

Special Passover Sabbath

Easter is a holiday that many Christians celebrate in memory of Christ's resurrection from the grave. Jews celebrate Passover approximately the same time of year in memory of their deliverance from Egypt. As Seventh-day Adventist Christians we know that the feasts given to Moses pointed forward to Jesus the Messiah. Therefore, we find the feast of Passover fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Not only that, but at the last supper Christ preserved the Passover feast as pointing forward to his second coming (Lk 22:15-16). How does it do that? Does the Lord's Supper / Passover Feast point forward to something yet to come?

Next Sabbath I will preach a special sermon about the Passover. In order for you to better understand this feast I have designed a special family worship unit to be used this next week to help you understand the Passover and the 2nd coming better and prepare you for my message next week. This family worship unit has many worship ideas for each family type (Adults only, those with Teens, Children, Toddlers).

On Friday evening April 3 your family will celebrate Passover Feast at home with your family. Please look ahead at what you will need for this special meal. You may need to make so substitutions and you may not have everything you need. But the more you have – the more special this family meal will be.

I am praying for you as you begin this journey.

Sincerely,

Pastor Randy

Passover
Family Worship
Unit

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Introduction

Thank you for choosing to lead your family on a spiritual journey. The next 8 days will be a spiritual journey that will help your family better understand the feast of Passover and how it points to Jesus Christ. This week your family worships will help your family experience what it was like to be a Jew during Bible times. You will gain a better understanding what it was like for the Jews under the captivity of the Egyptians to come out of captivity. Your family will “relive” the past so you can better understand our present deliverance through Jesus Christ and the future deliverance of the Second Coming.

If you follow the family worship plan your family will celebrate a Messianic Jewish Passover. By celebrating this Passover feast with your family you will better understand the Old Testament feast of Passover and its typology. You will also better understand the Lord’s Supper (communion) and what it is all about. In fact the Passover is the Lord’s Supper or communion. This is a unique opportunity for your family to celebrate communion together in a very special way. Make the most of it!

The lessons are arranged so that all the various age-levels correspond more-or-less. The main theme is as follows:

Sunday: Problem: God’s people in Slavery (Sin)

Monday: Plan: Promise of Deliverance

Selection of Deliverer (lamb of God)

Tuesday: Signs of Deliverance from God I (Plagues)

Wednesday: Signs of Deliverance from God II (Plagues)

Thursday: Family Consecration to God

Removing leaven (sin) from houses.

Friday: The Feast of Passover

Sabbath: The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Jesus: The Sinless Lamb of God

Sunday: The Feast of the Wave Sheaf

The Resurrection - Deliverance Complete

Feel free to modify or add to the lessons. You know what will best suit your families needs. You may need more activities or a variation of the activity planned. That is fine. However, please stay within the framework outlined above so that the three feasts: Passover, Unleavened Bread and the Wave Sheaf, can be fully understood.

I have only outlined some “food” for family worship. You will need to put it into a framework that fits for your family. You will need to decide the time and “program.” Your family may not be able to have morning and evening worship so you may want to combine the two into one. You may want to sing a song or two before beginning. Will you definitely want to start with prayer. You may want to pick out a short Bible text to read that is the focus of the lesson. You may want to follow the lesson with a question and answer period, singing and prayer, etc. That is up to you as you know your family best.

Now, **please take a moment to look over all the lessons so that you will see the flow of the week.** Especially read over the Passover feast that you will be doing on Friday night. There are many special preparations you will need to make in advance in order for this to be a special evening. *Thursday night you will have to organize your own family consecration service.* Make this a special time for bringing your family close to God. For those with children—please make note of the crafts and activities and gather the items together ahead of time so that you will be prepared and it will be more fun. ***You may have to go shopping for some items as well — so look ahead and be prepared.***

May God bless you and your family as you embark on this spiritual journey. May you be drawn closer to God and may he draw your family closer to each other through this process.

Pastor Randy Davis

Adult Worship Plan

(Ages 15-100+)

Sunday - Problem: God's People in Slavery (Sin)

Morning - Exodus 1 & 2

Evening - Patriarchs & Prophets (PP) - pages 241-248 - "Moses"

Extra Study - The Cross and Its Shadow by: Stephen N. Haskell
"The Passover" pages 93-102

Monday - The Promise of Deliverance: Selection of Deliverer

Morning - Exodus 3 & 4

Evening - PP - pages 249-256 - "Moses"

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Extra Study - The Cross and Its Shadow by: Stephen N. Haskell
"The Feast of Unleavened Bread" pages 103-107

Tuesday - Signs of Deliverance from God - Part I

Morning - Exodus 5 & 7:13

Evening - PP - pages 257-264 - "The Plagues of Egypt"

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Extra Study - The Cross and Its Shadow by: Stephen N. Haskell
"The Offering of the First-Fruits" pages 108-115

Wednesday - Signs of Deliverance from God - Part II

Morning - Exodus 7:14 - 9:35

Evening - PP - pages 265-272 - "The Plagues of Egypt"

Extra Study - Practical Lessons by: F.C. Gilbert
"The Festivals and the Feasts." pages 228-236

Thursday - Family Consecration to God

Morning - Exodus 10 & 11

Evening - PP - pages 273-280 - "The Passover" (see note below)

Extra Study - Practical Lessons by: F.C. Gilbert
"The Festivals and the Feasts." pages 237-245

NOTE: This evening is a special evening. You should plan some special service for your family. It should be some sort of ceremony where you briefly share with your family your families religious history. Share how your family was brought out of spiritual Egypt (sin) and how God has lead your family to where you are today. Give some specific instances of God's leading your family if possible. Ask family members to share their experiences. Also during this service, affirm each family member. Tell them how special they are to you and God. And then have a special consecration service, where each family member is dedicated to God and then the family as a whole is dedicated to God.

Friday - The Feast of Passover

Morning - Exodus 12:1-13:16 & Luke 22

Evening - Desire of Ages (DA) - pages 652-661 -

"In Remembrance of Me"

NOTE: Tonight you will experience the richness of Passover by preparing for and participating in a Passover meal. Please see the Passover Celebration Booklet for the details of this feast. If you are a single or small family see if you can't join an other family for this celebration. (This too is Biblical.)

Sabbath - The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Jesus: The Sinless Lamb of God

Morning - Luke 22 & 23

Evening - Desire of Ages "It Is Finished" pages 758-764.

Extra Study - SDA Bible Dictionary - look up the words below:

Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits

Sunday - The Feast of the Wave Sheaf

The Resurrection — Deliverance Complete

Morning - Luke 24

Evening - DA - pages 779-787 - "The Lord is Risen"

NOTE: This morning for worship you may want to have a special service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus — our wave sheaf — the first fruit from the dead who appeared before our father in heaven, giving us the promise that we too will be raised into a newness of life and will appear before our heavenly father.

Teen Supplement

(Ages 15-20)

Teens are old enough to read and understand the adult materials. Therefore they should follow the adult reading plan. However, their interest level is different than that of adults. Therefore, you will want to adjust their worship plan according to their interest level, etc.

My suggestion is that you do *one* of the adult readings (Morning or Evening) with the teens in the morning. Then use this supplemental material in the evening. If only one worship time is possible pick one of the adult readings and do it before using this supplemental material.

Sunday - Problem: God's People in Slavery (Sin)

Watch the first part of The Ten Commandments by Cecil B. DeMille's. This movie is available for rent on Amazon Prime and at other online stores.

Monday - The Promise of Deliverance: Selection of Deliverer

Watch the second half of, The Ten Commandments video.

Tuesday - Signs of Deliverance from God - Part I

Listen to the songs below – you can find them on YouTube. Then discuss the questions below after each song.

Took Me Out of Egypt - David Baroni

- 1) What was the message of this song?
- 2) What do you think the following symbols used in this song represent: Egypt, Pharaoh, The Promised Land?
- 3) Who is the only one who can do this for us?
How does it happen?

