

Kukariku!

A Baal Shem Tov Story

The story of the shepherd who could not read, retold for children



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A classic chassidic story of the Baal Shem Tov and the shepherd's cry,
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Long ago, in the little town of Medzhybizh, there lived a great and holy Rebbe - the Baal Shem Tov.

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This is a story about Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year. It begins in three places...

A few days before Yom Kippur, the Baal Shem Tov sat alone in his study.



Far away, in a small village, Jewish families were in great danger.



Father in Heaven, have mercy on them.

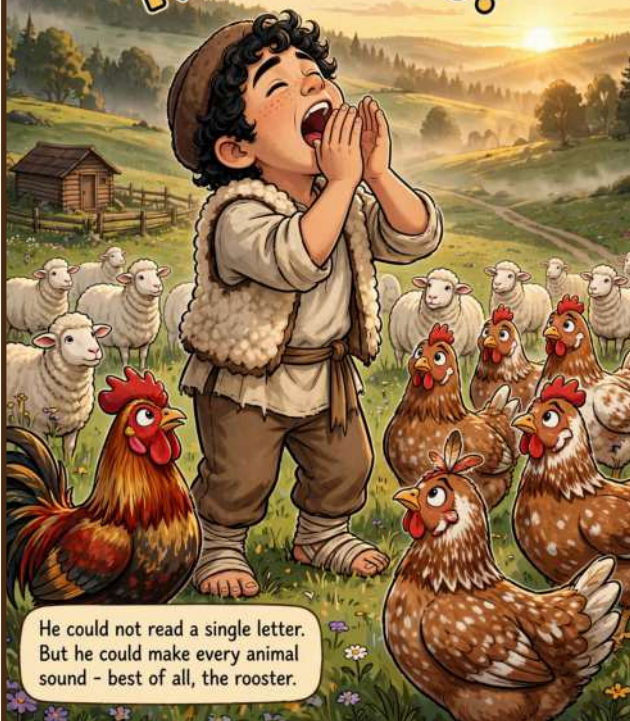


On Yom Kippur, he would daven for them with all his heart.

In another village, near the woods,
lived a young shepherd.

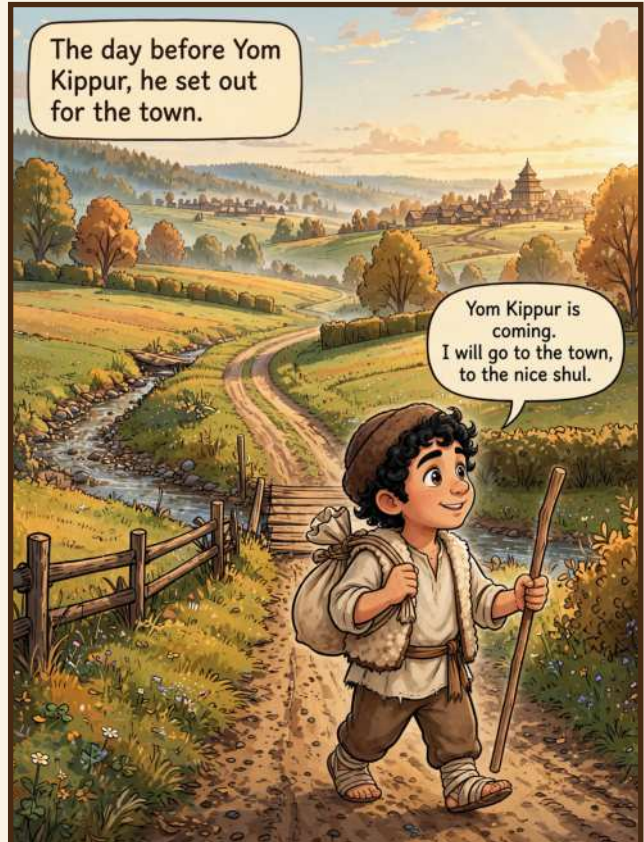


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He could not read a single letter.
But he could make every animal
sound - best of all, the rooster.

The day before Yom
Kippur, he set out
for the town.



Yom Kippur is
coming.
I will go to the town,
to the nice shul.

It was the afternoon of Yom Kippur.
The whole town walked back to shul
for the last prayers of the day.



The shepherd came too.
He stood at the door, shy.



Inside, every man wore a white kittel and a tallis. The shepherd stood at the back.



He could not read.
So he just listened.

At the amud stood the Baal Shem Tov himself, leading the last prayers with all his might.



And he watched the Rebbe's face.

