

Shira the Singing Puppy

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In Hebrew, Shira means “song.” Why do you think the family gave their puppy that name?
2. Shira really loves to sing, what is one thing you really love to do?
3. Why do you think Aryeh and Arielle tell Shira to hush and shush on Wednesday?
4. Is there something you wish you could do more often?
5. What might be some reasons you need to wait until you can do the things you love?
6. Do you think it was easy for Shira to be patient? What do you do when you need to be patient?
7. What are some things Arye and Arielle set on the table for Shabbat?
8. What are the three things set on the table when it’s time for Havdalah?
9. How many twinkling stars do you see in the sky, when it’s time for Havdalah?
10. During Havdalah, what does the family wish for when they sing? What would you wish for when it’s time for Havdalah?



Name: _____

Word Search



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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

HAVDALAH
SPICE BOX
SHABBAT
KIDDUSH

SINGING
CANDLE
SIDDUR
SHALOM

SHIRA
PUPPY



SOLUTION

Word Search

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Word directions and start points are formatted:

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HAVDALAH CANDLE CRAFT

AGES 2-5

MATERIALS

1. Foam tube or toilet paper tube
2. Multi-colored strings
3. Yellow & glittery card stock paper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out a flame shape from the yellow card stock.
2. Cut out a smaller flame shape from the gold glittery card stock.
3. Glue the glittery flame shape on top of the yellow flame shape
4. While the flames are hardened, prepare the candle stick by wrapping the tube with at least three different colored strings.
(More or less colors is also good)
5. Stick the flame to the inside top opening of the tube and you have a beautiful Havdalah candle the kids can take home.




HAVDALAH SPICE BOX CRAFT

AGES 2-5



MATERIALS

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1. Small cardboard box
 2. Spices of your choice
 3. Stickers
 4. Markers, crayons, and/or paints
 5. Scotch tape

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Punch a few holes on the top of your spice box
2. Have kids decorate the spice box to their liking
3. Gather spices such as lemon peel, cinnamon, and ginger and help kids place the spices in the box
4. Glue the top of the box so kids can't open it (and eat it)
5. Enjoy the aroma of the spices through the top holes on the box



HAVDALAH CANDLE CRAFT

AGES 6-9

MATERIALS

1. 2-3 Hanukkah candles
2. Styrofoam cup
3. Warm water
4. Aluminum foil



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring your candles together and dip the bottom half in warm water. Wait until the color in the water begins to change.
2. Push the candles together and dip the top half of the candles in the warm water.
3. Push the candles together and begin to twist them around each other. (You might need to try this a few times - with different candles - until you get it right)
4. Mold the candle to your desired shape
5. Wrap the bottom of the candle with aluminum foil
6. Light the candle and say the Havdalah blessing.



HAVDALAH SPICE BAG CRAFT

AGES 6-9

MATERIALS

1. Mesh or plastic bag
2. Ribbons
3. Combination of different spices to choose from

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Lay out a buffet of different spices. Some options could be: cinnamon sticks, lemon peels, ginger, orange zest, rosemary, mint, sage, cumin, pumpkin spice, lavender, nutmeg, cardamom, etc.
 2. (Optional) Do a smell guess test. See if you can guess which spices you are smelling.
 3. Take your time smelling and choosing your favorite spices
 4. Gather your 3 - 5 of your favorite spices into the bag
 5. Bunch up the top of the bag and seal it with a rubber band and/or a ribbon
- Enjoy your new Havdalah spices.



HAVDALAH KIDDUSH CUP CRAFT

ALL AGES

MATERIALS

1. Plastic champagne or wine cup
2. Self adhesive jewels
3. Craft paint
4. Sharpie



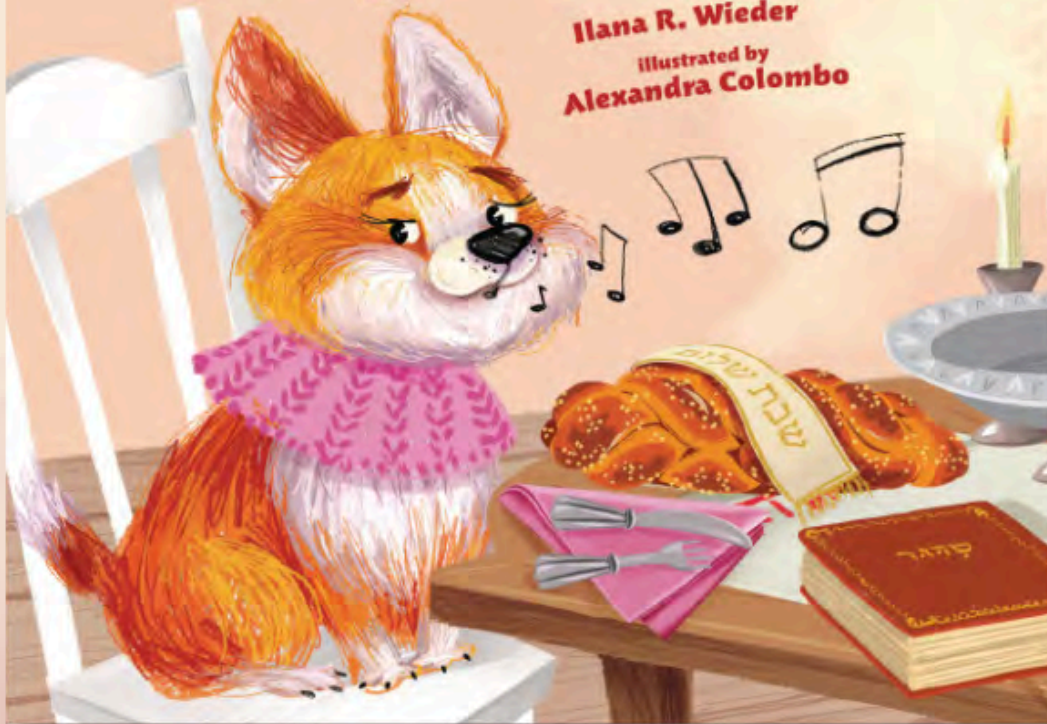
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Kids write their names on the bottom of the cup.
2. Decorate the cup with paint and jewels to your liking
3. Pour delicious grape juice
4. Say the blessing over the juice and enjoy!



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