In the Wilderness - Michael Card

- 1) What is this song about?
- 2) What does the wilderness in this song represent?
- 3) Have you ever had a wilderness experience? Explain.
- 4) Who is the Exodus in this song? Explain your exodus experience.

Watch the Lamb - Ray Boltz

- 1) What is this song about?
- 2) Why were they going to sacrifice the lamb?
- 3) Who does this lamb represent?
- 4) At the end of the song, what did he mean when he told his children to watch the lamb?
- 5) This song will help you understand Passover. Listen to it again.

Wednesday - Signs of Deliverance from God - Part II

Listen to the songs listed below. You can find them on YouTube. Then discuss the questions below.

What Will It Take - Michael Card

- 1) What was the message of this song?
- 2) What things kept people from Jesus in this song?
- 3) Is there anything keeping you from Jesus? If so why not remove it now.

Forgiving Eyes - Michael Card

- 1) Who was this song about? What was her offence?
- 2) What did others think about her? What did Jesus think of her?
- 3) Whatever your sins are, Jesus looks at you with forgiving eyes.

The Gentle Healer - Michael Card

- 1) Who is the gentle healer in this song?
- 2) Have you found Jesus to be a gentle healer in your life? Explain
- 3) What earthly person do you go to for help? Why?

Come to the Table - Michael Card

- 1) Have you ever been betrayed? How did it feel?
- 2) Have you ever been mocked? How did it feel?
- 3) Think about all that Jesus suffered. He did it all willingly & knowingly out of his love for you. How does that make you feel?

Thursday - Family Consecration to God

This evening is a special evening. You should plan some special service for your family. It should be some sort of ceremony where you briefly share with your family your families religious history. Share how your family was brought out of spiritual Egypt (sin) and how God has lead your family to where you are today. Give some specific instances of God's leading your family if possible. Ask family members to share their experiences.

Also during this service, affirm each family member. Tell them how special they are to you and God. And then have a special consecration service, where each family member is dedicated to God and then the family as a whole is dedicated to God.

Friday - The Feast of Passover

Tonight you will experience the richness of Passover by preparing for and participating in a Passover meal. Please see the Passover Celebration Booklet for the details of this feast. Let your teens help with the preparations and give them a appropriate part to play in the service. Teens can listen to the songs above again or watch the 10 Commandments Again.

Sabbath - The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Jesus: The Sinless Lamb of God

Listen to the songs listed below by Michael Card. Picture Jesus last hours while listening.

All the songs are by Michael Card:

[*In the Garden*](#)

[*Cross of Glory*](#)

[*He was Heard*](#)

[*Joy in the Journey*](#)

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Explain the meaning of the last song.
- 2) Are you finding joy in the journey? Why or why not?
- 3) It is my prayer that as you come closer to Jesus your journey will be more joyful.

Sunday - The Feast of the Wave Sheaf

The Resurrection — Deliverance Complete

Listen to the songs listed below. Then discuss your thoughts.

The songs you will listen to are:

[*He's Alive - Don Francisco*](#)

[*Sing to the Glory - Acapella*](#)

[*To Him Who Sits on the Throne - Acapella*](#)

[*I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb - Ray Boltz*](#)

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What did you think of this Passover experience?
- 2) Can you see Jesus love for you a little more clearly?
- 3) Now that you more clearly see that Jesus is the Passover Lamb and what he has done for you, will you pledge your allegiance to Him?

Children's Worship Plan

Sunday - Problem: God's People in Slavery (Sin)

Morning - The Bible Story Vol. 2 - Part 2 Story 5 p. 95
"Voice in the Desert"

Evening -

Craft - Make Bible Time Clothes

Tunic - Ex 4:6 (Activity Packet)

Sandals - Ex. 3:5 (Activity Packet)

Activity - Act out story of Moses & Burning Bush Ex. 3:1-5; 4:1-7

Questions to ask while you make the craft or after the activity.

Where is holy ground today?

How do we act there? Why?

How did God call Moses to serve him?

Does God Call us to service today? How?

In Exodus 4:2, God asks Moses what is in his hand.

What talents do you have you could use for God? How?

Monday - The Promise of Deliverance: Selection of Deliverer

Morning - The Bible Story Vol. 2 - Part 2 Story 6 p.101
"God's Sevenfold Promise"

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

Craft — Make Items of Bondage & Lamb of Deliverance

- Chains of Bondage (Ex. 3:7) (Activity Packet)
- Bricks of Slavery (Ex. 5:8) (Activity Packet - play dough)
- Lamb of Deliverance (Activity Packet)

Activity - Have kids make these items from play dough:

(Slaves, Pharaoh, pyramids, bricks, palm trees, Nile River)

Questions to ask while you make the craft or after the activity.

Would you like to be a slave? Why or why not?

Are we in bondage to anything today? (Explain)

In the Bible bondage is a symbol for sin. How can sin be like a slave master? Explain?

Who saves us from sin?

What did we make tonight that symbolizes Jesus? (Lamb)

Tuesday - Signs of Deliverance from God - Part I

Morning - The Bible Story Vol. 2 - Part 2 Story 7 p. 106

“Frogs in the Palace”

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

Craft - Make Bag Puppets (color, cut & glue)

Moses bag puppet (Activity Packet)

Aaron bag puppet (Activity Packet)

Pharaoh bag puppet (Activity Packet)

Make objects from play dough representing each of the 10 plagues.

(Use dough from last night.)

Activity - With their bag puppets, have the kids act out

Moses & Aaron asking Pharaoh for the freedom of the Israelites and show the appropriate plague at the right time.

Questions to ask while you make the craft or after the activity.

Why did God send these plagues upon Egypt?

What would have happened if Pharaoh obeyed?

Do you get “plagues” when you disobey your parents?

Explain what your plagues of disobedience are?

How can we avoid the plagues of disobedience?

Wednesday - Signs of Deliverance from God - Part II

Morning - The Bible Story Vol. 2 - Part 2 Story 8, p. 111

“Three Dark Days”

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

Crafts - Make memory/bean toss game (Activity Packet)

Activity - Play memory / bean toss game.

Thursday - Family Consecration to God

Morning - The Bible Story Vol. 2 - Part 3 Story 1 p. 117

“Blood on the Doorposts”

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

You can listen to the Adventures in Odyssey story of Moses: The Passover parts 1 & 2 before or after the family consecration service. (The story is about 45 minutes long.)

[You will find this story at Whitsend.org](http://Whitsend.org)

Family Consecration Service - This evening is a special evening. You should plan some special service for your family. It should be some sort of ceremony where you briefly share with your family your families religious history. Share how your family was brought out of spiritual Egypt (sin) and how God has lead your family to where you are today. Give some specific instances of God’s leading your family if possible.

Also during this service, affirm each family member.

Tell them how special they are to you and God. And then have a special consecration service, where each family member is dedicated to God and then the family as a whole is dedicated to God. (NOTE: If you listen to the Adventures in Odyssey before this night it may help you in working it into your family consecration service.)

Friday - The Feast of Passover

Morning - The Bible Story Vol. 9 - Part 2 Story 2 p. 61

“Farewell Party”

GAME: Removing the Leaven. (Activity Packet)

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

Passover Feast - Tonight you will experience the richness of Passover by preparing for and participating in a Passover meal. For ideas to help this feast come alive for you and your children see the ideas in the activity packet. Please read the Passover Celebration Booklet carefully for the details of this feast.

Sabbath - The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Jesus: The Sinless Lamb of God

Morning - Church & Sabbath School

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

The Bible Story Vol. 9 - Part 3 Story 6 p. 124

“History Breaks in Two”

Activity - Make items out of play dough of how Jesus was represented by the Passover meal. OR Make items out of play dough of Jesus death & resurrection.

Sunday - The Feast of the Wave Sheaf

The Resurrection — Deliverance Complete

Morning - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

The Bible Story Vol. 9 - Part 4 Story 1 p. 151

“Most Glorious Morning”

NOTE: You may want to play the “treasure hunt” (*see the Activity Packet*) game as soon as the children wake up. Then have a brief worship.

