

# Memories

- What memories do you have?
- What do we do to remember special events in our lives?
- In many religions they have feast days to remind people of special events.



# Jewish Festivals

## Pesach (Passover)



Passover is when Jews remember how the people of Israel left slavery behind them when they were led out of Egypt by Moses over 3000 years ago.

Pesach is a mainly joyous festival, it is celebrated during March or April. In Israel Pesach lasts for a week. Outside Israel it lasts for eight days.





Finally God sent the angel of death to kill the first born of the Egyptians. This was the tenth and last plague.

The Hebrews protected themselves by sacrificing lambs or young goats and smearing the blood over their doorposts. In this way, the angel of death was able to 'pass over' the homes of the slaves without harming their first born. However, Pharaoh's son was killed, and he now agreed to let the slaves go. This is why the festival is called 'Passover'.

(Exodus 11.1-12.32)



# Celebrating Passover



Passover is a festival to celebrate the escaping of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the giving of the Ten Commandments and the journey of the Israelites to Israel. The story of the escape from slavery in Egypt is called the Hagaddah. The Hagaddah is read at Passover during the special meal.

**Now we will watch a video about Passover.**



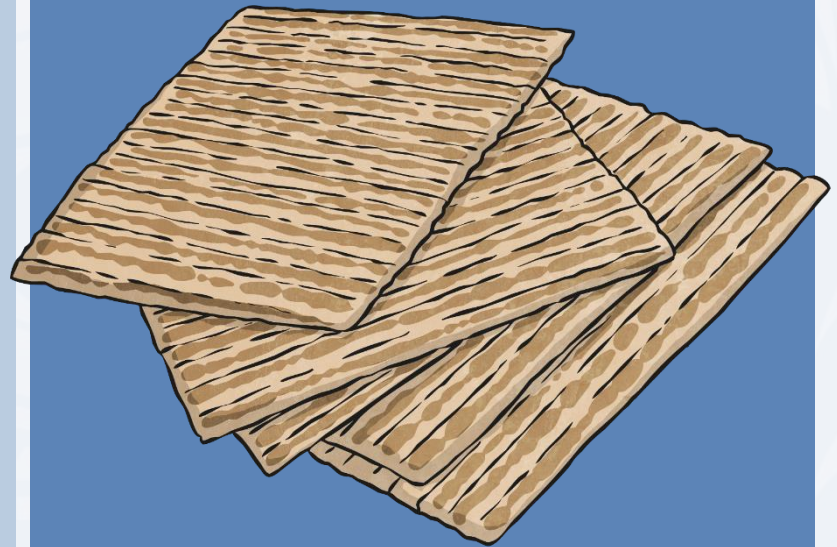


# Matzot



This is unleavened bread called Matzot. Jews eat this type of bread at Passover to remind them of Moses leading the Israelites out of slavery after Pharaoh's own 'first born' was struck by the final plague. They had to leave in such a hurry that the bread they were baking didn't have time to rise. Matzot represents this bread.

We are now going to play a game that happens at Passover. We will break the middle loaf and then hide the biggest piece. Whoever finds the biggest piece will win a prize!



# The Seder Plate



**Beitzah (an egg)** represents the holiday offering brought in the days of the Holy Temple.

**Zeroah (a shank bone)** represents the lamb that was sacrificed the night before the escape from slavery (the Exodus).

**Karpas (a small slice of onion, boiled potato or sprigs of parsley)** represents the salty tears cried by the slaves.

**Chazeret (lettuce)** represents the bitterness of slavery.



**Maror (horseradish root)** represents the suffering and bitterness of the lives of slaves in Egypt.

**Charoset (a mixture of apples, nuts and wine)** represents the mortar and brick made by the Jews when they worked for Pharaoh.



# How is food used to celebrate special events?

How do we use food to remember and celebrate special events?

