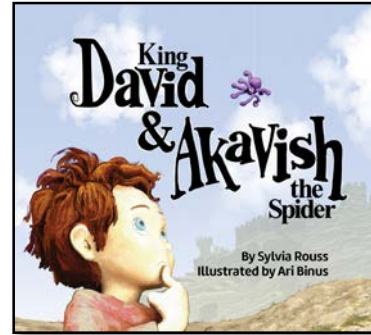


A Heroic Spider Saves the King

What's it about?

When a young shepherd named David meets a friendly spider, little does he imagine that it will be the beginning of a lasting friendship, or that one day the tiny creature will save his life! It's a lesson the future king of Israel will never forget.



What can my students learn from the story?

King David & Akavish the Spider is a great way to introduce the following to your students:

- Even the smallest creature can make a big difference
- A midrashic story of King David as a young boy
- The Jewish value of *tza'ar ba'alei chayim* (compassion for all creatures)

Discussion Questions

- Why did David think there was no way a small spider could help him someday?
- How can small kindnesses make a big difference?
- In what small ways can you make a difference to help someone?

Suggested Activities

- Teach and sing the song "David Melech Yisrael" with the accompanying hand motions. Watch it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWltJ0TF2fw>
- Make a spider craft.
- Bring in pictures of different animals; discuss and compare the different types of homes each lives in. (spider/ web; bear/ cave; butterfly/ cocoon; etc.)
- Make a list of small things that animals or people can do to make a big difference. Act them out.



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