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Student's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____

NEW WORD

צִדְקָה

tz'dakah

tzedakah, justice

NEW LETTERS

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koof "k"

tzadee "tz"

as in "waltz"

Now Read & Read Again

1 צו צב צר צד צה צל

2 כצ בצ אצ מצ קצ רצ

3 אכה צדק כצד בצר אצה צרה

4 צבא צבר קצר צבת בצל מצא

5 מצה קצת קצב מצב הצב אצר

6 מצא צלה צמד מצה אצת צמא

7 ורצה ואצר צרמת צואר צואה

8 צדקה בצרת מצאת צדקת צדקה

BEYOND THE BOOK

Tzedakah

The word tzedakah comes from the Hebrew root meaning "justice." It reminds us of our obligation to make the world a better place. Maimonides defines eight levels in his Ladder of Tzedakah. The lowest level is giving begrudgingly. The highest level is giving a person a job or entering into a business partnership with a person so that he or she will no longer need to receive tzedakah.

Giving Tzedakah: Starting a Family Tradition

To teach your children about their role in making the world a better place, create a weekly ritual of giving tzedakah. You can make your own tzedakah box or buy one at your local Judaica store or synagogue gift shop. Many families give tzedakah before the lighting of the Shabbat candles. Each month your family can decide where the family tzedakah should go. This is a good opportunity to talk about the values your family considers important. Your rabbi, educator, or other congregational leader may be able to give you suggestions on where to send tzedakah.

1 צו צב צר צד צה על
tzal tzah tzad tzar tzav tzav

2 כץ כץ אץ מץ קץ רץ
ratza katza matza atza batza k'tza

3 אכה צדק כצד בצר אצה צרה
tzarah atzah batzar k'tzad tzadak achah

4 צבא צבר קצר צבת בצל מצא
matza batzal tz'vat katzar tzabar tzava

5 מצה קצת קצב מצב הצב אצר
atzar hatzav matzav katzav k'tzat matzah

6 מצא עלה צמד מצה אצת צמא
tzama atzta matzah tzamad tzalah matza

7 ורצה ואצר צרמת צואר צואה
tzav'ah tzavar tzaramt v'atzar v'ratzah

8 צדקה בצרת מצאת צדקת צדקה
tz'dakah tzadakta matzata batzarta tz'dakah