You will also notice that there are some sheaves of grain in the activity packet. You will want to explain to your children that Israelites had a Feast known as the Wave Sheaf. At this feast they waved a grain offering — the first fruits of their fields before the Lord in the temple. This happened on resurrection Sunday for Jesus was first fruits from grave. He was our sin offering. And soon after as he rose from the grave he ascended to his Father in Heaven and presented himself as the first fruits from the grave. Because Jesus rose from the grave, we can be sure that he will resurrect those who belong to him at the second coming and present us before the father in heaven.

Today, these sheaves of grain represent, Jesus, who now represents us before God in heaven. Write on the back of your sheaf of grain an offering you wish to give God. It can be a money offering, or a service, a good deed, etc. Also set aside a special money offering for next Sabbath to show God your gratitude for his wave offering, Jesus, on your behalf.

Toddler's Worship Plan

Sunday - Problem: God's People in Slavery (Sin)

Morning - My Bible Friends, Book 1 - "Baby Moses"

Evening -

Craft - Make Bible Time Clothes

Tunic - Ex 4:6 (Activity Packet)

Sandals - Ex. 3:5 (Activity Packet)

Activity - Act out story of Moses & Burning Bush Ex. 3:1-5; 4:1-7

Monday - The Promise of Deliverance: Selection of Deliverer

Morning - The Toddlers Bible , "Baby Moses" p. 80-83

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

Craft — Make Items of Bondage & Lamb of Deliverance

- Chains of Bondage (Ex. 3:7) (Activity Packet)
- Bricks of Slavery (Ex. 5:8) (Activity Packet)
(Save play dough. To be used other nights.)
- Lamb of Deliverance (Activity Packet)(**MUST DO!**)

Activity - Help kids make the following items from playdough:
(Slaves, Pharaoh, pyramids, bricks, palm trees, Nile River)

Tuesday - Signs of Deliverance from God - Part I

Morning - The Toddlers Bible, "A Bush Keeps Burning" p. 84-87

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

Craft - Make Bag Puppets (color, cut & glue)(Activity Packet)

Make objects from play dough representing
each of the 10 plagues. (Use dough from last night.)

Activity - With their bag puppets, act out the story of Moses & Aaron asking Pharaoh for the freedom of the Israelites and show the appropriate plague at the right time.

Wednesday - Signs of Deliverance from God - Part II

Morning - The Toddlers Bible, "Ten Bad Things" p. 88-91

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

Crafts - Make memory/bean toss game (Activity Packet)

Activity - Play memory / bean toss game.

Thursday - Family Consecration to God

Morning - The Toddlers Bible, "Moses Leads His People" p. 92-95

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

Family Consecration Service - This evening is a special evening. You should plan some special service for your family. It should be some sort of ceremony where you briefly share with your family your families religious history. Share how your family was brought out of spiritual Egypt (sin) and how God has lead your family to where you are today. Give some specific instances of God's leading your family if possible.

Also during this service, affirm each family member.

Tell them how special they are to you and God. And then have a special consecration service, where each family member is dedicated to God and then the family as a whole is dedicated to God. (NOTE: This will have to be very short for your toddler. Have a special gift for them and tell them how much you love them and Jesus loves them. (This gift might be a special toy they can only play with tonight and during the church service.))

Friday - The Feast of Passover

Morning - Snip & Tell - "A Baby in a Basket" (Activity Packet)

GAME: Removing Leaven. (Activity Packet)

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

Passover Feast - Tonight you will experience the richness of Passover by preparing for and participating in a Passover meal. For ideas to help this feast come alive for you and your children see the ideas in the activity packet. Please read the Passover Celebration Booklet carefully for the details of this feast. (NOTE: This feast may be a bit long if you have a toddler. If you let them participate they may find it interesting. However, you may have to modify it or cut it short if you find it too long for your child.)

