



## BIBLE MENU GAME

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### **Subject area: Review of biblical personalities**

#### REINFORCEMENT GAME

Target age group: AGES 8&UP

OBJECTIVE: THIS GAME IS A 'DELICIOUSLY' LIGHTHEARTED, BUT 'NUTRITIONALLY' INFORMATIVE WAY TO LEARN OR REVIEW SIGNIFICANT FACTS AND TEACHING ABOUT BIBLICAL PERSONALITIES.

THE MATERIALS ARE PICTURES OF FOODS WITH PUN TYPE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THOSE FOODS RELATE TO FAMOUS OR NOT SO FAMOUS PERSONALITIES. THE QUESTIONS CAN ALSO BE ASKED IN REVERSE: WHICH TYPE OF FOOD WOULD A PARTICULAR CHARACTER, LIKE OR DISLIKE TO EAT, DEPENDING ON EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF, OR ASPECTS OF THE PERSON.

FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT KIND OF COOKIES WOULD ADAM AND EVE LIKE TO EAT? ANSWER: FIG NEWTONS (BECAUSE THEY USED FIG LEAVES TO COVER THEMSELVES UP.) THE RELATED DISCUSSION COULD BE AS SIMPLE OR AS COMPLEX AS THE TEACHER DESIRES, OR GEARED TO ANY AGE RANGE OR BACKGROUND LEVEL. (EVEN ADULTS!) THE QUESTIONS COULD FOCUS ONLY ON THE WRITTEN TEXT, OR INCLUDE MIDRASHIC AND RABBINICAL COMMENTARIES, OR EVEN CREATIVE SPECULATION.

AS IN THE ABOVE EXAMPLE, THE ANSWER COULD BE ELABORATED TO DISCUSSIONS ON THE NATURE OF ADMISSION OR DENIAL OF GUILT, THE PROCESS OF TESHUVA- AS IN THE RABBINICAL TEACHING THAT THEY USED FIG LEAVES TO ATONE FOR EATING FROM A FIG TREE, OR THE TEACHING THAT THEY TOOK 'AN UNRIPE FIG,' IMPLYING THAT IF THEY HAD WAITED TILL SHABBAT, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO EAT FROM THE TREE OF



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KNOWLEDGE, (AND THE ROLE THAT IMPATIENCE PLAYS IN TRANSGRESSIONS).

OTHER VARIATIONS COULD BE CHALLENGING THE STUDENTS (OR TEACHERS) TO COME UP WITH THEIR OWN EXAMPLES OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PERSONALITIES OR FOODS. THE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE ORAL, OR USING ILLUSTRATIONS, OR DRAWING PICTURES WHERE THE OTHER STUDENTS WOULD HAVE TO GUESS BOTH THE PERSON AND THE FOOD DEPICTED.

ORDINARY REVIEWS, WHICH THOUGH NECESSARY, CAN BE FREQUENTLY BORING ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WITH A LESS RETENTIVE MEMORY. THE OBJECTIVE OF BIBLE MENU IS TO MAKE THE REVIEW BOTH MORE FUN AND MORE EFFECTIVE. FOOD HOLDS EVERYONE'S ATTENTION, AND IN PAVLOVIAN FASHION, CAN HELP THE MEMORY AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE PERSONALITIES INVOLVED COME ALIVE. CHILDREN OF ALL AGES LOVE PUNS, SOMETIMES THE SILLIER THE BETTER, AND MEMORY STUDIES HAVE ACTUALLY SHOWN THAT SILLY ASSOCIATIONS IMPROVE RETENTION.

THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS GAME ARE, THEREFORE, ITS SIMPLICITY, CREATIVITY, FUN, AND ADAPTABILITY. A GOOD LAUGH TOGETHER WITH A SERIOUS DISCUSSION CAN HELP DIGEST THE STUDY OF TANACH IN AN INNOVATIVE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER.

HERE ARE SOME SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Q-WHAT BRAND OF POTATO CHIPS DID ABEL REFUSE TO EAT?  
A-CAINS

Q-WHO LIKED RAINBOW COOKIES?  
A-EITHER NOAH OR JOSEPH

Q-HOW MUCH FOOD DID AVRAHAM'S NEPHEW EAT?  
A-LOTS!

Q- WHY DID LAVAN LOVE DOUGH NUTS?  
A-HE WAS CRAZY ABOUT WEALTH



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WHAT KIND OF CANDY DID THE SODOMITES EAT?  
FIRE BALLS

WHO ATE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE?  
KORACH OR THE SODOMITES OR THE PEOPLE IN NINVEH

WHO ONLY DRANK WELL WATER?  
ISSAC, OR REBECCA, OR ELIEZER, OR JACOB OR MOSHE

WHO DRANK RAISIN' WINE  
MOSES OR JOSHUA (RAISED THE WATER)

WHY DID LABAN LIKE WAFFLES?  
HE KEPT CHANGING HIS MIND (DESCRIBE WAFFLING)

