

Tzedakah (תְּדָקָה) Text Study

designed for younger students

"*Tzedakah*" is the Hebrew word for helping and giving money to people who have less than we have. The Torah teaches us that we have to take care of the poor and needy people in our neighborhood and community.

<p>“All Jews must take care of one another” (Talmud Shavuot 39a).</p>
<p>“Support every poor person equally” (Talmud Gittin 61a).</p>

1. What does it mean to take care of each other?
 - a. What are some things you do for people you love?
 - b. What are some things you can do to take care of people you don't know?
2. Supporting everyone equally means we also have to take care of people who look different or believe differently from us. Why is this important?
3. What are some things you already do yourself or do as a family to help people who have less than you have? What more could you do?