Continue activities following the story – Feathers in the wind



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Family Activities

- Feathers in the Wind is an ancient story passed from one generation to the next. Do you know any stories that are passed down in your family? You may want to remind each other of one or two such stories.
- Things told “by word of mouth” can sometimes get distorted. “Chinese Whispers”, or “Telephone”, is a game that demonstrates this possibility in a humorous way: players form a circle, and the first player whispers a word in the second player’s ear. The second then whispers what they heard to the third, and so on, until the final player is reached, and asked to repeat the word out loud. Is it the same as the one whispered by the first player?

- The woman in the story learned that it is not easy to mend her ways and take back the words she had said. You may like to discuss the following with your child: In your opinion, why did the woman gossip and spread rumors about the people of her town? Have you ever regretted anything you’d said, even as a joke? Perhaps you would like to discuss such incidents, and the steps you took following them.
- What is the connection between words and feathers? You may want to ask your child: What do you think of the rabbi’s unusual suggestion, given without any direct preaching? Are there any life lessons in your family that are passed on in a

creative, humorous fashion?

- The verse “Guard your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile” has a wonderful tune composed by Baruch Hayyat. If you know it, you may enjoy singing it together.
- Shlomo Abbas has written and retold numerous stories. You may want to look for more of his books at home or the local library, and read them together. Which stories did you like?

Enjoy reading and discussing the book together!



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