

Practice Story for Level 3 Comprehension Test

Read the story below and write the answers to the questions in English.

## רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא

עָרַב אֶחָד יָשַׁב עֲקִיבָא עַל יַד הַבְּאֵר. עֲקִיבָא יָשַׁב וְחָשַׁב עַל רַחֵל. רַחֵל  
אָמְרָה שְׁעֲקִיבָא צָרִיף לְלָמוּד תּוֹרָה. עֲקִיבָא רָצָה לְלָמוּד תּוֹרָה, אָבֵל הוּא  
כָּבֵר בֶּן אַרְבָּעִים וְלֹא לָמַד תּוֹרָה. עֲקִיבָא חָשַׁב: אֵיךְ אֲנִי יְכוּל לְלָמוּד  
תּוֹרָה עַכְשָׁו?

רָאָה עֲקִיבָא אָבֵן עַל יַד הַבְּאֵר, וּבֹאֵבֵן חוֹר. מִי עָשָׂה אֶת הַחוֹר בְּאֵבֵן?  
רָאָה עֲקִיבָא טְפוֹת מַיִם נוֹפְלוֹת עַל הָאֵבֵן, וְהֵן עָשׂוּ אֶת הַחוֹר בְּאֵבֵן.  
חָשַׁב עֲקִיבָא: טְפוֹת הַמַּיִם עָשׂוּ חוֹר בְּאֵבֵן הַקֶּשֶׁה, הַלֵּב שְׁלִי לֹא יוֹתֵר  
קֶשֶׁה מֵאֵבֵן. הַטְפוֹת שֶׁל הַתּוֹרָה נִכְנָסוֹת לְלֵב שְׁלִי, וְאֲנִי יְכוּל לְלָמוּד  
תּוֹרָה.

עֲנֵה עַל הַשְּׂאֵלוֹת:

(Answer the questions in English.)

1. אֵיפֹה הָיָה רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא?
2. מָה רַחֵל רָצְתָה?
3. בֶּן כַּמָּה הָיָה עֲקִיבָא?
4. מָה רָאָה עֲקִיבָא עַל יַד הַבְּאֵר?
5. מָה לָמַד עֲקִיבָא מִסְפּוֹר הָאֵבֵן?



# CAJE Teacher Certification Program

## Hebrew Proficiency Level 3



### *TRANSLATION FOR PRACTICE STORY*

#### THE STORY ABOUT RABBI AKIVA

One evening Rabbi Akiva was sitting near the well. Akiva sat and thought about Rachel. Rachel said that Akiva needed to study Torah. Akiva wanted to learn Torah, but he was already 40 years old and he did not learn Torah. Akiva thought: How can I learn Torah now?

Akiva saw a stone near the well, and the stone had a hole. Who made the hole in the stone? Akiva saw water drops falling on the stone, and they made the hole in the stone.

Akiva thought: The water drops made a hole in the hard stone; my heart is not harder than a stone. The drops of Torah can penetrate my heart, and I can learn Torah.

Answer these questions:

1. Where was Rabbi Akiva? (*Sitting near the well.*)
2. What did Rachel want? (*She wanted Akiva to study Torah.*)
3. How old was Akiva? (*Akiva was 40 years old.*)
4. What did Akiva see next to the well? (*He saw a stone with a hole.*)
5. What did Akiva learn from the stone story? (*He learned that the drops of Torah can penetrate his heart and he is not too old to learn Torah.*)