

The Tenth Plague/The First Passover

Exodus 12



The Story

In our last lesson we learned about the nine plagues or troubles God sent Egypt. The picture on this page will help you remember.

Why did God send these troubles? Did Pharaoh let God's people leave his country?

Today's lesson will tell of the last plague sent to Egypt. Will Pharaoh finally let the people leave? Let's find out.

God told Moses about a very important day--the Passover. Why was it called the Passover?

To get ready for the Passover, Moses told every family of God's people that they should take a perfect lamb and kill it. Then they should take some of the blood and put it on the doorposts of the house. The meat of the lamb should be roasted and eaten with unleavened bread, bread with no yeast in it, and bitter herbs. The meal should be eaten in a hurry and they should be ready to leave.

The people of God did as Moses told them.

At midnight, the LORD passed over the houses of God's people who had the blood of the lamb on the doorpost. The LORD killed the firstborn of everyone in Egypt who did not have blood on their doorposts. He also killed the firstborn of their livestock.

Do you see why it was called the Passover?

Pharaoh's firstborn died and he was very sad. In all of Egypt there was a great cry because not a house was without someone dead.

Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron



that night and said, "Get up and go out from my people. Go serve the LORD as you have said. Take your animals and go."

All of God's people immediately left Egypt where they had lived for 430 years. The people of Egypt had given them silver, gold and clothing before they left. There was a great number of people. Possibly as many as 2,000,000 people plus all of their animals left Egypt that day.

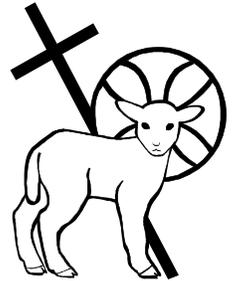
God saved His people from death and delivered them from Egypt.

God commanded the people to celebrate the Passover every year at the same time. They would have the same meal of lamb, unleavened bread and

bitter herbs. They would tell their children how the LORD passed over their houses in Egypt so that none of their firstborn was killed. We no longer celebrate the Passover because Jesus, the perfect

Lamb of God, shed His blood on the cross to take away our sins. We are now saved from death and given life and heaven.

Jesus, our Passover Lamb, was sacrificed for us.



Activity One - Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank.

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| 1. ____ He was ruler of Egypt. | A. lamb |
| 2. ____ God sent 10 of these troubles to convince the Pharaoh to let God's people leave Egypt. | B. unleavened bread |
| 3. ____ This was the last trouble God sent. | C. Jesus |
| 4. ____ The ____ of the Egyptians and livestock died. | D. Pharaoh |
| 5. ____ This unblemished animal was killed. | E. firstborn |
| 6. ____ Bitter herbs and this were eaten. | F. blood |
| 7. ____ God's people were saved from death by spreading this on their doorposts. | G. plagues |
| 8. ____ He is the perfect Passover Lamb. | H. Passover |

Passages

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

Christ, our Passover was sacrificed for us. 1 Corinthians 5:7b

Hymn - TLH 147

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
The sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
The sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
The sin of the world, grant us Thy peace!

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,
Thank You for sending Jesus, the Lamb of God, to save us from death in hell.
Help us to tell others about this perfect Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Activity Two - Trace the lines or glue strips of paper or popsicle sticks to make a doorway and a cross. Paint or color **red** on the doorpost to show how the blood of the lamb was placed for the Passover. Paint or color red on the ends of the cross to show the blood the Lamb of God shed for our sins from the nails to His hands and feet and the crown of thorns to His head.

