

JUST FOR KIDS – MAY 2023

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 1-5

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>

LAG B'OMER – MAY 9 (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/>

MOTHER'S DAY – MAY 14

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-holidays/?student=true&focus=true>

JERUSALEM DAY (YOM YERUSHALAYIM) – MAY 19 (ages 10 and up) **text**

Jerusalem Day (Hebrew: יום ירושלים, Yom Yerushalayim) is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June 1967. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel declared Jerusalem Day a minor religious holiday to thank G-d for victory in the Six-Day War and for answering the 2,000-year-old prayer of "Next Year in Jerusalem".

Jerusalem Day explained for kids:

https://kids.kiddle.co/Jerusalem_Day

SHAVUOT - MAY 26 - 27

Shavuot (Feast of Weeks) commemorates the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai to the Jewish people, and occurs on the 50th day after the 49 days of counting the Omer.

HOW THE JEWISH PEOPLE RECEIVED THE TORAH (ages 6-10) **animated**

History and Facts by Dina:

Dina uses her own original drawings to tell you this story.

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/902762/jewish/How-the-Jewish-People-Received-the-Torah.htm

CELEBRATE SHAVUOT WITH SHALOM SESAME(ages 6-8) **animated video**

In a very age appropriate way, Grover and his friends tell the story of Moses getting the ten commandments and its relevance today. *(Page includes additional videos and several fun family activities recommended to further extend the lessons learned in the videos*

<https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/shavuot/celebrate-shavuot-shalom-sesame>

ELEVEN-SHAVUOT-FACTS-EVERY-JEW-SHOULD-KNOW (ages 10-adult) **text**

Learn all about Shavuot: history, traditions, ways to celebrate and more.

https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/4027637/jewish/Eleven-Shavuot-Facts-Every-Jew-Should-Know.htm

STORY OF SHAVUOT (ages 8-10) **animated video**

Watch this “comic book come alive” version of the story of Shavuot and how the Jews got the Torah.

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/382704/jewish/The-Story-of-Shavuot-Animated.htm

WHAT IS SHAVUOT(ages 12-adult) **video** -

Shavuot is the most important Jewish Holiday most people have never heard of. From all night study sessions to decorating your house, to mountains of cheese, Shavuot finds incredible ways to celebrate receiving the Torah.

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

SHAVUOT RECIPES

MAKE A MOUNT SINAI CAKE (ages 8 and up with parent help) **text**

After G-d chose Mount Sinai to be the place He would give the Torah, the small, brown, dry mountain burst into bloom, growing flowers and lush greenery. You can make your own flowering Mount Sinai cake

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/3348669/jewish/Mount-Sinai-Cake.htm

LAYERED NO-BAKE CHEESECAKE CUPS (ages 8 and up with parent help) **text**

On Shavuot, it's traditional to eat dairy foods. Try these delicious, easy, no-bake cheesecake cups. You can use clear plastic cups instead of glass.. It's just as pretty.

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/2944323/jewish/Layered-No-Bake-Cheesecake-Cups.htm

MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 29 (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**
Join our favorite furry blue friend Grover as he introduces you to some of the sites and sounds of Jerusalem!
<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.
(NOTE: This year Yom Ha'atzmaut was on April 25-26)
<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/WAl8aHTu7r8>

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/z90agXplK8I>

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>

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=75NQK-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/aWNwvAgrzs0>

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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIDOMQPptOM>