The Perfect Gift
A Study Guide for Tu Bishvat 5781

Before reading the midrash, think about a special gift you were once given.

- Was it important to you to take care of that gift?
- If anything bad ever happened to that gift, how would that make you feel?
- Do you think you would be able to replace it if it were destroyed or lost?

This *midrash* describes God giving Adam a tour of the Garden of Eden, showing him the beautiful trees. Adam is told that they are all created for him. He is also warned that he should pay attention to not damage the world because no one else will repair the damage.

- What do you think it means that God created the trees for humans?
- What exactly does God warn Adam to do? What responsibilities do humans have for the trees, and why?
- What causes damage to trees, and what can you do to prevent or repair it?