

STORY: EXODUS: Moses: Unleavened Bread (Exodus 12)

REVIEW

We've been going through the book of Exodus and seeing Jesus in every story.



Burning Bush: Jesus the Great I AM

*Because of Jesus, the Great I AM,
I can come boldly to God's throne of grace.*



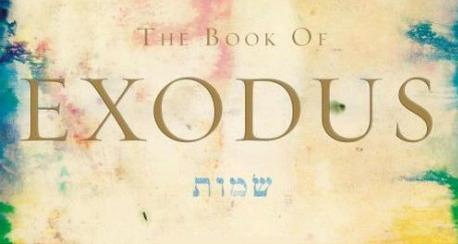
10 Plagues: Jesus the Firstborn of God

*Jesus died so that we can be free
and receive God's blessings.*



Passover Lamb: Jesus the Perfect Passover Lamb

*He died to take away our sin, and
His blood protects us from judgment and death.*



STORY

After God told the Israelites to celebrate the Passover to protect themselves from the 10th plague, He gave instructions for the Feast of the Unleavened Bread — these feasts were to remind the Israelites for generations (until today) of how God delivered them from slavery; they were also hints that God gave about how He was going to deliver the world from slavery of sin.

Feast of Unleavened Bread:

God told the Israelites to eat bread without leaven for 7 days.

What is leaven?

“Leaven” comes from the Latin word “levare”, which means to “lift up, to make light and rise”.

A leavener can be baking soda, baking powder or yeast.

Demonstration idea #1 → requires simple baking ingredients, ready-made bread

Mix together some flour, water and salt, resulting in a wet doughy mixture.

In order for this dough to become soft and fluffy bread, you need to add leaven — something to make it light and rise.

(Show example of baking powder/yeast)

The leaven, e.g. yeast, eats the sugar in the dough, releasing carbon dioxide, which causes the dough to rise with little air pockets in it.

(Break over the ready-made bread to show the little holes in the bread)

Why did God ask the Israelites not to put leaven in their bread?

Because they were leaving Egypt (the Egyptians were driving them out after the 10th plague), and there was no time to wait for the dough to rise.

What is the symbolism of leaven?

In the Bible, leaven is usually used to describe SIN, e.g. the teachings of the Pharisees who did not believe in Jesus or who were hypocrites.

Just a little bit of leaven can work in and through the whole lump of dough to transform it. In the same way, just a little bit of sin can work in and through our lives and make us do what we're not supposed to do.

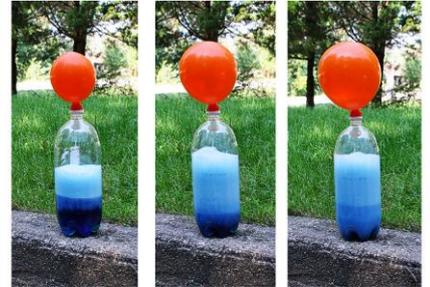
Demonstration idea #2 → packet of yeast, clear glass, 2 tablespoons of sugar, spoon, ¼ cup warm water

Pour water in glass. Add packet of yeast. Add sugar and stir gently. Observe as the yeast mixture doubles in size.

Or add a balloon on the opening of the bottle and set aside.

As the yeast expands, it will cause the balloon to start to “rise”.

Yeast may seem small, but its effects are huge. This is what sin is like too.

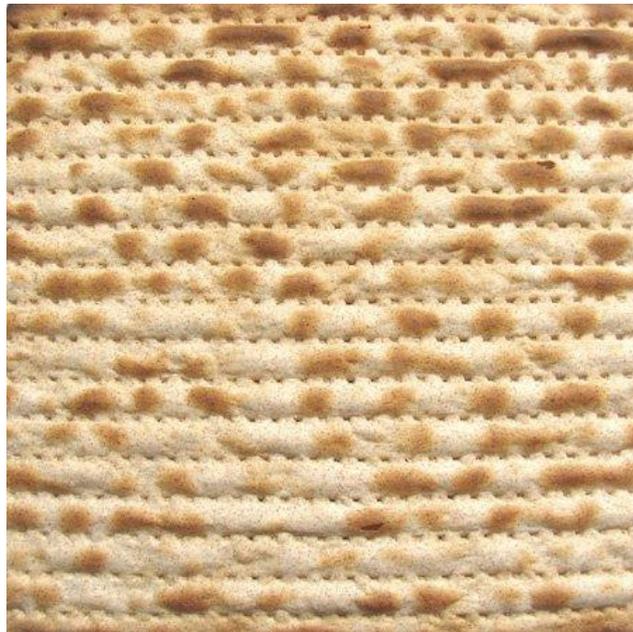


LESSON

Jesus is our Unleavened bread

Here you see a picture of an unleavened bread, also called Matzah bread.

