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1. Moshe begged ה' to allow him to enter Israel. Did ה' say yes or no, and why or why not? NO, BECAUSE HE HIT THE ROCK INSTEAD OF TALKING TO IT
2. Jews may not add to a mitzva or subtract from one. One mitzva is that the fringe on each corner of a talit must have eight strings. Suppose you say you want to make the mitzva better so you add a string, making nine. Is this good or bad and why? BAD BECAUSE YOU'RE ADDING TO THE MITZVA
3. Jews living in countries other than Israel celebrate Pesach for 8 days. You say you want to make the mitzva better so you will celebrate it for 7 days. Good or bad and why? BAD BECAUSE YOU ARE SUBTRACTING FROM THE MITZVA
4. Jews all over the world put one מזוזה / *mezuzah* on entrances to rooms in a place where Jews live (house, apartment, condo, etc.) A mezuzah is placed on the right side of the doopost of the main entrance to the place where you live. You place a mezuzah there. Good or bad and why? GOOD BECAUSE YOU ARE DOING THE MITZVA THE WAY IT SHOULD BE DONE
5. This parsha commmands Jews to "attach themselves to ה'." There are two ways. One is to always think about ה' and to perform His what? MITZVOT. Another way is to stay close to Torah scholars. What are these? JEWISH MEN WHO KNOW THE TORAH VERY WELL
6. Why are Torah laws better than all other laws? BECAUSE ה' MADE THEM
7. How do Jews know that ה' made the Torah laws? BECAUSE MILLIONS OF WITNESSES SAW HIM GIVE THE TORAH TO THEM
8. Moshe told the Jews that not only must they study the Torah and perform the mitzvot. They must also teach it to their CHILDREN
9. The Torah teaches that Jews are forbidden to make images. Name some images Jew may not make. ה', PEOPLE, ANIMALS, THE SUN, THE MOON
10. The Torah warns that, once the Jews have been living in Israel for a very long time, ה' will expel them if they don't study the Torah and do the mitzvot. Why, then, do you think the Jews were expelled from Israel? FOR NOT STUDYING THE TORAH AND DOING THE MITZVOT
11. What is the galut? EXILE; DIASPORA; JEWS LIVING IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL
12. Most of the Jews listening to Moshe's speech had not been born when ה' told the Jews the Ten Commandments. So Moshe decided to repeat them. Name them in order. (1) BELIEVE IN ה'. (2) DON'T MAKE, PRAY OR BOW DOWN TO IDOLS. (3) DON'T SAY THE NAME OF ה' FOR NO REASON. (4) KEEP SHABAT. (5) HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER. (6) DON'T MURDER. (7) DON'T COMMIT ADULTERY. (8) DON'T KIDNAP OR STEAL. (9) DON'T LIE. (10) DON'T BE JEALOUS OF WHAT OTHERS HAVE
13. For how many generations does ה' reward families that are good Jews, and for how many generations does He punish families that are not good Jews? 2000; 4
14. ה' promises to let the Jews live in a "land flowing with MILK AND HONEY"

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15. Say the first Sentence of the Shma in Hebrew. *Shma Yisra-el Adona-i Elohainu Adona-i Echad*
16. What does it mean? HEAR OH ISRAEL, HASHEM IS OUR G-D, HASHEM IS ONE
17. What we say the Shma, what are we telling ה? THAT HE IS THE RULER OF THE WORLD
18. There are three paragraphs to the Shma. Which paragraph is written in this parsha? THE FIRST ONE
19. What's the name of the paragraph? V'AHAVTA
20. This paragraph tells us to love Someone. Who? ה
21. Why is it important for us to love ה? WE WILL PERFORM HIS MITZVOT MUCH MORE CAREFULLY IF WE LOVE HIM THAN IF WE DON'T
22. Here is a list of *mitzvot*. One is not found in the v'ahavta. Identify it. (Answer is below)

- (A) A Jew should let himself get killed rather than pray to idols
- (B) A Jew should give away all his money rather than commit a sin
- (C) Parents should teach math, science and history to their children
- (D) Parents should teach the Torah to their children
- (E) The three paragraphs of the *shma* must be recited in the morning and the evening
- (F) Jewish males over age 13 must put on tefilin
- (F) Mezuzot must be put on doorposts of a Jew's residence

ANSWER: (C)

23. Why does ה enable some Jews to be rich? TO SEE IF THEY WILL USE THEIR MONEY TO DO MITZVOT
24. Suppose you say, "I will pray every day if ה gives me a lot of money" or "I will study the Torah for 3 hours every day if I'm invited to my friend's birthday party." Is saying these things good or bad, and why? BAD BECAUSE YOU MUST DO THE MITZVOT WITHOUT MAKING IT DEPEND ON FAVORS FROM ה
25. How many nations were in Israel before the Jews captured it? SEVEN
26. Name the nations. CANAANI, CHITTI, EMOORI, PERIZI, CHIVI, YEVUSI, GIRGASHI
27. What is the meaning of the words ולא תתחתן / *v'lo tit-cha-tain*? DON'T INTERMARRY (MARRY A NON-JEW)
28. The Jews were commanded to capture Israel from these seven nations. How were
29. the Jews to treat the people of the seven nations? IF THEY AGREE TO OBSERVE THE SEVEN LAWS OF NO-ACH, THEY CAN STAY. IF NOT, THE JEWS MUST DESTROY THEM
30. Why did ה say to destroy them? HE WAS AFRAID THE JEWS WOULD IMITATE THE BAD THINGS THEY DO SUCH AS PRAYING TO IDOLS
31. What were the Jews told to do with the idols and altars of the seven nations? DESTROY THEM