

GRATEFUL GIVING

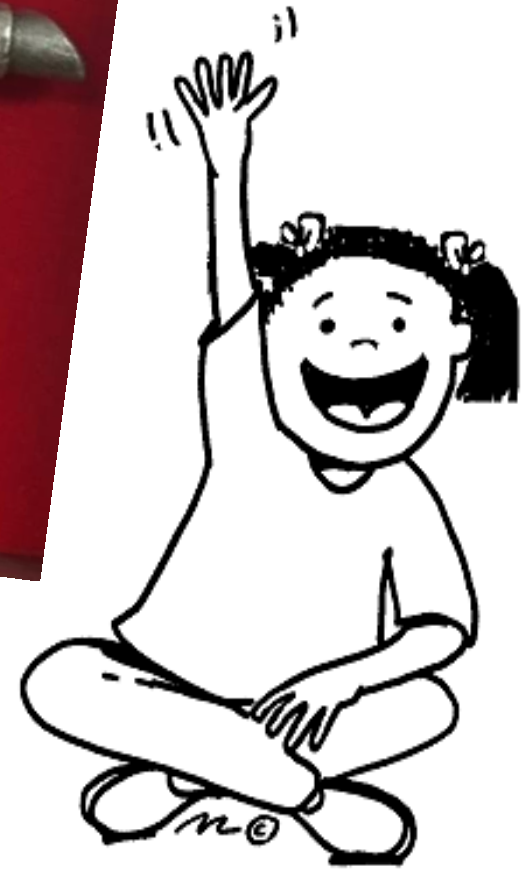
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Deuteronomy 26:2-3

Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

Deuteronomy 26:4-5

The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.

Deuteronomy 26:6-8

But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders.

Deuteronomy 26:9-10

He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.

Deuteronomy 26:11

Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

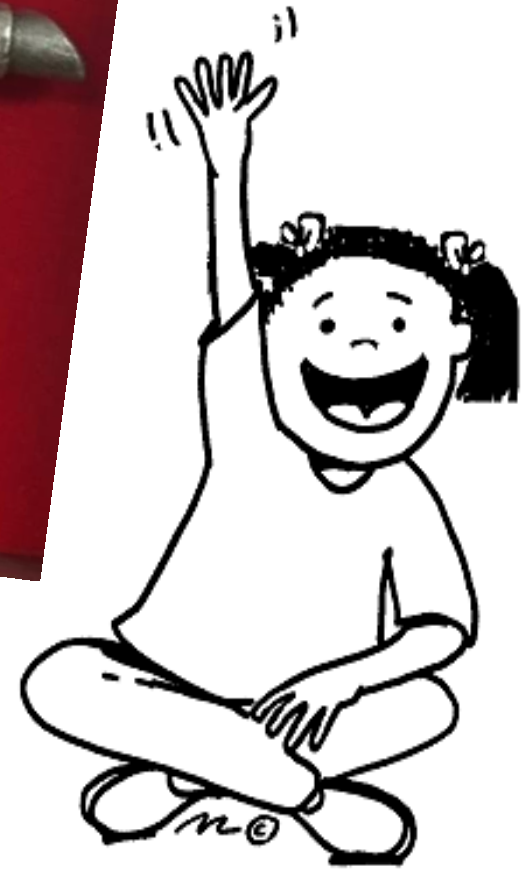
Deuteronomy 26:12

When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

Deuteronomy 26:13

Then say to the LORD your God: "I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded. I have not turned aside from your commands nor have I forgotten any of them.

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DEUTERONOMY 26:1-3

Word used 3 times?

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VERSES 9-13: HOW MANY TIMES?

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Deuteronomy 26

Grateful Giving

1. The God who **gives** land = a means of income
2. We respond by **giving** our “firstfruits” to God
3. We direct this **giving** to those who face special challenges in society

Deuteronomy 26:11

Joyful Giving

Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among **you shall rejoice** in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

When rich gifts are poor gifts

**“rich gifts wax poor
when givers prove unkind”**

Hamlet (Act III, i. line 100)

Shakespeare



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Deuteronomy 26:11 (KJV)

Joyful Giving

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