

Daled (4th Grade) Curriculum

Theology

Fourth Graders often have profound new questions about God, such as “Is it possible to see God?” or “Why does God allow bad things to happen?” During the next two years the children are introduced to a more sophisticated Jewish concept of God and holiness and are provided with an expanded vocabulary for thinking and talking about God. Through a variety of engaging modalities, students learn what it means to live as a Jew in partnership with God.

Hebrew

Fourth graders work on recognition of prayer constructs. They practice word attack skills, recognize key *siddur* words and their meanings, drill prayer reading to encourage fluency, study more complex prayers and analyze the concepts of commonly recited prayers.

Bible

Lessons from the Prophets and Writings – Fourth graders focus on the second and third categories of the Bible – Prophets and Writings. From *the Crossing of the Sea of Reeds* to the story of *Ezra and Nehemiah*, Bet children discuss the challenges, ethical dilemmas and moral issues that confront the Jewish people and apply it to their own lives.

Holidays and Mitzvot

Daled students continue the graded curriculum begun the previous year from the Melton Research Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary, adding greater emphasis on special social studies units, such as: Synagogue, Family History and Tzedakah. In

addition to all the holidays, fourth graders also study Shabbat in greater detail.

Prayer

Daled students continue to reinforce the prayers they learned thus far and begin the Shabbat morning service, (Shacharit L'Shabbat:) *Shochen Ad, Chatzi Kadish, Bar'chu, El Adon, Ahava Raba, Shema V'Ahavta, Vayomer, Ashrei, Mi Camocha, Amidah* (until *kedusha*) *Birkat Hamazon*, (Grace after Meals) (first paragraph).

Texts and Resources:

Siddur Sim Shalom -USCJ
Hebrew Through Prayer, Book II – Behrman House
A Child's Bible Book II - Seymour Rossel, Behrman House
Holiday Curriculum for Bet Students – Melton Research Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary
Partners With God – Behrman House

Music / Israeli Dancing

Music is offered every week in grades Gimmel - Vav (3rd – 6th.) Children learn a variety of Hebrew, English or liturgical songs that are related to Shabbat, the holidays, the siddur and Israel. Children will also receive instruction in Israeli Dancing from time to time.