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# Seeing Hashem Everywhere

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Hey kids! I have a big surprise for you today. It's getting cold outside, so let's take a trip in our Toras Avigdor Time Machine to a place where it's still pretty hot. We'll go back and visit Ur Kasdim, the city where Avraham Avinu grew up. Maybe we'll find Avram as a little boy! Okay, now grab a water bottle and hop in.

Remember, when we arrive, let's be as quiet as possible so we won't be noticed. We'll just stay in the background and watch until we find Avraham Avinu.

## Ur Kasdim: 1810 BCE

Wow! That was quick. I can't believe we're here already. We landed right outside the city walls. Look — down that road there's a shepherd guiding his flock of sheep. And over there are some girls near a well, drawing pails of water. This really is the olden days — just like rebbi described it when we learned Chumash.

Can you believe it — people are actually bowing down to a statue above the main city gate. It's a statue of the moon-god, the main avodah zarah of Ur Kasdim. Nearby are people standing on ladders, polishing a big statue of King Nimrod. Nimrod's slaves are making sure that statue shines.

Hey, over there — that's him! Outside the city there's a boy standing near an orange tree. It's Avram! He's got an orange in his hand and ... it looks like he's talking to it. Let's sneak up and listen in.

"It's amazing that this orange has a waterproof covering that keeps it fresh for so long," little Avram says to himself. "And it's so colorful

and shiny — without people shining it like the statue of Nimrod. Under the peel is even better. It's a tasty cup of juice inside!"

I can't believe it! We're listening to Avraham Avinu!

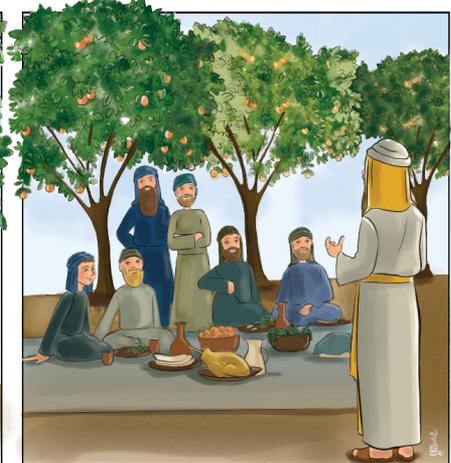
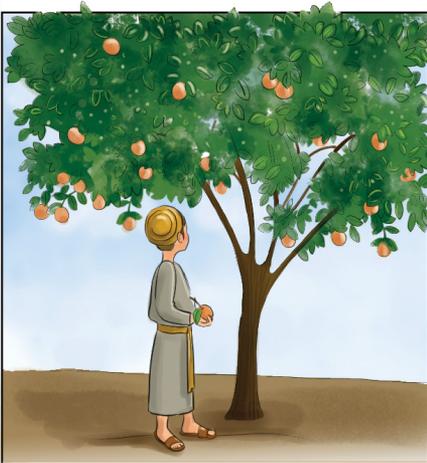
Uh oh, I'm feeling dizzy ... Oh, no! That camel just touched our controls — we're time traveling again!

## **BE'ER SHEVA, ERETZ CANA'AN: 1740 B.C.E**

Wow! Now look where we are! We landed in Be'er Sheva right next to a beautiful orange orchard. And Avraham Avinu, now in his seventies, is speaking to a group of people sitting under the trees. Let's listen in.

"Young fellows —," Avram says, "seventy years ago, when I was still a young boy in Ur Kasdim, I was a curious child who asked a lot of questions. Sometimes I even got into trouble because of that — like the day I was working in my father's avodah zarah shop and wondered how those clay statues could do anything ... But that's a story for a different day.

"When I used to walk outside the city walls, I always wondered about the fruit trees that grew there. Sometimes I would stop under a tree to rest and I would think about the leaves that gave me comfortable



shade. It was very hot and I enjoyed the shade so much that I started to think about it.

“The leaves are all spread out to provide shade — but only in the summer, when it’s hot. In the winter, when I’m cold and want to feel as much of the sun as possible, there are no leaves to block the sunlight.

“I was only a boy then, but I was always thinking. I began to think about all of the other great benefits that the tree gave me. Like fruits! Fruits are tasty packages of healthy candy. The sun bakes the fruit to perfection on the tree. When they’re not ready to be eaten, while they’re still “baking,” they’re green so they blend in with the leaves. If it was colorful, you might notice it and try to eat it before it was ready — so they’re green. But when they’re ready — tada! The packaging automatically changes colors, to let us know.

“And notice something else: While the fruit is being baked, it’s high up in the tree, out of reach; but as soon as it’s ready ... another magic trick! The tree suddenly lets go of the fruit and it drops onto the ground where we can easily pick it up.

“The more I thought about fruit trees, the more I realized that I had a Great Friend who was doing all these things just for me. And I knew that none of my father’s idols could ever do such a thing. There’s a Hashem who’s doing it all! Wherever I looked — oranges, apples, flowers — I discovered Hashem. And that’s why I planted this orchard — because I wanted to share my discovery with you! I want the world to know that wherever you look, you can see the wisdom and the kindness of Hashem.

“So I’d be so happy, “ said Avraham to his guests, “If you would all take one of my oranges and enjoy Hashem’s chessed. And as you chew on the juicy pieces, try to think about the things I just mentioned.”

Shabbos is starting in less than two hours so we’d better get back into our time machine and head back home. Hopefully we’ll be able to come back to visit Avraham another time.

**Have a wonderful Shabbos !**

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