

Picture Yourself in the Parasha Weekly Challenge

Do you have a creation to share with the world? Are you going somewhere special today? Have you ever heard a voice telling you to build a giant boat to save pairs of animals? Now is your chance to share your experiences with others!

JTeach.org is sending out weekly "Picture yourself in the Parasha" Challenges via Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Encourage your students (ages 13 and up), teachers, parents, and community members to connect their daily lives to themes found in the weekly parasha with JTeach.org's new Picture Yourself in the Parasha! The first sentence of each challenge introduces a theme found in the parasha. The second sentence challenges participants to share a picture and/or words showing where they see this theme in their daily lives. To participate in the challenge, simply reply to the Facebook post, tweet your picture/words, or post a picture on Instagram. **Be sure to include #ParashaPic and mention @Jteach.org in your reply!**

Each Picture Yourself in the Parasha Challenge will be tweeted and posted on Mondays (unless a Yom Tov (holiday) falls on Monday, in which case, the Challenge will be posted the day following Yom Tov).

How to get the Parasha Picture Challenge each week:

Follow JTeach.org on Twitter here
Like JTeach.org on Facebook here.
Follow JTeach.org on Instagram here.

How to use Parasha Picture Challenge in your Community*:

- Ask students to search for #ParashaPic to view the challenge(s) or share the challenge
 on the board in your classroom as students arrive. Have students think about the
 challenge and respond online or share ideas out loud while everyone is arriving.
- Ask students to follow #ParashaPic and send in a reply prior to each class. Review the student submissions as a class to foster discussion about connecting the parasha to daily life.
- Use the #ParashaPic challenge to introduce *Parashat Hashavuah* (the weekly Torah portion) study. After viewing the challenge, share the weekly parasha and ask students to find where in the text the Parasha Picture Challenge theme is found. Then, have students respond to the Challenge in class or at home before the next class session.



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- Initiate a community challenge. Share #ParashaPic with community members and ask them to do group responses. Ask the clergy, sisterhood, and/or men's club to do a group response. See how many participants from your community can join in.
- Share the responses from other schools. Discuss how other people's pictures/words connect to the parasha. Ask students how posted pictures/words inspire/move them.
- If Twitter, Facebook or Instagram are not an option for you and your students, search for #ParashaPic prior to class and copy/paste the challenge into a Google Doc where students can respond collectively. If you are unable to share the students' responses, please still let us know that you are using the Parasha Picture Challenge by mentioning @JTeach org on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram and using #ParashaPic in a reply.

*Note: Facebook and Twitter accounts are for students ages 13 and older. Please check with your school/organization regarding school-specific privacy and posting guidelines.