Sabbath - The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Jesus: The Sinless Lamb of God

Morning - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Church & Sabbath School.*

Evening - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

- Story of Moses (Activity Packet)
- Teach Action Song (Activity Packet)

Sunday - The Feast of the Wave Sheaf

The Resurrection — Deliverance Complete

Morning - *Have children dress in their Israelite Costumes for Worship*

The Bible Story Vol. 9 - Part 4 Story 1 p. 151

"Most Glorious Morning"

NOTE: You may want to play the "treasure hunt" (Activity Packet) game as soon as the children wake up. Then have a brief worship.

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Today, these sheaves of grain represent, Jesus, who now represents us before God in heaven. Let's set aside a special offering for Jesus to give to him next Sabbath to show him how much we love him.

Toddler's Activities Packet

☐ SUNDAY

Tunic - Ex 4:6

Sandals - Ex. 3:5

☐ MONDAY

Chains of Bondage - Ex. 3:7

Bricks of Slavery (Play dough) -Ex. 5:8

(Save play dough. To be used other nights.)

Lamb of Deliverance (**MUST DO!**)

☐ TUESDAY

Finger Puppets

Bag Puppets

☐ WEDNESDAY

Make memory/bean toss game

☐ FRIDAY

Snip & Tell Story - "A Baby in a Basket"

Game: Removing the Leaven.

Passover Feast Ideas

☐ SABBATH

Story of Moses (Activity Packet)

Teach Action Song (Activity Packet)

☐ SUNDAY

Treasure Hunt Game Idea

Children's Activities Packet

☐ SUNDAY

Tunic - Ex 4:6

Sandals - Ex. 3:5

☐ MONDAY

Chains of Bondage - Ex. 3:7

Bricks of Slavery (Play dough) -Ex. 5:8

(Save play dough. To be used other nights.)

Lamb of Deliverance (**MUST DO!**)

☐ TUESDAY

Moses bag puppet

Aaron bag puppet

Pharaoh bag puppet

☐ WEDNESDAY

Make memory/bean toss game

☐ THURSDAY

Adventures in Odyssey story.

☐ FRIDAY

Game: Removing the Leaven.

Passover Feast Ideas

☐ SUNDAY

Treasure Hunt Game Idea

Passover Feast Ideas

Read the short summary of Passover story to your family (see below).

Tell the family that tonight we are going to do things that the Israelites in Egypt did on the night the angel passed over and killed all the first born children in Egypt. We will see how these things that they did (like putting blood on their door posts) symbolized what Jesus did for us.

Then have the children get dressed in their Israelite Costumes. Then meet in the living room.
(Parents put on some type of head dress or Israelite costume.)

Killing of Lamb (Kill the lamb you made on Monday night.) Explain that the lamb must die for our sins — Jesus is the lamb.

Blood on Door Posts

Get a branch from a tree. (Evergreen or Cedar works best)

Get a bowl. Fill with water and add red food coloring.

Dip branch in bowl and spread on top, sides and bottom of door. (Red construction paper can be taped there for visual affect.)

Tell them this needed to be done to make sure the angel of death passed over them. Tell them this symbolizes Jesus death on a cross (he bled from his head, hands, feet). If his blood covers our hearts door then at his second coming the angel of the second death will pass over us and we will go to heaven.

Then go in and have the Passover meal (follow instructions outlined in the Passover Celebration booklet. Have a copy of the seder for each family member - to read along and participate.)

May God bless your family richly through this celebration.

Pastor Randy Davis

P.S. Think of a single person or small family whom you could invite to celebrate this feast with you. (This too is Biblical.)

Passover Story Summary

Long before Jesus was born, the Jews were slaves in Egypt. God raised up a deliver, Moses, to set his people free from slavery. God sent many plagues or disasters upon the Egyptian king to force him to free them. The worst plague was when God sent an angel to kill all the Egyptians' firstborn sons. To save the Jewish babies, God told the Jews to kill a lamb and place its blood on the doorways of their homes. Wherever the death angel saw the blood on the doorway of a home, he passed over that home and the oldest son inside it was not harmed. This was called the "Passover" because God's death angel passed over the houses marked with blood of the lambs. The lamb that they killed represented the lamb of God — Jesus who was to be slain on calvary for our sins. If we accept Jesus death on the cross to cover for our sins it is like sprinkling his blood on the doorposts of our hearts. Then at the end of time when Jesus comes again and when the wicked are killed, we will be passed over and will go to live with Jesus in heaven.

