



Dear Kindergarten Families,

Just in time for Passover, it appears we are being subjected to the 11th plague. I hope that everyone is staying home and staying healthy. Our house has undergone a few changes: Ari is home from college for the rest of the semester. My mom lives at Gidwitz (assisted living), but we brought her here early last week to try to keep her protected.

And my office has closed and we are working from home for the time being. And the biggest change? No Sunday school.

I am sending home a short lesson for you to go over with the yeladim, together with a copy of the 4 questions for you to review in preparation for the Seders. I'm planning on putting together an on-line or video experience for after spring break that will more fully cover the Passover story and the symbols of Passover.

One day at a time.

Keeping all of you in my heart,

Debbie

The Passover Story for Kids

From PJ Library

This short, adapted version of the Passover story conveys the main themes and plot points of Exodus in an easy to understand, child-friendly, manner. For another take on the story, you can also listen to the short [Passover mini-isode of PJ Library's podcast, Have I Got a Story For You!](#)

The first Passover happened long ago in the far-away country of Egypt. A mean and powerful king, called Pharaoh, ruled Egypt. Worried that the Jewish people would one day fight against him, Pharaoh decided that these people must become his slaves. As slaves, the Jewish people worked very hard. Every day, from morning until night, they hammered, dug, and carried heavy bricks. They built palaces and cities and worked without rest. The Jewish people hated being slaves. They cried and asked God for help. God chose a man named Moses to lead the Jewish people.



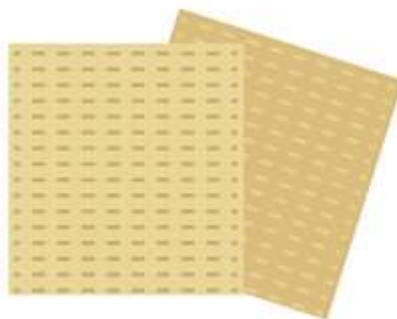
Moses went to Pharaoh and said, "God is not happy with the way you treat the Jewish people. He wants you to let the Jewish people leave Egypt and go into the desert, where they will be free." But Pharaoh stamped his foot and shouted, "No, I will never let the Jewish people go!" Moses warned, "If you do not listen to God, many terrible things, called plagues, will come to your land." But Pharaoh would not listen, and so the plagues arrived. First, the water turned to blood. Next, frogs and, later, wild animals ran in and out of homes. Balls of hail fell from the sky and bugs, called locusts, ate all of the Egyptians' food.



Each time a new plague began, Pharaoh would cry, "Moses, I'll let the Jewish people go. Just stop this horrible plague!" Yet no sooner would God take away the plague than Pharaoh would shout: "No, I've changed my mind. The Jews must stay!" So God sent more plagues. Finally, as the tenth plague arrived, Pharaoh ordered the Jews to leave Egypt.



Fearful that Pharaoh might again change his mind, the Jewish people packed quickly. They had no time to prepare food and no time to allow their dough to rise into puffy bread. They had only enough time to make a flat, cracker-like bread called matzah. They hastily tied the matzah to their backs and ran from their homes.



The people had not travelled far before Pharaoh commanded his army to chase after them and bring them back to Egypt. The Jews dashed forward, but stopped when they reached a large sea. The sea was too big to swim across. Frightened that Pharaoh's men would soon reach them, the people prayed to God, and a miracle occurred. The sea opened up. Two walls of water stood in front of them and a dry, sandy path stretched between the walls. The Jews ran across. Just as they reached the other side, the walls of

water fell and the path disappeared. The sea now separated the Jews from the land of Egypt. They were free!



Each year at Passover, we eat special foods, sing songs, tell stories, and participate in a seder – a special meal designed to help us remember this miraculous journey from slavery to freedom.

Four Questions of Passover – Flash Cards



Introductory Question

מה נשתנה הילילה זו מכל הילות?

Ma nishtana ha-laila ha-zeh mi-kol ha-lelot?

Why is this night different from all other nights?

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First Question

שבכל-הילות אנו אוכלים חמץ ומצה,
הילילה זו בלבד מצה?

She-be-chol ha-lelot anu ochlin chametz u-matza, ha-laila ha-zeh kulo matza?

Why is it that on all other nights during the year we eat either bread or matza, but on this night we eat matza?

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Second Question



**שִׁבְכָּל-הַלֵּלוֹת אָנוּ אָכְלִין שֶׁאָר יְרֻקּוֹת,
הַלִּילָה הַזֶּה מָרוֹד ?**

She-be-chol ha-lelot anu ochlin she-ar yetajit, ha-laila ha-zeh moror?

Why is it that on all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on this night we eat bitter herbs?

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Third Question



**שִׁבְכָּל הַלֵּלוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מַטְבִּילִין אֲפָלוּ
פְּעִם אַחֲת, הַלִּילָה הַזֶּה שְׁתִי פְּעָמִים ?**

She-be-chol ha-lelot en anu matbilin afilu pa'am echat, ha-laila ha-zeh shetay fe'amim?

Why is it on all other nights we do not dip even once, but on this night we dip twice?

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Fourth Question



**שֶׁבְכָל הַלִילוֹת אָנוּ אָכְלִין בֵין יוֹשְׁבִין
וּבֵין מַסְבִּין, הַלִילָה הַזֶה כָלָנוּ מַסְבִּין?**

She-be-chol ha-lelot anu ochlin bayn yoshvin u-vayn mseubin, ha-laila ha-zeh kelanu mesubin?

Why is it that on all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining, but on this night we eat in a reclining position?

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Seder Plate

Pesach
Passover

Beitzah
Egg

Zeror
Shank Bone

Moror
Horseradish

Karpas
Onion

Chinukot

Chazzeret
Lettuce

