RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids Parashah #25: Tzav "Command"

Vayikra / Leviticus 6:1-8:36 By: Yehudah ben Shomeyr

This week's Torah Portion is about Moshe making his brother Aharon and his sons Priests (Kohanim) over all of Israel. We also find that Moshe taught Aharon and his sons about all the different offerings they would have to make on behalf of the people. Aharon and his sons had to wear special clothes when they were doing their job as Priests (Kohanim).

Leviticus 8:1-13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread; And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done. And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith. And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim. And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses. And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them. And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the layer and his foot, to sanctify them. And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

How does someone know how to be a police officer, firefighter, doctor or a chef?

They go to a special school and someone teaches and shows them how to be a police officer, firefighter, doctor or chef. This is sort of like what Moshe did for Aharon and his sons. Moshe (Moses) held special classes for one week and taught Aharon and his sons all about how to be a Priest of Israel.

How can you tell if someone is a police officer, firefighter, doctor or chef?

You can tell by the special clothes they wear; we call them uniforms.

We know that a person's uniform tells us who they are and what their job is. We also know that sometimes a person's uniform helps them to do their job. This is exactly what the special clothes the Priests of Israel wore did, it showed who they were, what their job was, and it helped them to do their job well.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!

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