



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 8, Lesson 41

The Passover

Lesson Aim: To learn the significance of the Passover and the Passover Lamb.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite insect?

GAME: Plague Tag

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 85:8.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD PASSED OVER THE ISRAELITES

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God called to Moses from a burning bush.

Point to Moses (Circa 1500 B.C.). **God called Moses to be His messenger and to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.** Point to Egypt. **Moses went to Pharaoh ten times. Today, we are seated at this Passover Celebration to learn how God protected His people from the final plague. To convince Pharaoh to let His people go, God had already sent nine plagues: blood in the Nile River, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock disease, boils, hail, locusts, and darkness. Still, Pharaoh would not listen.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Exodus 11:1; 12:21-31. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Exodus 12:27. Pray.

God sent the tenth and final plague. In the plague on the firstborn son, the oldest son in each family died. It was a very sad night for many Egyptian families. Their sons died because Pharaoh would not obey God. God made a way for the plague to pass over the homes of the Israelites, protecting their firstborn sons. He told them to eat a special Passover meal every year to remember how He passed over the homes of the Israelites. Read Exodus 11:1; 12:21-31.

THE WAY CELEBRATE PASSOVER

God gave Moses a special message for the Israelites. What did God tell the Israelites to do to protect themselves from the last plague? (Place the blood of a lamb on the doorframe of their homes.) **Let's paint the doorframe here to help us remember God's protection of the Israelites.** Assist children in painting red paint onto the paper attached to the doorframe. **Every family whose doorframe was covered with the blood of a lamb was saved.**

God commanded the Israelites to remember the Passover by celebrating each year with a special Passover meal called a Seder. What did God tell the Israelites to teach their children when they asked about the ceremony of the Passover? ("It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when He struck down the Egyptians.") **Let's enjoy some of the elements of a Seder meal today.**

Choose a child to ask God to bless the meal. **First, we light the candles. Their warmth and light reminded the Israelites God was with them. They are a symbol that this meal is sacred and special to God.** Light the candles. **Next, the youngest child in the family asks, "Why is this night different than all other nights?"** Repeat question together. **Then, the family shares the story of how God saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Part of the story is the Seder Plate. Each food has a special meaning. As the father and mother talk about each food, the family tastes them.** Ask for volunteers to read each of the eight Passover Cards in order. Follow the instructions on each card.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The Passover Lamb reminds us of Jesus. Let's find out the special name John the Baptist had for Jesus. Reveal John 1:29. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What name did John have for Jesus? (Lamb of God.) **What did John say Jesus came to do?** (Take away the sins of the world.) **The Israelites had to sacrifice a lamb and give its blood so they could be "passed over" by the plague and saved. Why do you think John said Jesus is the Lamb of God?** (He died and gave His blood so we can be saved from "forever death" and have "forever life" with Him instead.) **Our souls are "passed over" and saved because of Jesus' death. That means when we accept that Jesus died for our sins, God does not punish us. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.** If a child wants to know more about accepting Jesus as Savior, then review the Children's Guide for New Believers (available at ResourceWell.org) and offer to pray the ABC Prayer of Salvation with that child.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Passover Cards
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: A family eating the Passover Seder
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

ACTIVITY: Passover Seder

SNACK: Creature Treats

GAME: Pharaoh's Charades

CRAFT: Passover Placemats

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stepping Stones, Bible Memory

Verse Message Ball

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW