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NEW WORD

בְּלְנְה mitzvah

commandment

NEW VOWEL

short "i" as in "bit"
"ee" as in "sheep"

Now Read & Read Again

- י מִקְ צַּדִי לְבִי אֲוֹי דְוִ בְּרִי
- יַבְי אָיָר הָבָה בִּיב שְׁמִי צִיר הֲבִי 2
- זיא איש אשָה אָמֶא בְּכִי בְּלִי זּ הִיא אִישׁ אַשָּה אָ
- ⁴ רַבִּי אֲוֹיר דָוֹד בִּימָה דָתִי תִּיק
- זירָה תִּירָא רִמָּה קְרִיאַת לְבִיבָה קָצִיר זּ שִׁירָה תִּירָא
- אַביב קְהִילָה מִקְרָא אַביב אָהִילָה מִקְרָא צַדיק בְּוִיאַת
 - איאית בְּרִית מִילְה תִּקְנָה הַתִּקְנָה דַתִּקְנָה
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One Mitzvah Leads to Another

In Pirke Avot 4.2 (Ethics of the Fathers) we find the following teaching about mitzvot:

Ben Azai teaches: Be as quick to obey a minor mitzvah as a major one...for fulfilling one mitzvah leads to fulfilling another.

Mitzvah Stars

Our tradition teaches that one good choice leads to more good choices. Now is the time to put your child's good choices in a Jewish context. When your child is kind to others, helps those in need, or shows respect to elders, he or she is fulfilling mitzvot (commandments in the Torah). By defining these acts as "mitzvot," you help your child see the world through Jewish eyes. At bedtime ask your child to tell you about a mitzvah he or she performed that day. Acknowledge your child's kind deeds with a reinforcing technique. For example, affix a glow-in-the-dark star to the bedroom ceiling for each mitzvah performed. Together, you can fill the world with light.

