

Passover Feast Script



JESUS IS THE LAMB OF
GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE
SINS OF THE WORLD.

JOHN 1:29

THE STORY OF PASSOVER

Thousands of years ago in the land of Egypt, there was a leader who did not listen to God. The Pharaoh kept God's chosen people, the Israelites, as slaves. They were forced to work hard and were not allowed any freedom.

God chose a special man, Moses, to free his people from slavery. Pharaoh did not want to let the people go, so God sent plagues upon the people of the land--plagues like frogs that covered the land; and then there were the gnats and the flies. It was awful!

The final plague was this: God would visit every house and take the life of the first-born son. But God promised to protect all the Israelites who followed His instructions. They were to put the blood of a lamb on the doors of their houses. He promised to pass over those houses. The Israelites were protected while all of the first-born sons in Egypt died that night—including Pharaoh's son. The Israelites were finally free from slavery!

To remember this event, the Jews prepare a special dinner each year called the Passover Feast. They eat meat roasted quickly over a fire instead of boiled slowly in a pot. They make a special bread that doesn't need to rise with yeast. They dress for travel to show that they are ready to leave on short notice.

The Passover Feast is important because it symbolizes the night the Israelites trusted God's plan and were set free. And we, as Christians, believe that Jesus was the Final Passover Lamb.

As you look at your table in front of you, you will see four cups of juice. They stand for the 4 promises that God gave to his special people, the Israelites. These are the four promises from God:

- I will make you free.
- I will punish the Egyptians.
- I will make you my own people.
- I will be your God.

We are ready for the first cup.

Table Leader **Let's lift our first cup of juice together.**

(All) **Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has created the fruit of the vine.**

Lead the children in drinking the first cup.

Leader **Now the youngest child of the family asks some important questions. Here is the first question.**

Question #1 **Why is this night different from all other nights?**

Leader **Once we were slaves in Egypt, but now we are free and we set aside this night each year to remember the great things God did for us.**

Now it's time for the second question to be read at the table.

Question #2 **Every other night we may eat leavened bread but why, on this night, do we eat unleavened bread?**

Leader **Now it is time for the Matzo. Because the children of Israel were told to be ready to travel quickly on the night of the final plague, Matzo bread was made. It has no yeast in it, so the Israelites didn't need to wait for it to rise.**

Please pass the matzo crackers to each person at the table.

Leader **Let's drink our second cup of juice together.**

(All) **Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has created the fruit of the vine.**

Lead the children in drinking the second cup of juice.

Now we are ready for our third question.

Question #3 **Why on all other nights do we eat any kind of herbs, but on this night only bitter herbs?**

Leader **The bitter herbs are eaten to remind the Jews of the 430 years of hard work their ancestors experienced during their slavery in Egypt. The herbs are dipped into saltwater, reminding everyone how the Lord parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to pass through.**

As you pass around the parsley and bowl of saltwater, let the children dip the herbs in the water to taste the bitterness.

Leader **Let's drink our third cup of juice together.**

(All) **Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has created the fruit of the vine.**

Lead the children in drinking the third cup of juice.

And now the youngest child asks the last question.

Question #4 **Why do we eat only roasted meat on this night?**

Leader

Tonight our meat was prepared differently. Instead of being boiled slowly in a pot, it was roasted quickly over the fire. This is to remind us that the Israelites had to eat quickly and be ready to escape after the Angel of Death passed over their house.

Please let each person have a taste of roasted meat.

Let's lift our last cup together.

(All)

Blessed are you, Lord our God, who has created the fruit of the earth.

Leader

The family then prays to the Lord to give Him their thanks for delivering them from Egypt many, many years ago. Together everyone sings songs from the Psalms.

Leader

Passover is a special holiday celebrated by God's people, the Israelites. As Christians we, too, are God's chosen people. We are God's children. It is important for us to remember that Jesus was a Jew, and that he celebrated Passover with His family and friends. On the night before He was crucified, Jesus shared a Passover meal with the disciples.

On the first Passover, the lamb was killed so that the people could be saved. Just as the lamb died at Passover, Jesus died to save us from our sins.

Let's pray together.

Lord, thank you for teaching us about the Passover. We pray that we will always remember what a great sacrifice you made for us, your people. Please give us the courage to obey your word and to remain faithful to you. Give us the same kind of trust that you gave the Israelites. You loved us so much that you gave us your son, Jesus, to teach us how to live. Thank you, God. We love you.

Amen.

AWESOME GOD

Our God is an awesome God!
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love.
Our God is an awesome God!