The Passover was a very special celebration for the Jews. A special meal called the "seder" (SAY-dur) was eaten on the first night of this holiday. The lamb that was eaten reminded the Jews of how long ago they had placed the blood from a lamb on their doorways in Egypt. It also reminded them that one day a Messiah would be born who would save them. The youngest child in each family asked four questions, beginning with "Why is this night different from all other nights?" The answers by the father reminded the whole family of that first Passover night and God's unlimited power and love for them.

Tonight, we are going to have a Passover meal like the Jews long ago did. We will look at all they things they did and see how they pointed to Jesus. This will help remind us that we still need Jesus today and that it was only by his death so many years ago that we can go to heaven and have eternal life.

Memory Game / Bean Bag Toss Game

Materials Needed:

You will need some 5" X 7" recipe cards.

Bean bags are needed (or rolled up socks will work) for the bean bag toss game.

Putting it Together:

Have the children draw pictures of things represented by the 10 plagues on the recipe cards.

Or they could cut pictures out of magazines, etc. Two pictures of the same thing will be needed for the memory game (making 20 cards total).

How to Play the Memory Game:

Once the cards are made you mix them up and then lay them face down on the floor in a big square. Player 1 then gets to turn two cards over. If they match he gets to keep them and keep playing. If they don't match he must turn them back over and it is player two's turn. The player with the most matches at the end of the game wins. (To make this game more interesting for older kids, tell them they have to find matches on the plagues in order. Water to blood 1st, frogs next, etc.)

How to Play the Bean Bag Toss Game:

You can play the memory game above only you have to toss the bean bag on the cards in order to turn them over. OR Take out one set of cards so there is only one picture of each plague represented. Mix up the cards and lay them face up on the floor. Have the child stand 5 feet back from the cards and toss a bean bag at the plagues in order. If their bean bag lands on the correct plague have them tell about the plague and what happened. If their bean bag lands on another plague have them tell what plague number that one was and then it is the next persons turn.

What children can learn from this experience:

How to take turns.

That they can recall facts, names, and places about Bible Stories.

Removing the Leaven Game

(A Jewish Children's Game that teaches a lesson about Jesus and sin.)

Friday morning or afternoon would be a good time to play this game. (It should be played before the Passover evening activities or could be the 1st evening activity of Passover.)

Materials Needed:

Pieces of bread, a broom and dust pan OR sweeper.

How to Play:

This game is a lot like hide and seeks with pieces of bread. Before calling the children to play this game the parent needs to take some slices of bread and hide it in various places of the house. The children are then called and given lights (candles or flashlights) to go and look for the pieces of bread. When found they are to call the parents. The parents then are to sweep the bread up and dispose of it. Great care must be made to make sure all the bread pieces are swept up and disposed of. Every place is to be searched throughly so that no leavened bread remains in the house. Then the garbage is to be taken out of the house.

Then over the next 3 or 4 days do not eat leavened bread. (See below on point 6.)

What children can learn from this experience:

After the game is over have the children sit down and explain to them that leaven(yeast) represents sin. Tell them that Jesus was the sinless lamb of God offered for the forgiveness of our sins. It is by accepting Jesus death on the cross that we can have forgiveness of sins.

Then explain to the children the steps of coming to Jesus.

- 1) First hearing about Jesus.
- 2) Realizing our sinful condition.
- 3) Accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior.
- 4) Confessing our sins to God and our fellow man.
(Searching our hearts for the leaven of sin and letting Jesus dispose of it.)
- 5) Making things right with God and our fellow man the best we can.
(Restitution, burying the past.)
- 6) Walking in a newness of life. (Making a decided effort to keep leaven out of our lives.)
(By not eating leavened bread over the next 3 or 4 days it will be a constant reminder that we are to be putting away sin in our lives and to walk in a newness of life.)
- 7) Sharing the good news about what a difference Jesus had made in our life with others.