

## **JUST FOR KIDS – MAY 2022**

### **MAY HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS**

#### **ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS MONTH**

Did you know Asian Pacific Islanders are made up of people from 50 different countries? Watch this short video to learn about some of the customs and achievements of Asian Pacific Islanders

<http://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/6413d175-574f-4978-aca5-68886e12ae50/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month-all-about-the-holidays/?student=true&focus=true>

#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: MAY 1-8**

Teaching is one of the world's most important professions. That's why, every May, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week to honor all the teachers in our lives who have helped us learn and grow. This short video will tell you how it got started and how you can celebrate our teachers.

<http://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/fe0c21b4-085c-4e08-8110-da84673ce9fc/teacher-appreciation-week-all-about-the-holidays/?student=true&focus=true>

#### **MOTHER'S DAY – MAY 8**

Mother's Day is a special holiday where we honor the mothers in our lives. The idea started during the Civil War. Mother's Day is a day to celebrate everything that mothers do. Watch this video to see how it evolved into a national holiday.

<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/237e1bc3-f094-4d65-bdb3-e43e565fa4f9/mothers-day-all-about-the-holidaysonal-holiday/?student=true&focus=true>

#### **YOM HA'ATZMAUT – MAY 15** (ages 10 and up) **video**

This day is the national independence day of Israel. It celebrates the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. It is celebrated in Israel and around the world with dancing, fireworks, parties and the popular "mangal," or Israeli style barbecue. It is also common to decorate public and private spaces with Israeli flags. Here is a video to tell you more about how it started and how it is celebrated throughout the world.

<https://youtu.be/OqXq5e1sg5s>

#### **LAG B'OMER – MAY19** (ages 8 and up) **text**

Lag Ba'Omer, the 33rd day of the Omer, is a festive day on the Jewish calendar. It is celebrated with outings, bonfires, parades and other joyous events. Many visit the resting place of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, the anniversary of whose passing is on this day.

**Lag Ba'Omer explained for kids:**

<https://bje.org.au/knowledge-centre/explained-for-kids/lag-baomer/>

## **MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 30** (ages 8 and up) **video**

Watch this video to learn about this holiday that honors soldiers who died in war. Learn how we celebrate it and why it was first called Decoration Day.

<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/87a8f1c1-a555-448a-9aae-78a7b9110375/memorial-day-all-about-the-holidays/?student=true&focus=true>

## **LEARN ABOUT ISRAEL:**

- **TAKE A ONE MINUTE VIDEO TOUR OF JERUSALEM** (ages 6 and up) **video**  
<https://youtu.be/X-vKhLfb2PQ>
- **GROVER VISITS JERUSALEM** (ages 6 and up) **video**  
Jerusalem is home to many different people. Listen to the different sounds, take in the sights with Grover and his friend Talia as they visit places like the shuk (marketplace), the Knesset (where they make the laws), and the Western Wall -- all in Jerusalem! As Grover says, "There is just so much to try!"  
<https://youtu.be/d3JeXLu63Gw>
- **LEARN HATIKVAH, THE ISRAELI NATIONAL ANTHEM** (ages 10 and up) **video**  
Hatikvah means "The Hope." Listen to a summary of how the song developed and learn what the lyrics mean. Then practice singing along.  
<https://youtu.be/rRkRBXuDYUQ>

## **STORIES**

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION**

#### **THANK YOU MR. FALKER** by Patricia Polacco (ages 7-12) **Read aloud**

When Patricia was a little girl, she could paint and draw beautifully, but when she looked at words on a page, all she could see was jumble. It took a very special teacher, Mr. Falker, to see that she had a disability called dyslexia. He encouraged her to overcome her reading disability, and Patricia Polacco, who is a famous author today, will never forget him.

<https://youtu.be/T31xdMyV3-c>

### **ISRAEL**

#### **ELLA'S TRIP TO ISRAEL** by Vivian Newman (ages 5-8) **Read aloud**

What can you learn about Israel as you travel there with Ella and her parents?

<https://youtu.be/zjA7KfJ8WXI>

#### **SNOW IN JERUSALEM** by Deborah da Costa (ages 8-10) **Read aloud**

Avi and Hamudi are two boys who live in Jerusalem's Old City—Avi in the Jewish Quarter and Hamudi in the Muslim Quarter. To each boy, the other's neighborhood is a strange place. What could bring these two boys together? Listen to this story and find out.

<https://youtu.be/WAI8aHTu7r8>

## **SIGNS OF SPRING**

**THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR** by Eric Carle (ages 3-6) **animated**

IT'S SPRING! Have you seen any caterpillars yet? When this little caterpillar hatches from his egg, he's very hungry. Watch this animated film to see him eat his way through the week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQQ-Sm1YY>

**BUTTERFLIES** by Melvin and Gilda Berger by Eric Carle (ages 3-6) **Read aloud**

Did you know butterflies taste the flower with their feet and that caterpillars change their skin 4 or 5 times? After watching The Hungry Caterpillar, you will enjoy this non-fiction book. It has some fun facts about butterflies and beautiful photographs

<https://youtu.be/aWNwvAqrzs0>

**THE CARROT SEED** by Ruth Krauss (ages 3-6) **Read aloud**

This is the time that many people are starting to plant their gardens with vegetables they will pick later. It takes patience and care for that to happen, as the little boy in this story knows.

<https://youtu.be/3Fzknh2ej5Q>

**THE TINY SEED** by Eric Carle (ages 4-8) **Read aloud**

Watch and listen as The Tiny Seed travels through the seasons on an adventure of a lifetime!

<https://youtu.be/dT4sYy1YWn0>

## **MOTHER'S DAY**

**THE BEST MOTHER** by C. M. Surrisi and Diane Goode (ages 4-6) **Read aloud**

When Maxine wakes up on the wrong side of the bed one morning, she wonders if the problem might be her mother. What if she could try out a new mom who doesn't make her brush her teeth or comb her hair? With her mom's help, Maxine interviews other ladies in the park to be her new mom. Guess what she finds out?

<https://youtu.be/PgWDU-LfBIs>

**LOVE YOU FOREVER** by Robert Munsch (ages 7 to adult) **Read aloud**

Can you imagine being all grown up and still being your mother's baby? This beautiful story will remind you that no matter how grown up you are, you're never too old to be loved by your parents.

<https://youtu.be/z90agXpIK8I>

**WHAT NOT TO GIVE YOUR MOM ON MOTHER'S DAY** by Martha Simpson (ages 3-6) **Read aloud**

Would you give your mom a mud puddle? A rotten log? This book will make you giggle as you read the advice on what NOT to give your mom for Mother's Day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCrlI4vGmAU>