by taking a shovel and starting to build himself. Then Egyptians and Jews came to work. Paroh paid everyone. Soon, the Egyptians stayed home and didn't build the buildings. Who was left to build them? ONLY THE JEWS

17. Paroh didn't pay the Jews for their work. When the Jews said they didn't want to work for free, what did the Egyptian policemen say? THAT THE JEWS HAD TO (they forced the Jews to work for free)

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18. Why did Paroh pick the cities of Pitom and Ramses for the Jews to build the buildings? THE BUILDINGS WOULD SINK IN THE WET GROUND, SO THE JEWS WOULD NEVER FINISH BUILDING THEM

19. Which Tribe did not have to do any work and why? LAIVI, BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO BUSY TEACHING JEWS ABOUT יְהוָה AND HOW TO BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

20. Paroh then said that Jewish men had to stay overnight in Pitom and Ramses. They could not go home to their wives. Why didn't Paroh let the Jewish men go home? SO THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CHILDREN

21. The Jewish men worked very hard as slaves. How did the Jewish women help their husbands? BY BRINGING THEM HOT WATER AND FISH

22. יְהוָה rewarded the Jewish women for believing in Him by doing miracles for them. Egyptian policemen began looking for Jewish children to kill. Sometimes Jewish mothers gave birth in fields. What miracle did יְהוָה make the earth do? THE EARTH WOULD SWALLOW THE CHILDREN

23. Who cleaned the babies and gave them food and water? AN ANGEL OF יְהוָה

24. When the policemen left the field, the children would go back on the ground. Who took them home? THEIR PARENTS

25. Paroh saw that the Jews were still having many children even though Jewish fathers were slaves. So he decided to tell Yocheved and her daughter Miriam, the two Jewish nurses, to do kill ALL NEWBORN JEWISH BABY BOYS

26. How old was Miriam at this time? FIVE

27. She told Paroh that יְהוָה would punish him for asking her and her mother Yocheved to kill Jews. Paroh was embarrassed. What did he want his guards to do to Miriam? KILL HER

28. Yocheved told Paroh not to kill her because SHE WAS ONLY A LITTLE GIRL

29. Yocheved and Miriam left Paroh's palace. They knew that Paroh would kill them if they didn't kill the newborn Jewish baby boys. Did they kill the boys? NO

30. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Paroh saw that Yocheved and Miriam would not kill Jewish baby boys. So he called them to the palace. He asked them why they didn't kill the newborn Jewish baby boys. What did they tell him? BECAUSE JEWISH MOTHERS GAVE BIRTH BEFORE THEY GOT TO THE HOUSE AND SO THE BABIES WEREN'T NEWBORN ANY MORE AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL THEM

31. At first, Paroh liked what the nurses said. Then he changed his mind and wanted to have them killed. When he sent soldiers to their house to arrest them, what miracle did יְהוָה make? THE WALLS OF THEIR HOUSE SWALLOWED THEM UP SO THE POLICEMEN COULD NOT FIND THEM

32. Paroh saw that the Jewish nurses would not kill newborn Jewish baby boys. He asked his advisors what to do. One advisor told Paroh to throw all Jewish baby boys in the Nile River. Did Paroh tell Egyptians to do this? YES

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33. Paroh thought that if there were no more Jewish boys, who would marry Jewish girls so there would not be any more Jews? EGYPTIAN MEN

34. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Amram was the Jewish leader from the tribe of Laivi. His wife was Yocheved. They had two children, Aharon and Miriam. Amram divorced Yocheved. Why? SO THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY CHILDREN FOR PAROH TO KILL

35. **EXTRA CREDIT:** All Jewish fathers also divorced their mothers. Why did Miriam say it was bad for fathers to divorce mothers? PAROH'S DECREE WAS TO KILL ONLY BABY BOYS. DIVORCE MEANT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE JEWISH CHILDREN, BOYS OR GIRLS

36. Did Amram marry Yocheved again, and did Jewish men marry their wives again? YES

37. Egyptian magicians told Paroh that a baby would be born soon who would take the Jews out of Mitzra-yim. But they didn't know if the boy would be Jewish or Egyptian. So Paroh made a bad law to drown ALL JEWISH AND EGYPTIANS NEWBORN BABY BOYS IN THE NILE RIVER

38. Yocheved gave birth to her third child. How did she and Amram know the boy would be special? THE ROOM LIT UP WHEN HE WAS BORN.

39. What was he born with that Jewish boys have when they are eight days old? BRIT MILAH

40. **EXTRA CREDIT:** What did Yocheved name her baby? YEKUTI-EL

41. The Egyptian policemen were looking for Yocheved's baby. When she could no longer hide him, she put him in a basket. Where did she put the basket? IN THE NILE RIVER

42. After the baby was in the river, what did Paroh's magicians tell him? THE MAN WHO WOULD FREE THE JEWS WAS IN THE RIVER

43. Paroh thought the baby boy drowned in the Nile River. So he said that no more boys had to be drowned in the Nile River. Batya found the baby in the river. Who was Batya? PAROH'S DAUGHTER

44. Batya was thinking about maybe not saving the baby boy. But an angel did something to the baby to make her change her mind and take the baby. What did the angel do? HIT THE BABY TO MAKE HIM CRY (and arouse Batya's compassion)

