

Six Weeks Too Late

Eight activities

Activity 1: What is actually owed

From the story, list everything Brayndel owes Bassy - the objects, the grade, and the sentence. Which ones can be repaid without Bassy, and which ones cannot? What does the list tell you about why "paying it forward" does not close the account?

Activity 2: The three options

In Chapter 4, Brayndel considers doing nothing, rounding down, and paying someone else. From the story, what is wrong with each one? What does she end up doing that is none of the three?

Activity 3: The letter with no address

Brayndel writes the debt down exactly - objects, grade, the sentence - and marks the account open. What does writing it down do that carrying it vaguely in her head could not? Why does she call it an open account instead of a sad memory?

Activity 4: Repair arithmetic (all numbers made up for practice)

Suppose a repair to the person you wronged "costs" 10. A redirected repair to someone new "costs" 10 and helps someone, but reduces the original debt by 0. A rounded-down memory reduces the debt by 0 and helps no one. After one redirected repair and one round-down, what does the account look like? Show your steps. What does the arithmetic NOT capture?

Activity 5: "That is not nothing"

Brayndel's mother says the written sentence and the open account are "not nothing," but she never says the debt is settled. Why does it matter to Brayndel that her mother refuses to call it settled? What is the difference between comfort and accounting?

Activity 6: Draw the two tables

Draw the fair scene: Leba's table with the good board, Brayndel's table with the flat poster paper. Only what can be seen - no labels for feelings. Caption it with one line from the story.

Activity 7: Tehilla's camp friend - a fictional case

A teen named Tehilla borrowed her camp friend's good sweater for the last Shabbos of camp, stained it, and never told her. The friend lives in another country; they have no way to reach each other. Write: the exact sentence Tehilla owes, one honest thing she can do now that keeps the account open instead of rounding it down, and one redirected repair that helps without pretending to settle the debt. One sentence each, with names.



Activity 8: Word grid

Find eight words left to right. Row/column numbering begins at 1.

The eight words: BRAYNDEL, BASSY, POSTER, BINDER, MOVED, LETTER, OFFICE, BOOTH.

B	R	A	Y	N	D	E	L	F	Y
B	A	S	S	Y	M	N	O	R	S
P	O	S	T	E	R	Q	Z	X	J
B	I	N	D	E	R	G	H	U	P
M	O	V	E	D	S	T	C	D	E
L	E	T	T	E	R	K	V	W	B
O	F	F	I	C	E	L	M	N	O
B	O	O	T	H	E	A	I	Q	Z
X	J	K	V	W	B	F	Y	G	H
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