

Passover Religious Festival Story



Religious Education KS1

Passover



Passover is the Jewish Festival which reminds Jews how their ancestors escaped from slavery in Egypt. It is the story of Moses. Today it is the most important festival for Jews to celebrate.



Preparation for Passover



The house is cleaned and a search for any yeast (leaven) forbidden at Passover.





Special food is bought and prepared.

Matzos are eaten to remind the people that the Exodus was made in a hurry and there was no time to allow the bread to rise.





This is the Seder Dish. The items for the Seder Dish are; Shank-bone of lamb, egg, bitter herbs, parsley, lettuce, charoset (a mixture of apples, nuts and wine). Also on the table is salt water and wine.





The meal begins with the lighting of the Candles.





Then the Kiddush,
a blessing over
the wine is made.





The story of the escape from Egypt is read. This special book is called the Haggadah.

Later the youngest child asks 4 questions;

1. Why is this night different from all other nights?
2. Why do we eat Matzos at Passover?
3. Why do we eat bitter herbs and special vegetables?
4. Why do we lean on a pillow instead of sitting up straight?





The children play a game called the Afikomen.

The piece of matzos set aside earlier is eaten as “desert,” the last food of the meal. Different families have different traditions relating to the afikomen. Some have the children hide it, while the parents have to either find it or ransom it back. Others have the parents hide it. The idea is to keep the children awake and attentive throughout the pre-meal proceedings, waiting for this part.





Questions

Ask the children the following questions and discuss them:-

What was your favourite part of the story?

Talk to the children about the 4 questions the child asks on Page 8 of this festival story.

Ask the children to colour in the Seder dish image and ask them to try to remember what the foods symbolise. Both the colouring in sheet and symbolism of the items on the Seder dish, can be found on iChild.

Make Charoset with the children.

Play the ' Hunt the Afikomen ' game with the children (anything can be hidden).