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God Leads His People Out

Exodus 12:1-42;13:17-22



YOUR BIBLE READING

The Passover remembers a costly night of judgment and Israel's departure from slavery.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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Preparing the Passover Meal

Exodus 12:1-42;13:17-22



In Egypt, God gave Moses and Aaron instructions for a meal that Israel would remember. The people were to choose a lamb for a household. If a household was too small, it could share with a neighbor according to how much everyone could eat. The animal was to be without defect. These instructions would shape a night of preparation before the people finally left the country where they had been enslaved.

The lamb would be prepared and eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Unleavened bread has no yeast to make it rise. Some of the lamb's blood would mark the doorposts and the top of the doorway. God called this meal his Passover. The families were to eat ready for travel, with sandals on, belts fastened, and staffs in hand. They were preparing for departure, not a long, unhurried meal.

God announced a terrible judgment upon Egypt, including the death of the firstborn. He promised to pass over the marked homes of the Israelites. The blood was the sign he had instructed them to place there. The account connects this rescue with a remembered meal for future generations. When children later asked what the ceremony meant, adults would tell them about the night and about God bringing their people out.

Moses called the elders and passed on the instructions. Families were to remain inside until morning. They bowed in worship and did what Moses and Aaron had told them. The chapter gives detailed directions because this was more than an ordinary supper. It would become a memorial in Israel's worship. As the people prepared, the event they were to remember had not yet fully happened. The difficult night was still ahead.

Remember: Remembering the journey can help us tell the story faithfully.

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Leaving Egypt Under God's Guidance

Exodus 12:1-42;13:17-22



At midnight, death came to the firstborn throughout Egypt, from Pharaoh's household to the household of a prisoner, and among the livestock as well. A great cry rose in the country. This was a night of terrible loss. The passage does not ask us to describe the deaths with frightening pictures, but it does ask us to tell honestly that people died and families mourned during the judgment it records.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron during the night. He told them to leave with the Israelites and to take their flocks and herds. The Egyptians urged the people to go quickly. The Israelites carried dough before it had risen, wrapping their kneading bowls in clothing on their shoulders. They also received silver, gold, and clothing from Egyptians who gave what they asked, as Moses had instructed them to request.

The people traveled from Rameses to Succoth. A mixed crowd went with them, along with many animals. They baked flat bread from the dough they had carried, because there had been no time for it to rise before departure. Their leaving was something to remember and tell. The account describes God bringing Israel out of slavery, while also keeping the sorrow of the night in Egypt within the same story.

God did not lead them by the nearer road through Philistine land, where war might make them turn back. Instead he led them through the wilderness toward the sea. Moses carried Joseph's bones because of the promise their ancestors had made. A pillar of cloud guided the people by day, and a pillar of fire gave light at night. Their departure had opened a journey, and the visible signs of guidance went before them.

Pause and think: How can remembering a community's freedom also make room for compassion about suffering?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Remember Freedom with Compassion



Some special meals carry a family or community's history. The food may remind people of a place, an event, or someone they love. Ask an adult about one meal with meaning in your family. What story is told with it? You can learn about another community's important meal respectfully, without treating every tradition as a game or assuming it has the same meaning as your own.

The Passover account includes rescue and death. It is possible to feel thankful for freedom and sad about people who died. You do not have to choose only one feeling. If the passage worries you, pause and speak with a trusted adult. A child's ordinary mistake does not mean that a death will come to their family; this ancient event is not a threat to use against children.

Leaving slavery means leaving a life in which other people claimed power over the people's work and freedom. Today, caring about freedom can include respecting others' choices and learning why people deserve protection from exploitation. Choose a small example at school: listening when someone says no to an optional activity, or getting adult help when another child is being controlled or threatened.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

The Passover remembers Israel’s departure from slavery through a night that includes both rescue and terrible loss.

How can remembering a community’s freedom also make room for compassion about suffering?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Why was the bread made without time to rise?

2. What guided the people by day and by night?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ God led them with cloud and fire.
- ☐ The Israelites prepared and ate the Passover meal.
- ☐ After the terrible deaths, Pharaoh told them to leave.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the traveling families following a pillar of cloud.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Remembering the journey can help us tell the story faithfully.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Exodus 12:26-27

A thoughtful conversation

This passage includes the death of firstborn children and adults. Read gently and welcome grief or questions; do not turn it into a warning that a child's mistake will cause a family death.

Activity answers

1. The people had to leave Egypt quickly.
2. A pillar of cloud by day and fire by night.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help us remember suffering with compassion and value freedom.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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