

ARI'S HEBREW LETTERS *Adventure*



א – Alef

Name: Alef (א)

Sound: Silent letter, often with
“ah” like in “Abba.”

Word: **אבא** – Abba – Daddy

Alef is our first letter friend.
Alef loves big hugs from Abba.

“**A**bb**a**, **A**bb**a**!”
the little child calls.

Alef smiles, “I’m the start of
the word **A**bb**a**!”



ב – Bet

Name: Bet (ב)

Sound: “B” as in “ball.”

Word: **בַּיִת** – Bayit – House

Bet has a cozy home.

“Come inside my bayit,” says
Bet.

The friends open the door and
peek in.

“It’s warm and safe in here,”
says Bet.



ג – Gimel

Name: Gimel (ג)

Sound: Hard “G” as in “goat.”

Word: גמל – Gamal – Camel

Gimel goes for a walk with a gamal. Clip-clop, clip-clop go the camel’s feet.

“**Hold on tight!**” laughs Gimel. They walk together across the soft sand.



ד – Dalet

Name: Dalet (ד)

Sound: “D” as in “door.”

Word: דלת – Delet – Door

Dalet is a special door.
“Knock-knock!” says the child.
The delet opens with a creak.
“Come in and learn with me,”
says Dalet.



ה – Hey

Name: Hey (ה)

Sound: “H” as in “hello.”

Word: **הר** – Har – Mountain

“**Hey!**” says Hey, “**Let’s climb
the har!**”

The friends climb the mountain
slowly. “**Look how high we
are,**” they cheer.

Hey waves hello from the top.



ו – Vav

Name: Vav (ו)

Sound: “V” as in “violin” (also used as “o/u,” but keep it simple here).

Word: **ו****ו** – Vered – Rose

Vav visits the garden.
“**Look at this vered,**” says Vav.
The rose smells sweet and soft. Everyone takes a gentle sniff.



ז – Zayin

Name: Zayin (ז)

Sound: “Z” as in “zebra.”

Word: זברה – Zevra – Zebra

Zayin zooms with a zebra.
“Zip, zap, zoom!” they run and play. The zebra’s stripes zig and zag. Zayin laughs and zips along.



ח – Chet

Name: Chet (ח)

Sound: A throaty “ch,” like in “Chanukah” (soften for kids: “a gentle ‘ch’ sound from your throat”).

Word: **חלה** – Challah – Braided bread

Chet bakes sweet challah.
“**Mix, knead, braid,**” says Chet.
The challah bakes and fills the air. “**Mmm, it smells so good,**” say the friends.



ט – Tet

Name: Tet (ט)

Sound: “T” as in “toy.”

Word: טוב – Tov – Good

Tet loves to say “tov.”

“This day is tov. My friends are tov. Learning letters is tov!”

Tet’s smile makes everyone feel good.



י – Yud

Name: Yud (י)

Sound: “Y” as in “yes.”

Word: ילד – Yeled – Boy /

ילדה – Yaldah – Girl

Yud is tiny but strong.

“Look at the yeled and yaldah play,” says Yud.

They jump, dance, and laugh.

“Yay!” shouts Yud, “I may be small, but I’m important!”



ך / כ – Kaf

(and Final Kaf)

Name: Kaf (כ), Final Kaf (ך)

Sound: “K” as in “kite” (skip the “kh” nuance for simplicity).

Word: **כיפה** – Kipah –
Small cap

Kaf (כ) kicked with a “k” like
“kite.” Kaf wore a crown,
“keter,” and they flew kites
high in the sky.



ל – Lamed

Name: lamed (ל)

Sound: “L” as in “lion.”

Word: לב – Lev – Heart

Lamed (ל) leaped with an “L” like “lion.” Lamed taught Ari to learn, “lamed לָמַד,” pronounced “lah-MAHD” and they read a storybook under a tree.



ם / מ – Mem

(and Final Mem)

Name: Mem (מ), Final Mem (ם)

Sound: “M” as in “mother.”

Word: מַיִם – Mayim – Water

Mem (מ) murmured an “m” like “moon.” Mem swam in water, “mayim,” and they built a sandcastle by the shore.



