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KI TAVO: THE SUPRISING ORIGINS OF MA'ASER

This guide corresponds to the video: [The Surprising Origins of Ma'aser](#)

TEACHER'S GUIDE



POINTS TO PAUSE



DISCUSSION TOPICS

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| ▪ BEFORE THE VIDEO | | What are some of the laws the people will follow once they enter the land? |
| ▪ 1:50 | | Why does this mitzvah come with a dramatic statement? |
| ▪ 5:00 | | Were those conditions met? |
| ▪ 6:12 | | What was Jacob's home life like? |
| ▪ 9:12 | | Why is that important? |
| ▪ AFTER THE VIDEO | | Why does ma'aser come with a declaration? |



FROM PRINCIPLE TO PRACTICE

Rivky discusses the concept of making promises that are never fulfilled and the power that comes with actually fulfilling them.

Thinking about our own lives, when do you make promises? What do you do when you are unable to fulfill a promise? What is the value of keeping your promises?

CHECKING FOR UNDERSTANDING

What is ma'aser?

What were the conditions for Jacob's tithing?

What is the connection between Jacob and the declaration that accompanies ma'aser?



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STUDENT GUIDE

Graphic: As you watch the video, use the graphic below to make notes about the conditions of Jacob's tithing.

If God was with him....

If God guarded him...

If he returned in peace to his father's house...



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Deuteronomy 26:1	דברים כ"ו
(1)When you enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you as a heritage, and you possess it and settle in it,	(א')וְהָיָה כִּי־תָבֹאוּ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ נָתַן לָךְ נַחֲלָה וַיִּרְשָׁתָהּ וַיֵּשְׁבֶתָ בָּהּ:

Genesis 28:20-22	בראשית כ"ח
(20)Jacob then made a vow, saying, "If God remains with me, if He protects me on this journey that I am making, and gives me bread to eat and clothing to wear, (21)and if I return safe to my father's house—the LORD shall be my God. (22)And this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, shall be God's abode; and of all that You give me, I will set aside a tithe for You."	(כ')וַיִּזְרַק יַעֲקֹב נֶדָר לֵאמֹר אִם־יְהִי־אֱלֹהִים עִמָּדִי וַיִּשְׁמְרֵנִי בַדֶּרֶךְ הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי הוֹלֵךְ וַיִּתֵּן־לִי לֶחֶם לֶאֱכֹל וּבִגְד לְלַבֵּשׁ: (כ"א)וְנִשְׁבַּתִּי בְשָׁלוֹם אֶל־בֵּית אָבִי וְהָיָה יְהוָה לִי לֵאלֹהִים: (כ"ב)וְהָאֲבֵן הַזֹּאת אֲשֶׁר־שָׁמַתִּי מִצְבֵּה יְהוָה בֵּית אֱלֹהִים וְכָל אֲשֶׁר תִּתֵּן־לִי עֹשֶׂר אֶעֱשֶׂרנּוּ לָךְ:

Genesis 35:3	בראשית ל"ה
(3)Come, let us go up to Bethel, and I will build an altar there to the God who answered me when I was in distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone."	(ג')וַיִּקְוֶימָה וַיַּעֲלֶה בֵּית־אֵל וַאֲעֹשֶׂה־שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לְאֵל הָעֵנָה אֲתִי בְּיוֹם צָרָתִי וַיְהִי עִמָּדִי בַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר הֵלַכְתִּי:

Genesis 37:4-5	בראשית ל"ז
(4)And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him so that they could not speak a friendly word to him. (5)Once Joseph had a dream which he told to his brothers; and they hated him even more.	(ד')וַיִּרְאוּ אָחָיו כִּי־אֲהָב אָהַב אֲבִיהֶם מִכָּל־אָחָיו וַיִּשְׂנְאוּ אֹתוֹ וְלֹא יָכְלוּ דַבְּרוּ לְשָׁלוֹם: (ה')וַיִּחְלֶם יוֹסֵף חֲלוֹם וַיַּגִּד לְאָחָיו וַיִּשְׂכְּפוּ עוֹד שָׂנְאוּ אֹתוֹ: