

גְּבוּרוֹת

Checklist:

- Reading: read *g'vurot* without error
- Comprehension: Answer the questions in full, well thought out sentences
- Vocabulary: Do the root words exercises.

When you have completed the checklist, ask your teacher to test you to see if you are ready to move on to the next prayer.

G'vurot

אַתָּה גְבוּר לְעוֹלָם אֲדוֹנָי מְחַיֶּה הַכֹּל אַתָּה רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ

Winter

Summer

מְשִׁיב הַרוּחַ וּמוֹרִיד הַגֶּשֶׁם

מוֹרִיד הַטֶּל

מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד מְחַיֶּה הַכֹּל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים

סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים וְרוֹפֵה חוֹלִים וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים

וּמְקִים אֲמוֹנָתוֹ לִישְׁנֵי עָפָר

מִי כְמוֹךָ בַעַל גְּבוּרוֹת וּמִי דוֹמֶה לָךְ

מֶלֶךְ יַמִּית וּמְחַיֶּה וּמְצַמֵּחַ יְשׁוּעָה

וְנֶאֱמָן אַתָּה לְהַחְיֹת הַכֹּל. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מְחַיֶּה הַכֹּל.

You are forever mighty, Adonai; You give live to all

Winter – You cause the wind to shift and rain to fall

Summer – You rain dew upon us

You sustain life through love, giving life to all through great compassion

Supporting the fallen, healing the sick, freeing the captive

Keeping faith with those who sleep in the dust

Who is like You, source of mighty acts? Who resembles You?

A Sovereign who takes and gives life, causing deliverance to spring up

And faithfully giving life to all. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives life to all.

Comprehension

This prayer has different words for winter and summer after the first line. Why do you think there are different words for different seasons? What is different about these seasons? What if you lived in Israel?

This prayer is about God's power. There are a number of examples of ways God shows God's power. In the English, circle at least 5 of these actions that God does to show God's power. Have you ever seen an example of one of those actions in the real world?

Why do you think it is important to bless God's power?

Vocabulary

The word חַיִּים means life. Find the 5 words in Hebrew that have the root חַיִּים in the prayer above and circle them (they have more letters than just חַיִּים).

Why do you think a prayer about God's power is so focused on life?

Other versions of this prayer say מְחַיֵּה מֵתִים (who revives the dead) instead of מְחַיֵּה הַכֹּל (who gives life to all). Do you think that makes a big difference in the meaning of this prayer? To which version of the prayer do you feel more connected? Why?

גִּבּוֹר means 'hero.' What does God do that makes God like a hero? Who is a hero in your life? What does that person do that is heroic?