

The Noisy House

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Jewish

This story is good for audience participation - have them make the various noises

Time: About 3:40

The man was desperate. The noise in his house was more than he could bear. The baby was always crying, “WAHHH!”, the children were always screaming, “DID TOO! DID NOT! MOM, HE’S LOOKING AT ME!”, and the wife was always yelling at the children “BE QUIET!” So he went to the rabbi and explained the problem.

The rabbi [*nodding his head*] said to the man, “You have chickens?”

“Yes, of course.”

“Bring the chickens into the house”

“What! But that will make the noise even worse!”

“You asked for advice, and I have given it to you. Do what you will.”

Well, the rabbi was said to be wise, so the man did as he said. And now the house was even noisier. The rooster was always crowing “ER-ER-ER-ER-ERRRR!”, the baby was always crying, “WAHHH!”, the children were always screaming, “DID TOO! DID NOT! MOM, HE’S LOOKING AT ME!”, and the wife was always yelling at the children “BE QUIET!”. He couldn’t stand it! So he went to the rabbi again.

The rabbi [*nodding his head*] said to the man, “You have a goat?”

[*a little hesitantly*] “Yes, of course.”

“Bring the goat into the house”

“What! But that will make the noise even worse!”

“You asked for advice, and I have given it to you. Do what you will.”

Well, the rabbi was said to be wise, so the man did as he said. And now the house was even noisier. The goat was always bleating “BAAAA! BAAA! BAAA!”, the rooster was always crowing “ER-ER-ER-ER-ERRRR!”, the baby was always crying, “WAHHH!”, the children were always screaming, “DID TOO! DID NOT! MOM, HE’S LOOKING AT ME!”, and the wife was always yelling at the children “BE QUIET!”. He couldn’t stand it! So he went to the rabbi again.

The rabbi [*nodding his head*] said to the man, “You have an ox?”

[*more hesitantly*] “Yes, of course.”

“Bring the ox into the house”

“What! But that will make the noise even worse!”

“You asked for advice, and I have given it to you. Do what you will.”

Well, the rabbi was said to be wise, so the man did as he said. And now the house was even noisier. The ox was always lowing, “MOOOO, MOOOO”, the goat was always bleating “BAAAA! BAAA! BAAA!”, the rooster was always crowing “ER-ER-ER-ER-ERRRR!”, the baby was always crying, “WAHHH!”, the children were always screaming, “DID TOO! DID NOT! MOM, HE’S LOOKING AT ME!”, and the wife was always yelling at the children “BE QUIET!”. He couldn’t stand it! So he went to the rabbi again.

The rabbi said to the man, "Take the ox, the goat, and the chickens out of the house."

"Gladly!" said the man. He did as the rabbi said.

And now the baby was always crying, "WAHHH!", the children were always screaming, "DID TOO! DID NOT! MOM, HE'S LOOKING AT ME!", and the wife was always yelling at the children "BE QUIET!!"

"Ahhhh", said the man, "the house is so quiet and peaceful."

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