

THE PASSOVER SEDER



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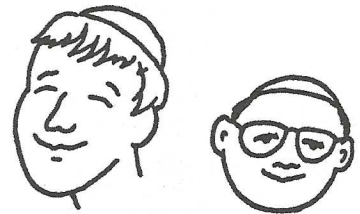
ALL ABOUT PASSOVER

1. Passover is a holiday for Jewish people. This year Passover is _____ to _____.

2. Before Passover, Jewish families completely clean their house. They empty and wash every closet. No dirt or dust may remain. No bread or yeast may be in the house.

3. On the first evening of Passover, Jewish families get together. They have a Seder. The Seder is a special way to remember the history of the Jewish people.

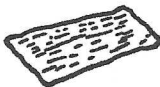
4. People wear their best clothes. Men wear small prayer caps called yarmulkes (yah muh kuhs) on their heads.



5. The table is set very carefully. There are many things on the table.



There is a big bone from a lamb.



There is matzo.



There are boiled eggs.



There are bitter herbs and sweet *charoset*.



There is a cup of salt water.



There is a cup filled with wine for Elijah the Prophet.

6. The youngest child asks questions about this special dinner.

7. Everyone reads from the Haggadah. The Haggadah is the book about the first Passover. Then they enjoy the dinner. They eat matzo instead of bread. They open the door "so Elijah can come in and join the family."



ALL ABOUT PASSOVER: EXERCISES

- I. Do you know these words? Find these words in the story. Draw a line under them. Copy the words. Write the meanings.

Passover
holiday
Jewish
family/families
get together
Seder
special
remember
history

empty
closet
dirt, dust
remain
clothes
prayer caps
bone
lamb
matzo

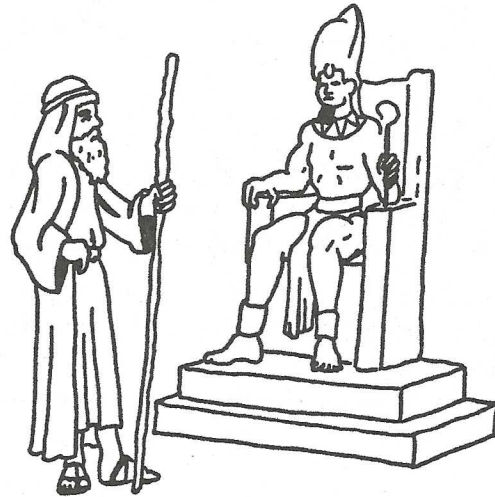
egg
herbs
charoset
salt
wine
prophet
young/youngest
Haggadah
join

II. Match:

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| 1. Seder _____ | A. a small cap |
| 2. yarmulke _____ | B. a book about the story of Passover |
| 3. matzo _____ | C. a Prophet |
| 4. Elijah _____ | D. a special dinner for Passover |
| 5. Haggadah _____ | E. flat bread |
6. Passover is a _____ holiday. (Christian, Jewish)
7. Before Passover, Jewish families completely clean their _____.
(house, table)
8. There are many things on the table. There is a bone from a _____.
(cow, lamb)
9. The _____ child asks questions about this special dinner.
(oldest, youngest)
10. After they read the story of Passover, they _____. (eat the dinner,
clean their house completely)

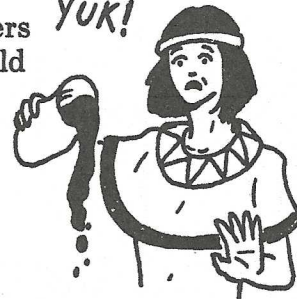
THE STORY OF THE FIRST PASSOVER

1. A very, very long time ago, the Jewish people were slaves in Egypt. They had to work for the king, or Pharaoh. The Egyptians were very cruel to the Jews.
2. Moses was a Jew. One day Moses heard the voice of God. God said, "Go to Pharaoh. Tell Pharaoh to let the Jews leave Egypt."
3. So Moses went to Pharaoh. "Let my people go," he said.
4. "No," said Pharaoh. "Go back to work."

