

Shoafim Peulat Shabbat 7/1

Approximate Duration of Program: 35 minutes

One-Line Description: Perform skits about the parasha in small groups. Each group will have a small twist and after their performance the rest of the edah will guess what their twist was.

Overall Goal/Themes: learn about the parasha in a fun way, show-up, leadership

Instructions

5 minutes -- Split up into groups

3 minutes -- Go over the parsha summary

7 minutes -- Small group discussions

1 minute -- Introduce the twist to your group

10 minutes -- Create skit about parasha with the twist

10 minutes -- Present skits and guess each group's twist

Summary:

- Moses learns about the red heifer, which is an animal whose ashes are used to purify Israelites who touch a dead body
- *B'nai Yisrael* arrives in Zin after wandering through the desert for 40 years
- Miriam dies, and everyone is thirsty
- Moses is instructed by G-d to speak to a rock and command it to give water
- Moses strikes the stone though, because he got angry at the Israelites who were rebelling
- G-d tells Moses that he and Aaron will not be allowed to enter the Promised Land
- Aaron dies and Elazar, his son, is succeeded in the high priesthood
- Venomous snakes attack *B'nai Yisrael*
- G-d tells Moses to place a brass serpent on a high pole
- Everyone who looks up at it will be healed

Discussion Questions:

- Why did Moses hit the rock and not speak to it? How does it reflect on Moses's leadership? What does it mean to be a leader? How is it appropriate for leaders to act when they are under pressure? Is Moses's punishment fit for his actions?

Skit Twists:

- Underwater
- Stuck on a ferris wheel
- Kids that skipped their nap time
- All late for a birthday party
- Really really need to pee
- Obsessively in love with lemonade
- Have major crushes on Moses