

Ask students to punctuate the text, highlight main words and ideas.

Exodus 32:1

BL BetterLesson

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, the people gathered against Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who shall go before us, for that fellow Moses—the man who brought us from the land of Egypt—we do not know what has happened to him."

וַזַּרְא הָעָם כִּי בשׁשׁ משָׁה לָרֶדָת מִן הָהָר וַיִּקָּהֵל הָעָם עַל אַהֲרֹן וַיֹּאמְרוּ אַלָיו קוּם עֲשׂה לָנוּ אֶל־ קִים אֲשֶׁר יֵלְכוּ לְפָנֵינוּ כִּי זֶה משֶׁה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר הֶעֶלְנוּ מֵאֶרָץ מִצְרַיִם לֹא יָדַעְנוּ מֶה הָיָה לוֹ:





Sentence starters:

- How do you know...?
- What's the evidence for...?
- What would happen if ...? Why ...?

- I can ask a question that sparks my curiosity
- I can identify similarities and differences in comparable texts.





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אָמַר רַבִּי יְהוֹשָׁעַ כֶּן לֵוִי: מַאי דִּכְתִיב: ״וַיַּרָא הָעָם כִּי בשֵׁשׁ משֶׁה״ – אַל תִּקְרֵי ״בּוֹשֵׁש״, אֶלָּא ״בָּאוּ שֵׁשׁ״. בְּשָׁעָה שַׁעַלַה משֵׁה לַמֵּרוֹם אַמֵר לַהֶן לִישָׂרָאֵל:

ַלְסוֹף אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם בִּתְחַלֵּת שֵׁשׁ אֲנִי בָּא. לְסוֹף אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם בָּא שָׂטָן וְעִירְבֵב אֶת הָעוֹלָם. אָמַר לָהֶן: משֶׁה רַבְּכֶם הֵיכָן הוּא? אָמְרוּ לוֹ: עָלָה לַמָּרוֹם. אָמַר לָהֶן: בָּאוּ שֵׁשׁ, וְלֹא הִשְׁגִּיחוּ עָלָיו. מֵת, וְלֹא הִשְׁגִיחוּ עָלָיו. הֶרְאָה לָהֶן הַמוּת מִטָּתוֹ, וְהַיִינוּ הַקָאָמִרי לֵיה לִאַהֵרוֹ: ״ִכּי זֶה משֶׁה הָאִישׁ וְגוֹ״.

And Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi said: What is the meaning of that which is written: "And the people saw that Moses delayed [boshesh] to come down from the mount" (Exodus 32:1)? Do not read the word in the verse as boshesh; rather, read it as ba'u shesh, six hours have arrived. When Moses ascended on High, he told the Jewish people: In forty days, at the beginning of six hours, I will come. After forty days, Satan came and brought confusion to the world by means of a storm, and it was impossible to ascertain the time. Satan said to the Jews: Where is your teacher Moses? They said to him: He ascended on High. He said to them: Six hours have arrived and he has not yet come. Surely he won't. And they paid him no attention. Ultimately, he showed them an image of his death-bed and an image of Moses' corpse in a cloud. And that is what the Jewish people said to Aaron: "For this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what has become of him"

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