

## STORY: EXODUS: Moses: The Passover Lamb (Exodus 12)

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God's people (the children, and grandchildren and great-greatgreat-great-great grandchildren of a man named Israel/Jacob) had been in slavery in Egypt for 400 years. (That's a long time!)

God had promised that He was going to bring His people out of Egypt and send them to a new land... a Promised Land.

And NOW ... finally ... finally ... finally ... it was time.

God had already sent 9 plagues on Egypt, because the ruler of Egypt (Pharaoh) would NOT let God's people go.

And NOW God was going to send one last plague ... one that was worse than all the other plagues had been.

God said that after this plague, they would let His people go.

But what could be so bad? They had already had 9 plagues — They'd had flies and gnats, and sores and boils, and hail and darkness, and this and that ... and NONE of those things had been bad enough for Pharaoh to let God's people go.

*<put your hands on top of each other like Pharaoh and say "Let my people go!" and turn your head sharply to one side and "NO!" → Kids learnt this repetitive action last week.>*

So, what was there left for God to do to them?

Are you ready? (Because it is very sad ...)

The 10th plague was that the firstborn child in each family would die ... (Wow! That is REALLY terrible. Can you imagine?) The firstborn child, in every family, would die ... all over Egypt. All in one night!

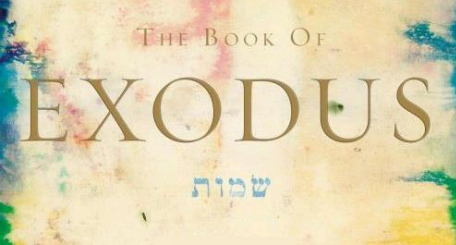
*<Who is the eldest/firstborn in your family, raise your hands!>*

But God Intervened for His People (the Israelites). This was a terrible, awful, scary thing. And the people of God (the children of Israel) KNEW that this terrible, awful, scary thing was going to happen. They did NOT want it to happen to them!

But God intervened for His People. God gave them a way to avoid this plague. God told them exactly what to do to keep anyone in their household from dying.

God gave His people instructions about what to do:

- Get a lamb (or small goat) for each family
- The lamb had to be perfect — no fault (broken bones or wounds or sickness)
- Slaughter the lamb at twilight (evening) of the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month



- Take some of its blood and place it on the top and both sides of the doorframes of their house
- Roast the lamb — not raw, not boiled — and eat everything up that night
- Eat together with unleavened bread, a belt on waist, sandals on feet and staff in hand
- This was called the Passover Feast — God made that month the first month of the year to signify a new beginning for His Covenant people.

The blood on the door post would be sign of protection from the 10<sup>th</sup> plague.

“I will see the blood, and pass over you.” Because the blood of the Passover Lamb was on the door of the house, the people inside would not die.

That night God passed through Egypt. Everywhere God saw the blood on the doorposts, He passed over that house.

But in every home where there was no blood on the door, the destroyer (destroying angel) killed the firstborn child.

The 10th plague killed every firstborn child in Egypt that night. From the Egyptian servant's eldest child to the Pharaoh's.

But in the homes of the children of Israel, no one died. Whoever had obeyed God's command and put the lamb's blood on their doorframes, the LORD passed over them and they were safe in their homes.

What do you think happened next? (Wait for answers.)

What happened when all the Egyptians suddenly realized that someone in their house was dead?

The Bible says that, “... *There was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.*”

**Exodus 12:30**

All of a sudden, the Egyptians realized it was another plague. They wanted the Israelites (God's people) to leave! Otherwise they thought they might all die.

Pharaoh ordered Moses and Aaron to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt immediately that night. The Egyptians were so eager to have them leave that they gave the Israelites whatever they wanted — silver, gold, clothes etc.

And so the children of Israel (the Israelites) left Egypt! God had had brought His people out of slavery in Egypt. Just as He had promised. Now, they would head towards the Promised Land!

## LESSON

What happened on the very first Passover in Egypt was God's way of foretelling what He was going to do to set all of us free from slavery of sin and judgment of death!

