

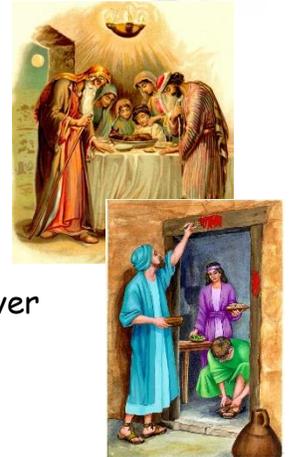


What types of things do people celebrate each year?

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Your list might include birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, anniversaries, national holidays like 4th of July, Memorial and Labor Day. How do you celebrate those events? You might have a special meal or dessert, exchange gifts, invite people over, have a picnic. God was about to do something that he wanted his people to remember each year. It was called the Passover. Do you remember what the Passover was and why it was so important? Let's remember!



Read & Review

Remember where we left Moses last time. The plague of darkness had ended after three days. Pharaoh threatened Moses that if he ever saw Moses again that he will be killed. Moses had one final announcement for Pharaoh.

Read Exodus 11:4-8

1. What did Moses tell Pharaoh was going to happen that night?
2. Because of this final plague, what would the Egyptians tell the Israelites to do?

Answers

1. The Lord would go through Egypt that night and strike dead the firstborn (oldest) son of each family and from among the animals also.
2. Leave Egypt!

Passover Preparations

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You're an Israelite living in Egypt making a list of all the things you need to do to get ready for the Passover. Read through Exodus 12:1-11. What would be on your list?

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year-old male lamb without defect, knife for slaughtering lamb, bucket and paint brush for painting blood around door, firewood for roasting lamb, bitter herbs, bread without yeast (unleavened bread like a pita), bags packed and ready to leave Egypt

Read Exodus 12:12,13

3. Explain why the name "Passover" is such a fitting name for this event.

Read Exodus 12:14-20,24-28

4. Why was the week before the Passover called "The Feast of Unleavened Bread?"

5. For how long were the Israelites to celebrate the Passover meal?

6. Why did God want them to celebrate the Passover each year?

Answers

3. The Lord and the death of the firstborn passed over every house that was marked with the blood of the lamb

4. They ate no bread with yeast during this time. Yeast is often used by the Bible as a picture of sin. Removing yeast from the house was a picture of removing sin from our lives.

5. Every year until the Lord said to stop

6. Reminded them of how the Lord spared the lives of the firstborn of each house on which the blood of the lamb was found. It was the night that God brought the Israelites out of Egypt.

Read Exodus 12:31-42

Imagine you are an Israelite who lived through the night of the Passover. What would you tell your grandchildren about that night? Think of what you heard, what you saw and how you felt.

The Passover "Pointers"



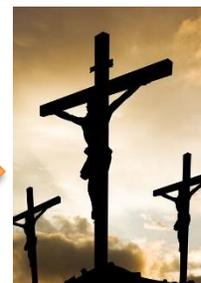
8. Each year the Israelites celebrated the Passover meal, how did it point them **BACK** to what God had done in the past?



9. Each year the Israelites celebrated the Passover meal, it also pointed them **AHEAD** to what God promised to do in the future.

Who did the Passover lamb point ahead to?

1 Corinthians 5:7 *For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*



John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

What would this Passover Lamb's blood do that none of the other lambs could ever do?

1 John 1:7 *The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

Answers

8. They were reminded of how God did what he had promised, rescuing the firstborn son of every house that had the blood of the lamb on its doorframe. The bitter herbs on the roasted lamb reminded of them of the bitterness of the slavery that God rescued them from that evening.

9. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice who poured out his holy, innocent blood so that we would be saved from the eternal death of hell.

Catechism Connection



Read through the Second Article on pages 4,5 or 148 of your Catechism. This describes who Jesus is and what has done for us. Which parts remind you of how Jesus is the perfect Passover Lamb?

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