ן / נ – Nun

Name: Nun (נ), Final Nun (ן)

Sound: “N” as in “nest.”

Word: נר – Ner – Candle

Nun (נ) nodded with an “n” like “nest.” Nun lit a candle, “ner,” and they told stories in the cozy light.



ס – Samech

Name: Samech (ס)

Sound: “S” as in “sun.”

Word: סֵפֶר – Sefer – Book

Samech (ס) spun with an “s”
like “sun.”

Samech rode a horse, “sus,”
and they galloped through
fields of flowers.



ע – Ayin

Name: Ayin (ע)

Sound: Traditionally a deep throat sound; for kids say it's a gentle “ah” or “eh.”

Word: עֵינַךְ – Ayin – Eye

Ayin (ע) observed with a quiet “ah” or throat sound like “eye.”

Ayin climbed a tree, “etz,” and spotted clouds, “anan.”



ף / פ – Pe

Name: Pe (פ), Final Pe (ף)

Sound: “P” as in “papa” (skip the “f” nuance for now, or just mention lightly).

Word: פה – Peh – Mouth

Pe (פ) popped with a “p” like “popcorn.” Pe had a mouth, “peh,” full of fruit, “peri,” and they shared sweet snacks.



ץ / צ – Tzadi

Name: Tzadi (צ), Final Tzadi (ץ)

Sound: “Ts” as in “cats.”

Word: צבא – Tzava – Army

(optional), or ציפור – Tzipor

– Bird (softer). Let’s use

ציפור – Tzipor – Bird.

Tzadi (צ) tsipped with a “ts” like “pizza.” Tzadi drew a picture, “tzayar,” of a frog, “tzfarde’a,” jumping around.



ק – Kuf

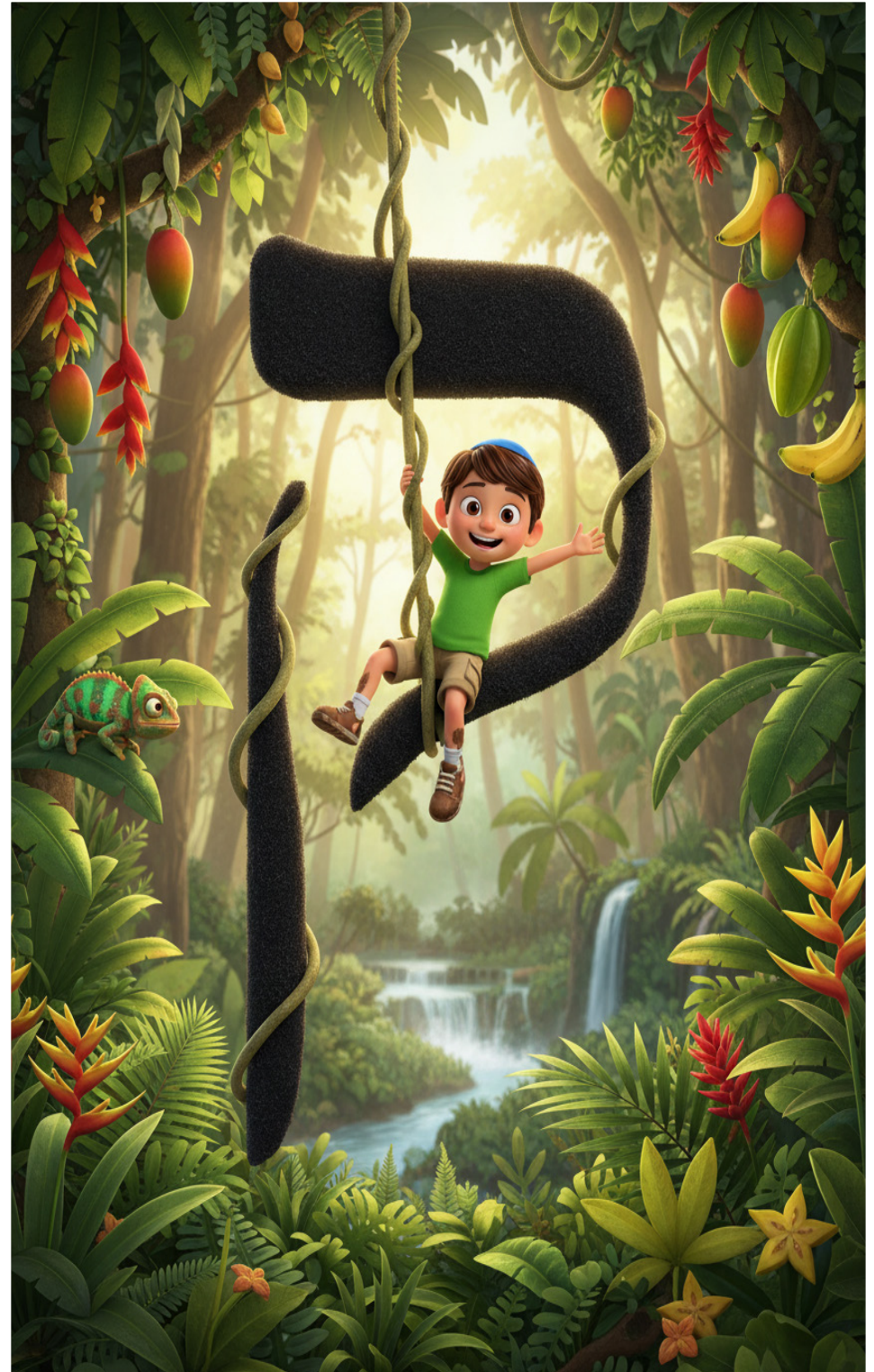
Name: Kuf (ק)

