

DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Go to parsha Bemidbar and research where Qorah, Dathan and Abiram's tents stood in relationship to each other. Did their placement give them easier access to talk and grumble with each other? (Num. 2:10; 3:29)
- Qorah had the most prestigious of the duties of the tribe of Lewi. Why do you think Qorah was not satisfied with his position (Num. 3:29-32; 4:15-16)? Could he have been jealous of Aharon's sons - especially as they had El'azar overseeing all their duties (Num. 3:32; 4:16)?
- Yahweh had recently given Yisra'el the instruction regarding tzitziyot - a sign to show that they were all set-apart to Him. Do you think Qorah felt equal to Mosheh and Aharon as a result of this? (Num. 15:40)
- Why do you think Dathan and Abiram took part in the rebellion? Since they were from the tribe of Re'uben, the firstborn, might they have resented that they were bypassed for temple service in favor of the Lewites?
- When Dathan and Abiram refused to come to Mosheh, were they sending a message that they did not accept his authority any longer?
- When they claimed that Mosheh was pulling the wool over their eyes, do you think they felt they were truly misled by Mosheh or were they trying to plant doubt in others?
- What is She'ol? (Num. 16:30, 33)

