Honi the Wise One was also known as Honi the Circle Maker.

By drawing a circle and stepping inside of it,

he would recite special prayers for rain.
Sometimes he would argue with God during a drought, and the rains would come.

He was, indeed, a **miracle maker**.

As wise as he was, Honi sometimes saw something that puzzled him.
One day, Honi the Circle Maker was walking on the road and saw a man planting the seeds for a carob tree.

Honi asked the man, "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?"

The man replied, "Seventy years."

Honi then asked the man, "And do you think you will live another seventy years and eat the fruit of this tree?"
THE MAN ANSWERED, "Perhaps not."

HOWEVER, WHEN I WAS BORN INTO THIS WORLD,

I FOUND MANY CAROB TREES PLANTED BY MY FATHER AND GRANDFATHER.

JUST AS THEY PLANTED SEEDS FOR ME,

I AM PLANTING SEEDS FOR MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

SO THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EAT THE FRUIT OF THESE TREES.
THAT’S A VERY SMART THING TO DO SAID HONI.

AND SAT DOWN NEXT TO THE SEEDS TO HAVE A MEAL.

SLEEP OVERCAME HIM.

HE SLEPT FOR 70 YEARS.

HONI WOKED UNDER A HUGE TREE. HE STRETCHED AND STRETCHED.

WHAT A GOOD NAP! I MUST HAVE SLEPT FOR A LONG TIME.
A man was picking the carob. Honi asked the man,

**DID YOU PLANT THIS TREE?**

**NO.**

**MY GRANDFATHER PLANTED IT SEVENTY YEARS AGO.**

Someday my children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy carobs just as I do.

I’m also going to plant a carob tree,

said the man.

Just as my parents and grandparents planted trees for me, so do I plant trees for my children and grandchildren.