

# Inherited Blessings



## Blessings

In Parasha Eikev we read about the promises that G-D makes to those who would follow HIS commandments.

**Read: Devarim 7:12-20.**

## Ask:

What are the blessings that G-D promises HIS people if they obey HIS commandments and live their lives according to HIS laws?

## Now a Days

How many of these things do people feel entitled to? How many of these things do we enjoy because of the covering and mitzvot of our parents? How many of these things do we ourselves take for granted?

## The Curses:

What does G-D say will be the result of (Eikev) HIS people not keeping his ways, and laws? What of these do we see evident in the lives of people in our culture? Do we see these curses as evidence that unbelievers are not walking properly with G-D?

## The Good Life:

How many of these blessings would we enjoy if they were dependent upon our halacha, our mitzvot, our behaviour? Do we read the word of G-D? Do we trust HIM for our daily provision? Do we listen for HIS voice? Do we follow HIS mitzvot?

## The Blessings:

Let's play a game that reminds us of all the blessings that we enjoy and the GOODNESS of our G-D who gives them to us.

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## GAME: Word Chains

Players will sit in a circle and list one blessing that they have or look forward to having. They must remember the blessings reported by their classmates previously and think of unique words to add. This game challenges memory skills and is great for players of any age. Naturally this game gets more difficult the longer it's played. This means that players will be able to take the game to their skill level organically.

Start the game with the phrase, "I am so blessed with..." and then say one word that represents a blessing in your life. Each player then begins the phrase "I am so blessed with..." your word and then adds an item to the list after listing everyone's words that came before. The game can be made more difficult for older audiences by requiring that the words are in alphabetical order.

## Materials

Pencil and Paper. Take notes and track the phrase, or to act as mediator in case disputes arise.

30-second timer

## How To Play

Arrange the participants in a circle and explain the rules of the game. Start the word chain yourself or designate someone as the start of the blessings chain. "I am so blessed with... food."

The second person will have to repeat the chain, and add a unique blessing. Example: "I am so blessed with... food and music."

Each person will have 30 seconds after correctly reciting the chain to add another new blessing.

"I am so blessed with... food and music and chocolate" The chain is broken when a player cannot correctly recite the chain or can't think of a blessing to add to it within 30 seconds.

## Tips and Notes:

For a more competitive spin, don't end the game when someone makes a mistake. Instead, that person can sit out and the game can continue until you find the champion of Inherited Blessing Chains.