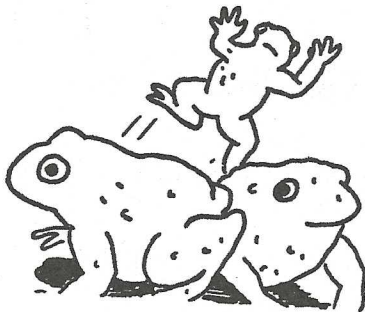


5. Then God turned all the water in Egypt to blood. The rivers turned to blood, and all the fish in the river died. The people could not drink the water.

YUK!



6. But Pharaoh would not let the Jews leave Egypt.



7. Then God made frogs come up out of the river. Millions of frogs jumped everywhere. Frogs covered the land.

8. Still Pharaoh would not let the Jews leave Egypt.

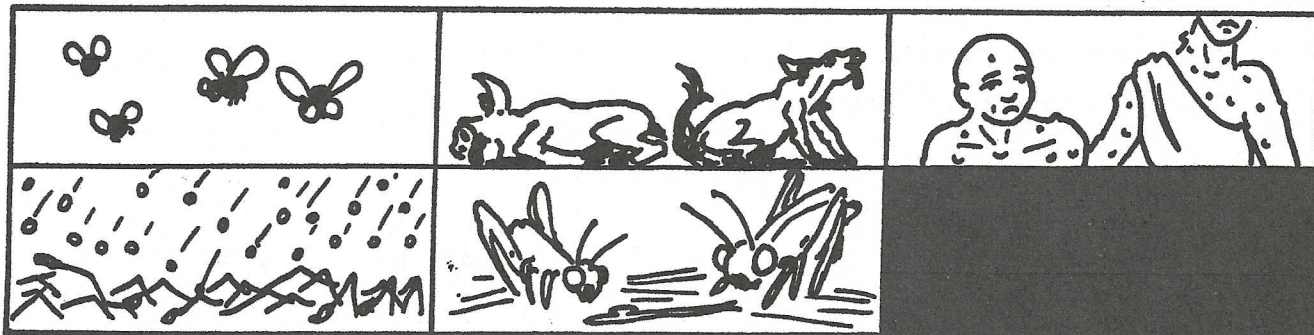


9. Then God sent gnats. Millions and billions of tiny little gnats flew on all the people and animals.

THE STORY OF THE FIRST PASSOVER (continued)

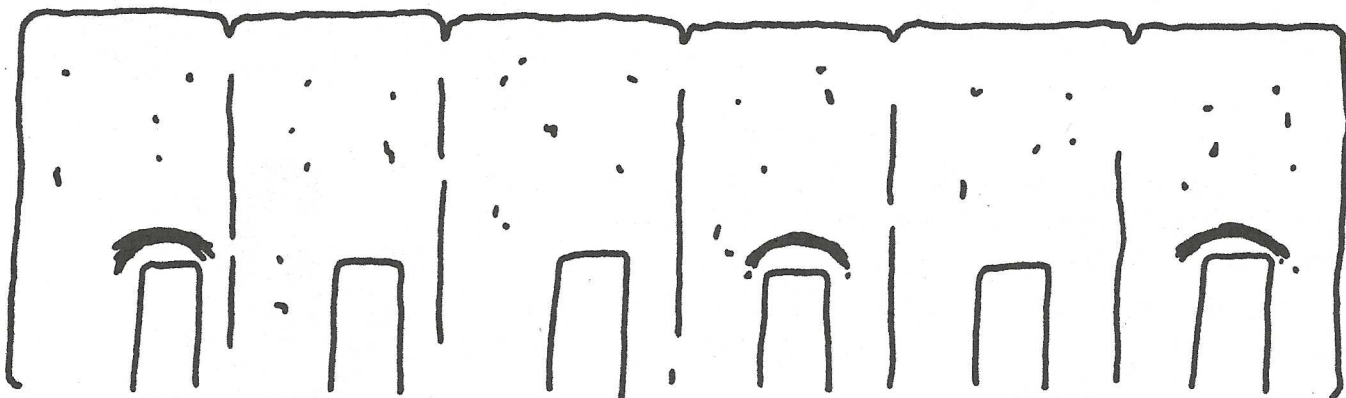
10. But Pharaoh would not let the Jews leave Egypt.

