

Student's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

NEW WORD

בָּרוּךְ

baruch

blessed, praised

NEW LETTER

ך

final *chaf* "ch"
as in "Bach"

Now Read & Read Again

1 בָּרוּךְ אַמֵּךְ שְׁמִי עֲמֵךְ דְרֹךְ עֲלִיךְ

2 מֶלֶךְ לִבִּי רֵעַךְ פֶּךְךְ אֶרֶךְ לִבִּי

3 כְּמוֹךְ צָרִיךְ הוֹלֵךְ אֵלַיךְ אָבִיךְ עֲזֹרָה

4 בָּרוּךְ בְּנִיךְ עֲמֵךְ בֵּיתְךָ אוֹתְךָ כָּלְךָ

5 מְבָרֵךְ יְמֵלֶךְ לְבָבְךָ יָדֶיךָ מְאֹדָה חֲקִיךָ

6 לְפָנֶיךָ עֵינֶיךָ נִפְשְׁךָ מִצֹּרָה סוּמָךְ מִלְאָךְ

7 מִצְוֹתֶיךָ קִדְשְׁתָּךְ בְּשִׁלּוּמָךְ אֶלֶהִיךָ וַיְבָרֶךְ

8 תִּנֵּךְ בָּרוּךְ וּבְלָכְתְּךָ וּבְקוֹמָךְ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ

BEYOND THE BOOK

Final Chaf

Your child has learned that there are five Hebrew letters that have a different form when they appear at the end of a word. When כ comes at the end of a word, it takes the form of a final *chaf* (ך). You will usually see a final *chaf* with the vowels ךֿ or ךֿי (ךֿי).

Bending the Knees

Have you ever wondered why people praying often bend their knees and bow when reciting a prayer that begins with the word *baruch*? The Hebrew word for knee, *berech*, comes from the same root. There are two reasons for this custom of bending the knee, or bowing, when we pray. One is that we bend our knees before God as a sign of respect. The other is that by doing so, we are asking God to come down to us, thus making God more approachable.

1 בְּרוּךְ אַמְךָ שְׁמֶךָ עֲמֶךָ דֶּרֶךְ עֲלֶיךָ
alecha derech amcha sh'mech imecha baruch

2 מֶלֶךְ לֵבֶךְ רֵעֶךָ פֶּרֶךְ אֶרֶךְ לִבֶּךָ
libech erech perech re'acha libecha melech

3 כָּמוֹךָ צָרִיךָ הוֹלֵךְ אֵלֶיךָ אָבִיךָ עֹזֶךָ
uzecha aveecha elecha holech tzareech kamocha

4 בְּרוּךְ בָּנִיךָ עֲמֶךָ בֵּיתֶךָ אוֹתֶךָ כֻּלֶּךָ
kulcha otcha beitecha imcha banecha baruch

5 מְבֹרָךְ יִמְלֹךְ לְבַבְךָ יָדֶיךָ מְאֹדֶךָ חֻקֶּיךָ
hukecha m'odecha yadecha l'vavcha yimloch m'vorach

6 לְפָנֶיךָ עֵינֶיךָ נַפְשֶׁךָ מְצֹוֶךָ סוּמֶךָ מַלְאֶךָ
mal'ach somech m'tzavcha nafsh'cha einecha l'fanecha

7 מִצְוֹתֶיךָ קְדוּשַׁתֶּךָ בִּשְׁלוֹמֶךָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ וַיְבָרֶךְ
vay'varech elohayich bishlomecha k'dushat'cha mitzvotecha

8 תַּנַּךְ בְּרוּךְ וּבְלֶכְתְּךָ וּבְקוּמֶךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ
u'vish'arecha u'v'kumecha u'v'lecht'cha baruch tanach