

Shabbat School Bereshit: Bereshit "In the Beginning"

SUBJECT	TEACHER	HEBREW DATE	DATE
Who is THE authority?	Rebbitzen Pammy, Cathy Harris	29 Tishrei 5787	10/10/2026

OVERVIEW: WHO HAS FAITH ENOUGH TO BE AN ATHEIST?

TEACHER GUIDE		STUDENT GUIDE
INTRODUCTION "OPENING" 5 MINUTES	Say to them: "Shalom Yeladim" (sha-LOAM Ye-la-DEEM). Invite them to respond: "Shalom Morim!"	Say Shema, Pledge of Allegiance. Query to think about: Who is your authority? Is there TRUTH?
IDENTITY: B'NEI ISRAEL/BRIT AHM 5 MINUTES	Hebrew: מְרַחֶפֶת Part of Speech: Verb Transliteration: merachaphet Pronunciation: me-rah-khaf-et Meaning: hover, (as a hummingbird or bee) flutter, move, shake	In the beginning? Yeshua said: "4"Haven't you read?" He answered. "He who created them from the beginning 'made them male and female' 5and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' 6So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate."" ~Mt 19:4 He did <i>not</i> say: "After eons of life, death, and evolution, man and women came to be."
IDENTITY: HEARER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Read Portions: Bereshit 1:1-6:8 (32:1-52) Shm'uel Alef 20:18-42 (20:1-27) extended Mattityahu 1:1-17 (1:1-17) Learn our memory verse for the year 5787.>>	Memory Verse: Devarim 28:9-10 ^(TLV) 9Adonai will establish you as a holy people for Himself, just as He swore to you—if you keep the mitzvot of Adonai your God and walk in His ways. 10Then all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of Adonai and they will stand in awe of you.
IDENTITY: BELIEVER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Ask: IS G-D are authority on the beginning of time? (Who else was there?)	Discuss: What does G-D call very good?
IDENTITY: FOLLOWER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Ask: How is Yonathan a faithful friend?	Discuss: What do you think David thought of G-D's prophecy, that he would be king, with all that is going on in the court of King Saul?

IDENTITY: DOER OF G-D'S WORD 5 MINUTES	Who we are is largely dependent upon what we do; we acknowledge the ONE in whose image we were created!	Ask: How many generations from the first Adam to the last? Is G-D faithful to us?
GAME/ACTIVITY	Responsibility Game	<<-the first time for this Torah cycle
HOMEWORK 3 MINUTES	Super Quick Torah Study -Mattityahu 1 "Shavua tov, until next week!"	Close with prayer: say out loud what you are grateful for and things you need prayer for today.

NEED

- Bible

Drash:**RESOURCES**

- Pledges & Shema
- Shabbat Guide

NOTES

The first goal is to approach all scripture with humility and prayer.

From the very outset of the Bible, G-D Himself establishes the battlefield and the two sides of the conflict. The battlefield is the Earth that He spoke into existence and the opposing forces are order vs. chaos. In the opening chapters of the Bible, we find the opening battle begins to rage as we read these words from Genesis 1:1-5:

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was chaos and waste, darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Ruach Elohim was hovering upon the surface of the water. **3** Then God said, “Let there be light!” and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good. So God distinguished the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light “day,” and the darkness He called “night.” So there was evening and there was morning—one day.

Notice as we read these words that when G-D spoke the world into being, we read that chaos and darkness are on the earth and G-D is hovering over its surface. Then, with one short phrase, G-D defeats the adversary when He speaks the words: “Let there be light.” The immediate result of this first victory is order. Light and Darkness are separated and named day and night.

From these very first words until the very end of the book of Revelation, everything we read is the continuing battle between order and chaos. Throughout the Bible as we turn from page to page, we see this battle rage, and every time chaos begins to get a foothold, G-D, time after time, repeats those words: let there be light.