11. Then God sent flies. Then God killed all the cows and horses and donkeys. Then God made sores on the people's skin, and He sent hail that killed the plants in the field. He sent locusts to eat all the plants. He sent darkness for three days.



12. But Pharaoh would not let the Jews leave Egypt.

13. Finally, God told the Jews to put the blood of a lamb over the doors of the Jewish houses. At night God killed the first-born son of every Egyptian family. But he passed over the doors of the Jewish homes.



14. All the Egyptians were crying. Even the first-born son of Pharaoh was dead. This time Pharaoh said, "The Jews may leave Egypt. Go."

15. The Jews left their homes very quickly. They did not have time to let their bread rise. They followed Moses. They went to the East.

16. Pharaoh saw them go. We need our slaves, he thought. He sent his soldiers to stop the Jews.

17. The Jews were at the Red Sea. God made a wind that divided the waters. The Jews crossed the Red Sea on dry land.

18. Pharaoh's soldiers followed the Jews into the sea. The wind changed. The sea covered Pharaoh and his soldiers. They all died.

19. Every year, Jews remember the Passover. They tell about the flight from Egypt at the Passover Seder.

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THE STORY OF THE FIRST PASSOVER: EXERCISES

- I. Do you know these words? Find these words in the story. Draw a line under them. Copy the words. Write the meanings.

slaves	to cover/covered	son
Egypt	land	pass/passed over
Pharaoh	gnats	quickly
cruel	fly/flies	soldiers
voice	sores	sea
God	hail	wind
leave/left	locusts	divide/divided
blood	darkness	cross/crossed
turn water to blood	finally	dry
die/died	lamb	remember
frogs	first-born	flight

- II. Choose the best answer:

1. The Jews were slaves in _____. (Egypt, Israel)
2. The king of the Egyptians was _____. (Moses, Pharaoh)
3. God told Moses to tell Pharaoh to let the Jews _____ Egypt. (leave, come to)
4. Pharaoh said, "_____." (Yes, No)
5. God turned the river to _____. (water, blood)
6. God sent _____ and _____ and _____
and _____ and sores on people's skin and three days of _____
and _____ and He killed all the cows and horses and donkeys.
7. But Pharaoh would not let the _____ leave Egypt. (soldiers, Jews)
8. Then the Jews put the _____ of a lamb over their doors. (bones, blood)
9. God killed the first-born sons of the _____. He did not kill the _____
_____. (Jews, Egyptians)
10. Then _____ said that the Jews could leave. (Pharaoh, God)

THE STORY OF THE FIRST PASSOVER: EXERCISES (continued)

11. The Jews left Egypt very _____. (slowly, quickly)
12. They did not have time to let their _____ rise. (sun, bread)
13. They came to the Red _____. (Sea, River)
14. _____ sent a wind that divided the water. (Pharaoh, God)
15. The Jews crossed over the sea on dry land. Pharaoh's _____ (slaves, soldiers) followed them. The wind changed and the sea covered them. Pharaoh's soldiers all _____. (swam, died)

III. MATCH:

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| 1. Pharaoh _____ | A. leader of the Jews |
| 2. Moses _____ | B. King of the Egyptians |
| 3. slave _____ | C. the oldest boy in a family |
| 4. hail _____ | D. grasshopper |
| 5. locust _____ | E. little balls of ice |
| 6. first-born son _____ | F. a person who is not free and who works without pay |

IV. ACTIVITIES:

Sample some of the foods of the Seder and have a tasting party.

Matzo; bitter herbs: parsley, horseradish

charoset: chopped apple, honey, and nuts