

The Four Children

How are the 4 children described in the illustrations below?

Try to identify the 4 children in each picture.



כַּנְגֵד אַרְבַּעָה בָּנִים דִּבְרָה תוֹרָה.

אֶחָד חָכָם,

וְאֶחָד רָשָׁע,

וְאֶחָד תָּם,

וְאֶחָד שְׂאִינוּ יוֹדֵעַ לְשַׁאוֹל:

The Torah speaks of four types of children:

One is wise, **One is wicked**, **One is simple**, and **One does not know how to ask**.

חָכָם מַה הוּא אוֹמֵר?

אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֶתְכֶם?

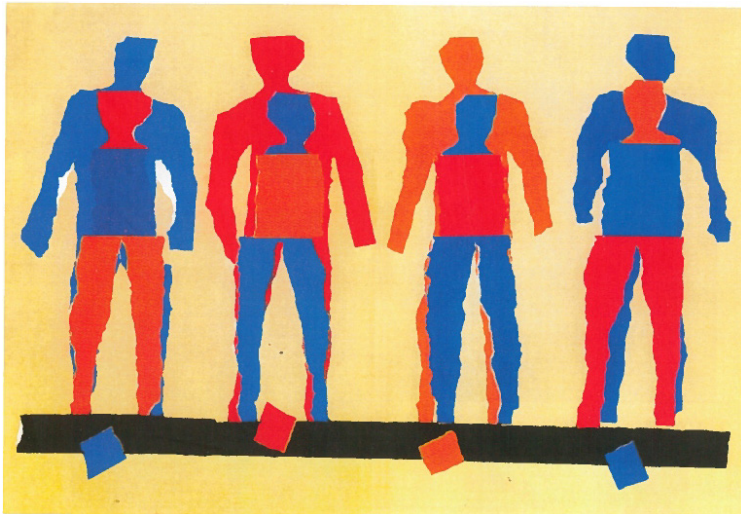
מַה הָעֵדוּת וְהַחֲקִים וְהַמְשַׁפְּטִים,

וְאָף אֶתָּה אָמַרְלוֹ כְּהַלְכוֹת הַפֶּסַח.

אֵין מִפְטִירִין אַחַר הַפֶּסַח אֶפְיֻקוּמָן.

The Wise child--what does this child say?

"What is the meaning of the laws and traditions God has commanded?" (Deuteronomy 6:20) You should teach this child every detail of the traditions of Passover.



רָשָׁע מַה הוּא אוֹמֵר?

מַה הָעֵבֶדְהָ הַזֹּאת לָכֶם?

לָכֶם וְלֹא לוֹ.

וּלְפִי שְׁהוֹצִיא אֶת־עַצְמוֹ

מִן הַכָּלֵל, כְּפָר בְּעַקְרָה.

וְאָף אֶתָּה הִקְהָה אֶת־שִׁנּוּי, וְאָמַרְלוֹ:

בְּעִבּוֹר זֶה, עָשָׂה ה' לִי, בְּצִאתִי

מִמִּצְרַיִם, לִי וְלֹא־לוֹ.

אֵלוֹ הָיָה שֵׁם, לֹא הָיָה נִגְאָל.

The Wicked child--what does this child ask?

"What does this ritual mean to you?" (Exodus 12:26)

This child emphasizes YOU and not him or herself! Since the child excludes him or herself from the community and God, you should set him or her on the correct path by saying: It is because of "It is because of what God did for ME when I came out of Egypt..." (Exodus 13:8) "For ME" and not for YOU! Had YOU been there you would not have been freed.