WHY DID NOAH GET DRUNK?  
HE WAS SO GRAPEFUL TO BE ALIVE

WHAT KIND OF CUPCAKES WOULD RIVKAH OR TAMAR CRAVE?  
TWIN-KEYS

WHAT DID RIVKA OR TAMAR EAT FOR DESERT?  
PAIRS (PEARS)

WHAT KIND OF BEER DID LEAH OR YOCHEDV DRINK?  
ANYKIND, AS LONG AS IT WAS A SIX-PACK (MORE MATURE)

WHAT KIND OF CRACKERS DOES MRS. LOT DISLIKE?  
SALTINES

WHAT PROCESS WAS NEEDED TO PREPARE JOSEPH'S MEALS?  
A SPECIAL COATING

WHAT KIND OF SNACK DID MRS. POTIPHAR EAT?  
TEAR-0 (OR TAROT-SHE WAS AN ASTROLOGER) CHIPS

WHAT KIND OF SOUP DID JOSEPH EAT?  
ALPHABET SOUP (AN ANGEL TAUGHT HIM 70 LANGUAGES)



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WHAT KIND OF CAKE DID JACOB EAT?  
ANGELFOOD CAKE

WHAT KIND OF CAKE DID ESAU EAT?  
DEVILSFOOD CAKE

WHAT DID THE FIRST PHAROAH EAT FOR SUPPER?  
MEATLOAF WITH CORN BREAD

WHAT WERE THE JEWS FORCED TO EAT IN EGYPT?  
STRAW-BURYS

WHAT KIND OF MEAT DID THE JEWS EAT AT SINAI?  
MUTTON (THE GIVING OF THE TORAH IS CALLED MATAN TORAH)

WHAT WAS THE MAIN INGREDIENT IN KING SAUL'S BREAD?  
MELON-CAULI FLOUR

WHAT SNACK DID G-D CONTINUALLY PROMISE THE JEWS WHEN  
THEY WOULD COME TO ISRAEL?  
MILK AND HONEY CAKE

WHAT KIND OF CEREAL WOULD CRIMINALS GET IN THE CITIES  
OF REFUGE?  
TRIAL SIZE BOXES

WHAT KIND OF SOUP DID MOSHE OR JOSHUA SERVE BESIDE THE  
SEA?  
SPLIT PEA SOUP

WHAT BRAND OF WINE DID THE JEWS DRINK IN THE DESERT?  
MANNA-CHEVITZ

WHAT KIND OF CAKE WOULD MAKE GIDEON BRAVE?  
BARLEY FLOUR CAKE

WHAT DID SAMSON HAVE FOR LUNCH?  
A HERO SANDWICH



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WHAT DID JONATHAN EAT HIS CHIPS WITH?  
SAULS SONS

WHAT KIND OF CANDY DID SAMSON EAT?  
JAW BREAKERS

WHAT MAIN COURSE DID SAUL PREFER?  
QUICHE (HIS FATHER'S NAME WAS KISH)

WHAT KIND OF BREAKFAST GOT JONATHAN IN TROUBLE?  
HONEY COMB CEREAL

WHAT KIND OF VEGETABLE WAS SAUL ATTACHED TO?  
A-SPEAR-AGRASS

WHY DIDN'T ABSALOM LIKE SPAGETTI?  
IT REMINDED HIM OF HIS HAIR (THAT HE GOT HUNG BY)

WHAT BRAND OF CHIPS DID KING SOLOMON EAT?  
WISE POTATO CHIPS

WHICH ROYAL COUPLE HAD A CRAVING FOR SOUR GRAPES?  
ACHAV AND JEZEBEL

WHAT WAS ELIJAH'S FAVORITE CANDY?  
CARMEL CANDY

WHEN ELISHA WENT OUT TO EAT, WHAT DID HE ASK FOR?  
A DOUBLE PORTION

WHO INVENTED WONDER BREAD?  
ELISHA, WHEN HE FED A WHOLE CITY ON A FEW LOAVES

WHY DID GENERAL NAAMAN LIKE DIPS?  
BECAUSE THAT'S HOW HE GOT CURED OF LEPROSY

WHICH ASSYRIAN KING LIKED TO MUNCH ON BONES?  
SNACK-A-RIB (SENACHERIB)



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WHAT DESERT DID ACHASHVEROSH GIVE QUEEN ESTHER?  
RING-A-DINGS

WHAT DID HAMAN FEED ACHASHVEROSH WHEN DISCUSSING JEWS?  
BALONEY

WHAT DESERT DID JERIMIAH EAT?  
PREACHES AND DREAM

WHY DID EZEKIEL LIKE BONES MORE THEN MEAT?  
BECAUSE THE BONES CAME ALIVE

WHAT DID NEBUCHADNEZER TRY TO FEED DANIEL?  
BARBEQUED RIBS

WHY DID CAVIAR MAKE JONAH FEEL SICK?  
HE REMEMBERED BEING SQUISHED IN THE FEMALE WHALE

WHAT KIND OF SANDWICH DID JONAH EAT?  
SUBMARINE SANDWICH

WHICH BRAND OF HEALTHY JUICE DID VASHTI REFUSE?  
NAKED BRAND