Sound: “K” as in “kangaroo.”

Word: קול – Kol – Voice /
Sound

Kof (ק) quacked with a “k” like
“koala.”

Kof called like a monkey, “kof,”
and they swung from vines in
the jungle.



ר – Resh

Name: Resh (ר)

Sound: Rolled or soft “R.”

Word: ראש – Rosh – Head

Resh (ר) roared with an “r” like “rain.” Resh danced in the rain, “geshem” (wait, that’s “g,” but Resh starts “ruach” for wind), and they ran through puddles.



ש – Shin

Name: Shin (ש)

Sound: “Sh” as in “shoe.”

Word: שלום – Shalom –
Peace / Hello / Goodbye

Shin (ש) shushed with “sh” or
“s” like “shoe.” Shin sailed on
a boat, “sfinah,” under the sun,
“shemesh.”



ת – Tav

Name: Tav (ת)

Sound: “T” as in “toy.”

Word: תודה – Todah –
Thank you

Finally, Tav (ת) talked with a “t”
like “toy.” Tav drew a picture,
“tmunah,” and thanked Ari for
the adventure.



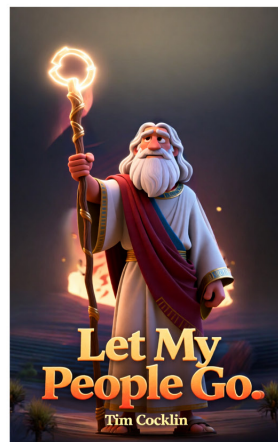
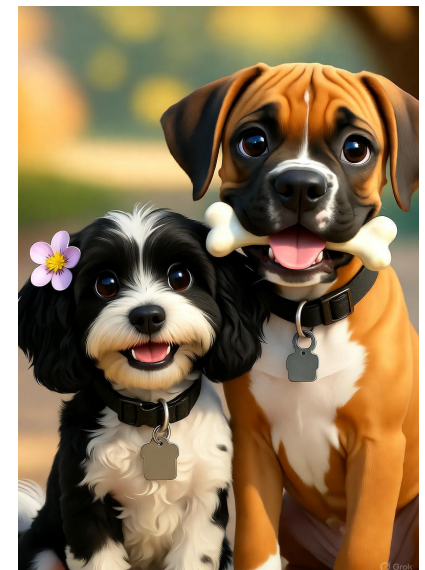
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