

THE PARSHA EXPERIMENT

PARSHAT BAMIDBAR: HOW CAN WE TRANSMIT GOD'S VALUES?

TEACHER'S GUIDE



POINTS TO PAUSE



DISCUSSION TOPICS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEFORE THE VIDEO 	➔	What is Bamidbar about?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:25 	➔	Why should this be in the intro to the book?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:05 	➔	What does that mean?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 	➔	Why do the Leviim get to be the bridge?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFTER THE VIDEO 	➔	Why does Numbers start as it does?



FROM PRINCIPLE TO PRACTICE

Immanuel Shalev and David Block discuss how the book starts as it does partly to show how, in God's eyes, everyone counts.

Thinking about our own lives, why is it important to value each individual person? What actions do you take to ensure that every person counts? How does God show that each person counts?

CHECKING FOR UNDERSTANDING

What is the role of the Levites?

What is a bechor?

Why do the Leviim belong at the start of the book?



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Graphic: As you watch the video, use the graphic below to make notes about the Levim and the bridge that they create?



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במדבר א:נא	Numbers 1:50-51
<p>נ ואתה הפקד את-הלויים על-משכן העדת ועל כל-כליו, ועל כל-אשר-לו-- המה ישאו את-המשכן ואת-כל-כליו, והם ישרתו; וסביב למשכן, יחנו. נא ובנסע המשכן, יורידו אתו הלויים, ובחנת המשכן, יקימו אתו הלויים; והזר הקרב, יומת. נב וחנו, בני ישראל, איש על-מחנהו ואיש על-דגלו, לצבאתם.</p>	<p>50 but appoint thou the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all the furniture thereof, and over all that belongeth to it; they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the furniture thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle. 51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up; and the common man that draweth nigh shall be put to death.</p>

במדבר ג:יב	Numbers 3:6-12
<p>ו הקרב, את-מטה לוי, והעמדת אתו, לפני אהרן הכהן; ושרתו, אתו. ז ושמרו את-משמרתו, ואת-משמרת כל-העדה, לפני, אהל מועד-- לעבד, את-עבדת המשכן. ח ושמרו, את-כל-כלי אהל מועד, ואת-משמרת, בני ישראל--לעבד, את-עבדת המשכן. ט ונתתה, את-הלויים, לאהרן, ולבניו: נתונם נתונם המה לו, מאת בני ישראל. י ואת-אהרן ואת-בניו תפקד, ושמרו את-כהנתם; והזר הקרב, יומת. {פ} יא וידבר יהוה, אל-משה לאמר. יב ואני הנה לקחתי את-הלויים, מתוך בני ישראל, תחת כל-בכור פטר רחם, מבני ישראל; והיו לי, הלויים.</p>	<p>6 'Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. 7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. 8 And they shall keep all the furniture of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. 9 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given unto him from the children of Israel. 10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, that they may keep their priesthood; and the common man that draweth nigh shall be put to death.' {P}</p> <p>11 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: 12 'And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every first-born that openeth the womb among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be Mine;</p>

שמות ד:כב	Exodus 4:22
<p>ואמרת, אל-פרעה: כה אמר יהוה, בני בכרי ישראל.</p>	<p>And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh: Thus saith the LORD: Israel is My son, My first-born.</p>

ויקרא ח:לה	Leviticus 8:35
<p>ופתח אהל מועד תשבו יומם ולילה, שבעת ימים, ושמרתם את-משמרת יהוה, ולא תמותו: כי-כן, צויתי.</p>	<p>And at the door of the tent of meeting shall ye abide day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not; for so I am commanded.</p>

ויקרא ח:י	Numbers 8:10
<p>וְהִקְרַבְתָּ אֶת-הַלְוִיִּם, לְפָנַי יְהוָה; וְקָמְכוּ בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-יְדֵיהֶם, עַל- הַלְוִיִּם.</p>	<p>And thou shalt present the Levites before the LORD; and the children of Israel shall lay their hands upon the Levites.</p>

שמות לב:כו	Exodus 32:26
<p>וַיַּעֲמֵד מֹשֶׁה, בְּשַׁעַר הַמַּחֲנֶה, וַיֹּאמֶר, מִי לַיהוָה אֵלַי; וַיֹּאסְפוּ אֵלָיו, כָּל-בְּנֵי לֵוִי.</p>	<p>Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said: 'Whoso is on the LORD'S side, let him come unto me.' And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.</p>