### **Jesus was the Perfect Passover Lamb who took away our sin**

The lamb had to be perfect — no fault (broken bones or wounds or sickness).

No man is perfect — all have sinned — but only Jesus is the perfect One who could take all the punishment for our sin on our behalf.

His body was roasted for us. His blood was shed for us.

**John 1:29** "Behold, The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!"



### **Jesus blood protects us from judgment and death**

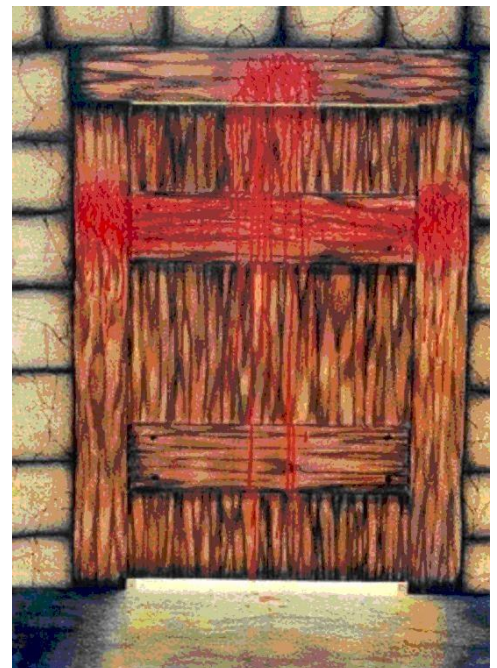
God told the Israelites to take some of the lamb's blood and place it on the top and both sides of the doorframes of their house.

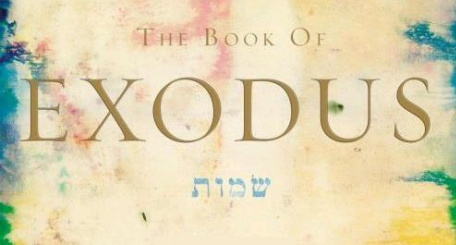
With the blood across both sides of the doorframe, and the blood dripping down from the top, what do you see? *A cross!*

Thousands of years before Jesus was born, God already gave a clue that He was going to set His people free with Jesus shedding His blood on the cross.

When Jesus died on the cross, He had a crown of thorns on His head, and pierced hands and feet. The places on the doorframe with the blood looks like where His wounds would have been on the cross.

When the Israelites put their faith in God and placed the blood of the Passover Lamb on their doorframes, they were saved. They didn't face judgment like the rest of Egypt.





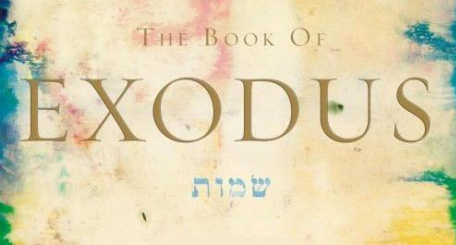
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When we put our faith in Jesus (and what He did for us on the cross) we don't face judgment anymore. God sees Jesus' blood, which was shed for us, and we are saved; just like when He saw the Passover Lamb's blood and the Israelites were saved.

The children of Israel were brought out of slavery in Egypt that night, and when we believe in Jesus we are brought out of slavery to sin.

(Source: <http://www.sunday-school-center.com/support-files/lg7-lesson-4-the-passover.pdf>)



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## ACTIVITY SUGGESTION

**Fun 10 plagues song:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GIKcJmNyNo>

Have the kids do the Pharaoh action and say “No” in between the verses.

**Memory Verse: Exodus 12:13** *“And when I see the blood, I will pass over you ...”*

“When I see the blood ...” (Put right hand over eyes as if looking into distance)

“I will pass over you.” (Make sweeping motion over head with left hand)

### **Paint the doorway**

Paste strips of brown paper together to create a doorway.

(You can use this to explain the picture of the cross on the door)

Use red paint or chalk to represent blood.

Have the kids paint the “blood” onto the doorway, just like the people of Israel did when they were slaves in Egypt.

For younger kids, you can put the doorway on the floor first for painting before sticking it up on the wall.

You can also have individual door frames for each kid to stick and paint, and to write the memory verse on.