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 **Middah Master Lesson 11
אֹמֶץ לֵב – Ometz Lev (Courage, bravery, strength of heart)**

## Case 1

Rebbi asked a tough question during Chumash. The room went silent. Most boys stared at their desks, hoping not to be called on. Yisrael’s heart thumped — he knew the answer, but his face felt hot.

He glanced at his friend’s pencil tapping on the desk and thought, *What if I get it wrong? What if they laugh?* But then he remembered: Ometz Lev doesn’t mean never feeling scared. It means being brave enough to try anyway.

Solve it: What should Yisrael do?

* A) Raise his hand and give the answer he thinks is right.
* B) Stay quiet so no one will notice him.
* C) Whisper the answer to his friend instead of answering himself.

## Case 2

At recess, boys were playing ball when an older student snatched it from a younger boy. “This is mine now,” the bully smirked, throwing it high in the air while the younger boy reached helplessly. A few kids nearby looked away, pretending not to see.

Moshe stopped in his tracks. He felt nervous — what if the bully came after him next? But then he saw the younger boy’s eyes fill with tears. Ometz Lev means standing up for what’s right, even when it’s scary. Moshe knew he had to choose: ignore it, laugh along, or take action.

Solve it: What should Moshe do?

* A) Step in and tell the bully to give the ball back, or go get a teacher for help.
* B) Ignore it and keep playing with his own friends.
* C) Laugh along so the bully doesn’t turn on him.