

Family Worship Guide

Week 20

Read

Exodus 12:1-42

- **Questions**

1. What was the tenth and final plague that God sent against the Egyptians?

During one night, God killed every firstborn person and animal in the land of Egypt.

2. What did God tell the Israelites to do in order to protect themselves from the plague of death?

He told each family to sacrifice a perfect lamb and put its blood on the sides and tops of their doors.

3. What did the LORD do when He saw the blood on the doors of the homes?

He "passed over" the homes that were marked with the blood of the lamb. This is why today we call this event Passover.

4. After this terrible plague, what did Pharaoh do?

He told the Israelites to leave Egypt immediately. The Israelites left with huge amounts of gold and silver. There were more than 1 million men, women, and children who left Egypt. They had been slaves in Egypt for 430 years.

5. Passover is very important for each one of us today. Passover is a picture of God's plan to free us from slavery to sin. In what ways do you see God's plan to save us from our sin here in the Passover story?

- a) The Israelites were saved because of the blood of the lamb. We are saved because of the blood of Jesus, who is called The Lamb of God.
- b) God told the Israelites that the lamb had to be perfect. Jesus was perfect and sinless. Only Jesus could take away the sins of the world.
- c) The Israelites were saved by God's mercy through faith. God chose to be merciful to them, even though they were also sinners. They chose to believe God's word through Moses and did what God instructed them to do.

6. God makes it clear in this chapter that He wants His people to remember how He led the Israelites out of Egypt. He wants to make sure we remember His salvation and that children and parents talk about His great power and love together (Exodus 12:26-27). Are there ways that we, as a

family, could do more to remember and talk about what God has done for us through Jesus?

God told the Israelites to give an entire week each year to the celebration of Passover. He wanted them to have traditions and schedules that always reminded them of His power, mercy, and salvation. How can your family increasingly remember God's salvation through Jesus?

Praise

Praise God for giving us:

Himself

Grace and Mercy

Salvation

Our family

Our church family

What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

Pray

Use the ACTS model (Example below.)

- ADORATION – "He keeps His promises."
- CONFESSION – "Confess times when we have not obeyed"
- THANKSGIVING – "How has God been faithful to your family?"
- SUPPLICATION – "God encourages us to bring all of our needs and burdens to Him."
- Pray that we will live obediently to God's Word.
- Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!

Memorize

"With a mighty hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

- Exodus 13:14b

Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

Kids Fun

Activity: Family Passover Meal

Supplies needed: The three elements of the biblical passover meal: Lamb (veal), horseradish, and bread without yeast (matza). (Jewish tradition adds more elements to the meal. Learn more by searching for "traditional seder meal" online). You may choose to do this as a part of your family dinner, or prepare small tastes of each item as a part of your family worship time.

As a part of family worship we are going to eat some unusual food together. We are going to eat three things that God told the people of Israel to eat just before He led them out of slavery. The three foods are:

- 1) lamb - we will learn more about what this means later.**
- 2) bitter herbs - which represent the Israelite's terrible suffering in slavery**
- 3) bread without yeast - which was ready to cook fast and was easy to carry. The Israelites would need this special bread on their journey. Today we call this bread matza.**

Would someone be willing to read a few verses from our Scripture passage? We will do our full Bible reading in a little while. For now, can someone read Exodus 12:8-11?

After the passage has been read...**What things did God tell the Israelites to do at this special dinner?** See if the family can remember the things God said:

- 1) The meat should be grilled.
 - 2) You should eat with your shirt tucked in - ready to get up and go at a moments notice!
 - 3) You should have your shoes on and your staff in your hand - more signs of being ready to leave.
 - 4) You should eat quickly.
- God was preparing to set them free that night!

So let's tuck in our shirts, put on our shoes, find something we can use as a staff and try each one of these special foods.

For Teens

1. In Exodus 12:29 we learn that the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt. What does this tell us about God?

God brings justice against the wicked and against the families of the wicked. In our culture, people find it offensive to talk about the wrath of God. The Egyptians had enslaved the Israelites for over 400 years. The Egyptians had killed the Israelite baby boys. The plagues were part of God's punishment for them.

2. Do you think that God could be good if He never punished evil?

Imagine a parent who never disciplined a child who continued to hit his or her sibling. Imagine a government that never punished murderers. Imagine a policeman who never pulled over speeders. In order for those in authority to be good, right, and just, they must stand against those who do wrong.