

THE HAVERIM TEMPLATE

Intended | P'shat | Context to discover the Point

Specific Question:

- What seems odd that might be better understood with an increased knowledge of its context?

Generic Questions:

- Who wrote it?
- Why did they write it?
- Where were they when they wrote it?
- How is it affected by the manners and customs of the day?
- What can archaeology teach us about this passage?
- What does history teach us about the subject?
- What happened to the main character(s) before or after the incident?

Action Point:

- Share what the context taught you about the main point of the passage.

Implied | R'mez | Connections to discover the Principle

Specific Question:

- Is there a pattern to be discovered or a principle to be applied?

Generic Questions:

- Does the passage refer to another Scripture, story, or prophecy in the Bible?
- Does anything referenced here have a meaning elsewhere in Scripture?

Action Point:

- Put the principle into a sound bite, diagram, or story to share.

Interpreted | D'rash | Collaboration to discover the Purpose

Specific Instructions:

- Choose the character and verse(s) you want to interpret and ask why they did what they did.

Generic Instructions:

- Rewrite the verse(s) in first person.
- Include what the character may have been thinking or feeling.
- Retell the story, fill in the gaps, but whatever you do, don't change the facts.

Action Point:

- Read out your d'rash and optionally use a creative tool to explain what you discovered.

Inspired | S'od | Contemplation to discover the Practice

Optional Catalyst:

- Use a creative tool to help people focus their contemplation.

Personal Questions:

- Lord, what do I not yet understand about this passage?
- What has previously been hidden to me?
- What do You want me to do in response to this passage?

Friendship Question:

- Is there someone to whom I can pass on a message from this passage and how should I do that?

Action Point:

- Share what God said to you and what He inspired you to tell others.