How does this bread remind us of Jesus?



1) Striped:

Can you see the stripes on this bread?

Do you know Jesus was whipped until His whole back was striped like this?

And the Bible tells us that it was because of His stripes that we have His healing.

Isaiah 53:5 *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: and by his stripes we are healed.*

2) Pierced:

Can you see the little holes along the bread? The dough is pierced with a small wheel with sharp teeth (called a "redler")before baking to allow air bubbles to escape — this prevents the dough from rising while in the oven.



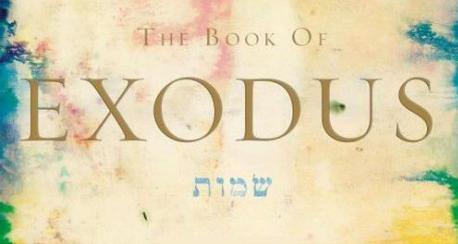
When Jesus was put on the cross, his hands and feet were pierced by nails. When He was hanging there, to check if he was really dead, the Roman soldier pierced Jesus' side with a sharp spear, and water and blood flowed out (John 19:34) which probably meant His heart had broken (no more alive).

John 19:37 *And again another scripture says, **They shall look on him whom they pierced.***

3) Burnt:

The bread was burnt/baked in the oven.

Fire is a picture of judgment. Jesus was burnt/judged for our sake.



4) No leaven

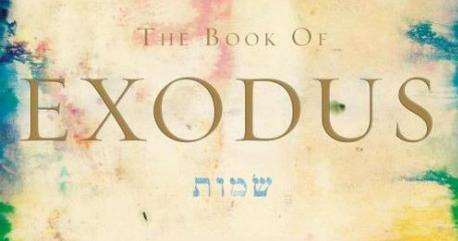
Leaven is a picture of sin. Unleavened means “no leaven”, so “no sin”.

Jesus did not have any sin in Him! He was the only perfect man who ever lived.

1 John 3:5 *And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.*

Because of Jesus, we can also become unleavened bread. Jesus took all our sin on Himself on that cross. In exchange, we have His life and righteousness in us! Righteousness = no sin

2 Cor 5:21 *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that **in Him we might become the righteousness of God.***



ACTIVITY SUGGESTION

HOLY COMMUNION

Get the kids to quieten down and sit reverently. (It helps if you sit down too and start whispering). Try to maintain a reverent atmosphere throughout.

Before Jesus died, He was with His disciples celebrating the Passover meal (just like the Israelites did many years ago in Egypt).

1 Cor 11: 23-26 *That the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

What are the elements Jesus gave to His disciples? *Bread and Cup (wine)*

What did the bread symbolize?

His broken body —Jesus' body was broken so ours can be whole and healed

What did the cup symbolize?

His blood —Jesus' blood was shed so He could take all our bad (sin) and make us good (without sin)

What were Jesus' instructions? *To eat and drink it; and to do it as often as possible, in remembrance of what Jesus was going to do for them on the cross.*

So why does our church (tNCC) take the Holy Communion every Sunday?

Because we want to remember and proclaim Jesus' finished work on the cross!

Every time we take it, we are thanking Jesus for dying for us so that we can be healed and righteous!

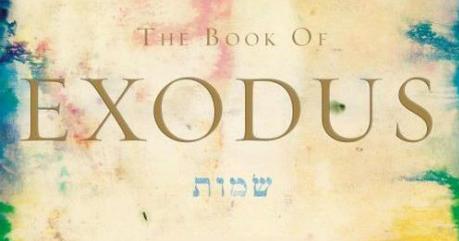
Let's take the Communion together.

Hold up the bread. Say together: *Thank you Jesus that you took all that whipping and beating, that you hung and suffered on the cross, that your body was broken, so that I can be made whole, so that I can be healed.*

Eat together.

Hold up the cup. Say together: *Thank you Jesus that you were pierced in your hands, your feet, your side. Your blood flowed out to wash away my sin. You took all my sin so that I can be right before God.*

Drink together.



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So children, every Sunday when we take the Communion, remember that it's because of what Jesus has done on the cross for us!

Jesus is our Unleavened Bread!