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1. Translate the word *aikev*. STEPPED ON
2. *Aikev* means that no mitzva may be "stepped on." What does this mean? ALL MITZVOT ARE IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT, EVEN IF THEY DON'T APPEAR TO BE SO
3. ה' promises the Jews several rewards if they do all the mitzvot. He will reward Jewish people in both worlds. Where are these worlds? HERE ON EARTH AND AFTER ONE'S PASSING
4. ה' will multiply the number of Jews. This means that parents will have many CHILDREN
5. The children will live good, long and healthy LIVES
6. There will be plenty of grain, wine, oil and animals. This means there will be a lot of FOOD
7. Jews will stay healthy and not get SICK
8. The Jews will be able to destroy the inhabitants of Canaan. How many nations lived in Canaan? SEVEN
9. When the Jews fight the Canaanim, ה' will send a little insect to poison enemy soldiers. Which insect? HORNET
10. While fighting the Canaanim, what did ה' tell the Jews to do to the idols of the Canaanim? DESTROY THEM
11. Name the miracle food that the Jews ate while they were in the desert. מן / MANN
12. The children of the Jews in the desert didn't need to buy new clothes. What did the Clouds of Glory do to the clothes? THEY KEPT THE CLOTHES CLEAN AND FRESH
13. No Jewish child outgrew his/her clothes. What miracle did ה' make? THE CLOTHES GREW WITH THEM
14. After leaving Egypt, why didn't ה' take the Jews into countries where they could have bought food rather than in a desert? SO THE JEWS COULD DEPEND ON HIM FOR ALL THEIR NEEDS
15. Moshe praised the Land of Israel. It had, he said, many foods. What are the "seven species" of food that Israel is famous for? WHEAT, BARLEY, GRAPES, FIGS, POMEGRANATES, OLIVES THAT PRODUCE OIL, HONEY
16. Moshe said that Israel has two kinds of metal from which the Jews can make tools and build buildings. Which ones? IRON AND COPPER
17. Let's say a Jew at that time said, "I am very rich because I work so hard." Is this good or bad, and why? BAD BECAUSE HE DOESN'T ADMIT THAT HIS MONEY AND POSSESSIONS COME FROM ה'
18. A Verse in the Torah states, וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ וְיִבְרַכְתָּ / *v'achal-ta v'savata u-vai-rachta*. Translate it and explain what Jewish law we learn from it. "AND YOU SHALL EAT AND BE SATISFIED AND BLESS..." IT MEANS THAT A JEW WHO EATS BREAD MUST RECITE THE בְּרַכַּת הַמֵּזוֹן / *BIRKAT HAMAZON* (GRACE AFTER MEALS) WHEN HE'S DONE EATING
19. If you ate bread and forgot to recite the *birkat hamazon*, how long do you have to recite it before it's too late? 72 MINUTES

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20. Moshe continued telling the Jews about their fathers' sins. The worst one was when they prayed to the Golden Calf. Moshe was on Mt. Sinai when some Jews prayed to it. What did he come down from Mt. Sinai with? לוחות / *LUCHOT* (stone tablets)
UPON WHICH WERE WRITTEN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
21. When Moshe rejoined the Jews, what did he do to the *luchot*? HE THREW THEM ON THE GROUND AND SMASHED THEM
22. What did he do to the Golden Calf? HE BURNED IT AND THREW THE ASHES INTO A RIVER
23. Moshe then went up Mt. Sinai again. What did ה' give him? A SECOND SET OF *LUCHOT*
24. On what date did Moshe bring down the second *luchot* to the Jews? TENTH OF TISHRAY, THE HOLIDAY OF YOM KIPPUR
25. Moshe told the Jews to "fear ה'." Name some ways to do this. STUDY JEWISH BOOKS THAT TEACH HOW TO FEAR HIM. ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WITHOUT ה' YOU WOULDN'T LIVE, BREATHE, TALK OR MOVE. REMEMBER THAT ה' KNOWS EVERYTHING YOU SAY AND DO, AND EVEN WHAT YOU ARE THINKING
26. ה' didn't create Jews to fear Him. Why? SO JEWS CAN WORK HARD TO LEARN TO FEAR HIM AND GET A VERY BIG REWARD FROM HIM FOR DOING IT
27. A גר / *gair* is a non-Jewish man or woman who became Jewish. Name some ways to treat him or her. DON'T HURT HIS/HER FEELINGS. BE VERY NICE TO HIM/HER. DON'T REMIND HIM/HER THAT HE/SHE WAS NOT JEWISH
28. Should Jewish children learn to pray to ה' before they know how to read Hebrew or wait until after they learn to read? BEFORE THEY LEARN TO READ
29. When a Jew recites a ברכה / *bracha* (blessing), a child should be trained to answer what? אמן / *AMAIN*
30. The Talmud says that saying a certain Sentence during the Kaddish is a very big mitzva and that children should be taught the Sentence. What is the Sentence?
יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא / *Yehaish shmay raba m'vo-rach l'olam ul-al-may al-ma-ya*
31. The second paragraph of the shma is in this parsha. What is the name of the paragraph? וְהָיָה אִם שָׁמוֹעַ / *V'ha-ya im sha-mo-a*
32. In this paragraph, ה' promises that if the Jews in Israel do the mitzvot, what rewards will they earn? THERE WILL BE ENOUGH RAIN FOR THE FOOD TO GROW. THERE WILL BE ENOUGH GRASS FOR ANIMALS TO EAT SO THERE WILL BE ENOUGH MEAT
33. What is the punishment the Jews will suffer if they don't do the mitzvot? NOT ENOUGH RAIN OR FOOD, AND THE JEWS WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE ISRAEL AND LIVE IN OTHER COUNTRIES
34. There are two mitzvot that are mentioned in the first and second paragraphs of the shma. What are they? תְּפִלִּין / *TEFILIN* AND מְזוּזָה / *MEZUZA*