45. Batya reached to take the basket but she couldn't. What miracle did ה' make with her arm? HE MADE HER ARM LONGER SO SHE COULD REACH IT

46. What name did Batya give to the boy? MOSHE

47. Batya told her maids to get a mother who could give Moshe milk. When they got Egyptian mothers, Moshe would not drink their milk. Why? MOSHE WOULD ONE DAY TALK TO ה' AND IT WASN'T GOOD FOR HIM TO DRINK THEIR NON-KOSHER MILK

48. Miriam said she would bring a woman to give Moshe milk. She got Yocheved and he drank her milk and raised him for Batya. How old was Moshe when Yocheved brought him back to Batya? TWO YEARS OLD

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49. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Why do people use the name Batya gave him, Moshe, instead of the name his parents gave him, Yekutial? IT'S ה' S REWARD TO BATYA FOR SAVING HIM

50. When baby Moshe took Paroh's crown, some people in the palace were scared. Why? THEY THOUGHT IT MEANT HE WANTED TO BE A KING SOME DAY

51. Some advisors told Paroh that Moshe should be killed. To see if he really wanted to be king, what was put in front of Moshe? HOT CHARCOAL AND A DIAMOND

52. The test was this: if Moshe reached for the diamond, what did he want to be? A KING

53. If he reached for the charcoal, what did that mean? HE LIKES THINGS THAT SHINE LIKE ANY OTHER BABY

54. Moshe reached for the diamond. Who moved Moshe's hand so he would reach for the charcoal? AN ANGEL

55. Moshe lifted the charcoal and put it in his mouth. What happened? HE BURNED HIS TONGUE AND COULD NOT TALK VERY WELL

56. Moshe lived in the palace. But he was still very sad about the Jews being treated so badly as slaves. Did Moshe help the Jewish slaves with their work? YES

57. Moshe told Paroh to let the Jews rest one day every week. Paroh said O.K. and he let Moshe pick the day. Which day did Moshe pick? SHABAT

58. What did Moshe do to the Egyptian policeman who was hitting the Jewish slave? KILLED HIM

59. How did Moshe kill the policeman? BY SAYING A SPECIAL NAME OF ה'

60. The Jewish slave who the policeman was hitting was Datan. The next day, what did Moshe see Datan doing to Aviram? RAISING HIS HAND AS IF HE WAS GOING TO HIT AVIRAM

61. When Moshe saw Datan doing this and he told Datan not to, Datan and Aviram got angry at Moshe. They went to Paroh. What did they tell him? MOSHE KILLED THE EGYPTIAN POLICEMAN

62. Paroh wanted to kill Moshe. So he ran away to Midyan. Why were the people of Midyan angry at Yitro and his seven daughters? BECAUSE HE QUIT TEACHING THEM ABOUT HOW TO PRAY TO IDOLS

63. Moshe stood by the well. What did the shepherds do to Yitro's daughters? PUSHED THEM IN THE WELL

64. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Moshe took them out and gave water to their sheep. Later, Moshe stayed at Yitro's house. Who did Moshe marry? TZIPORA

65. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Name their two sons. GERSHOM AND ELIEZER

66. Moshe was taking Yitro's sheep on Har Sinai. He saw a bush. What was strange about it? IT WAS BURNING BUT NOT TURNING INTO ASHES

67. Moshe wanted to come closer. Who told him not to and to take off his shoes? ה'

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68. ה' told Moshe to take the Jews out of Mitzra-yim. Did Moshe want to at first? NO

69. ה' showed Moshe three signs. The first was that Moshe threw his stick on the ground. What did it turn into? A SNAKE

70. The second sign happened to Moshe's hand. What happened? IT TURNED WHITE FROM LEPROSY

71. The third sign was that Moshe poured water on the ground. What did it turn into? BLOOD

72. Even after seeing these signs, Moshe did not want to take the Bnai Yisrael out of Mitzra-yim. Who did he want to take them out? HIS OLDER BROTHER AHARON

73. Finally, Moshe agreed to go. He took his family with him. On the way, what was Moshe supposed to give his son Eliezer? A BRIT MILAH

74. When Moshe didn't, what did an angel start to do? SWALLOW MOSHE

75. Who took a sharp knife, gave Eliezer a brit milah, and saved Moshe? TZIPORA

76. Aharon met Moshe and his family. When Aharon saw Moshe's family, what did he tell Moshe to do? BRING THEM BACK TO MIDYAN

77. Moshe did. Then he came back to Mitzra-yim. He and Aharon told the Jewish leaders that they would be taken out of Mitzra-yim. Did the leaders believe them? YES

78. Moshe and Aharon then went to Paroh. What did they tell him? THAT ה' SAID HE MUST LET THE JEWS OUT OF MITZRA-YIM

79. Why didn't Paroh let them go? HE DID NOT THINK THERE WAS SUCH A THING AS ה'

80. Instead of letting the Jews go, what did Paroh do? HE MADE THEM WORK EVEN HARDER

81. Moshe was very upset that Paroh made the Jews work harder. When he complained to ה', what did ה' tell him? THE JEWS WILL GET OUT OF MITZRA-YIM IN SUCH A HURRY THAT THEY WILL NOT EVEN HAVE TIME TO BAKE BREAD