

Shavuot Activities

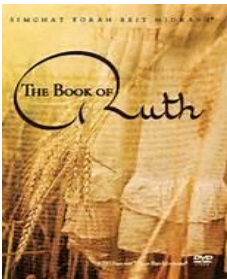
(Courtesy of Chabad.Org)



Tikkun Leil Shavuot – (an all-night Torah study session): Enjoy the spirit of this tradition without staying up all night (unless you want to!) by having a Shavuot pajama party at home. Spread blankets and pillows on the living-room floor; wear your favorite PJs, and share stories and games. Reading stories with a Jewish theme is a great way to incorporate the idea of Torah study in a kid-friendly way. Finish up with a make-

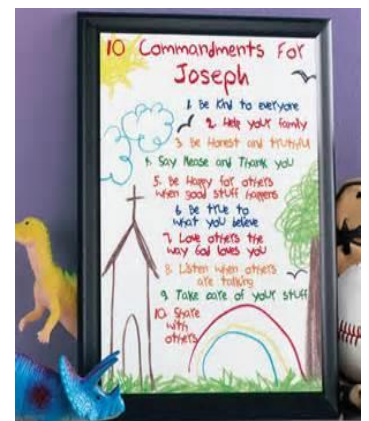
your-own sundae bar for a Shavuot treat.

Re-enact the Israelites camping at the foot of Sinai with your own camp out, weather permitting. Invite friends for a sleepover, or sleep there with the whole family. Stay up late telling stories—from the giving of the Torah, to the book of Ruth, to memories of camping. Wake up to the sound of a *shofar* or other horn blasts. (Courtesy of MyJewishLearning.com)



Reading the Biblical Book of Ruth (her story takes place during the harvest season)

Have kids come up with their own “Ten Commandments,” or work together to make a set of “commandments” for your home (“Treat each other nicely,” “Always share your toys,” etc.) Decorate your list and display it in a prominent place.



Eating dairy dishes (the Torah is compared to “milk and honey)

Explore our Shavuot Recipes.



Decorating the home with greenery and flowers



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Paper Plate Flowers (Courtesy of URJ Website)



There is a legend that teaches that the Israelites found Mount Sinai blooming and lush with greenery and flowers. As a result, many people decorate their homes with garlands and baskets of flowers for Shavuot. Try your hand at making this Shavuot decoration.

Materials

Paper plate

Colorful construction paper

Scissors, glue (or a stapler)

Instructions

Trace a child's hand on colorful construction paper at least 10 times. Cut out the hand tracings. Glue or staple a circle of handprint tracings (fingers pointing outward) around the outside of the plate—the fingers are the flower's petals. Glue or staple a second circle of handprint tracings (fingers pointing outward) just inside the first circle. Glue or staple a third circle of handprint tracings at the center of the plate. Make several and decorate your home.