

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON

LESSON #9

DATE: November 10, 2019

SUBJECT: THE TRAVELS OF THE CHOSEN CHILDREN OF ISRAEL: The Passover

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 11:1-10; 12:1-51; Deuteronomy 6:20-25

AIM: To see that our trustworthy and all-sufficient God desires to carry out His promises to us and to deliver us, however; we need to learn to obey Him and follow His instructions carefully.

MEMORY VERSES TO CHOOSE FROM: Exodus 12:28 (And the children of Israel went and did *so*; just as Jehovah had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.); Psalm 119:105 (Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.); John 1:29 (The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!) **The last verse relates to an application intended only for older children.*

SUGGESTED SONGS: 136 (Thou Will Show Me the Path of Life); 153 (Obey His Call); 7604 BSS Moses Vol. 1 (We Will Go); 6729 BSS Moses Vol. 1 (Time for Departure); 6415 BSS Moses Vol. 1 (Strike the Blood); 6702 BSS Moses Vol. 1 (The All Sufficient God); 3443 BSS Moses Vol. 1 (It Was at Midnight); 8308 BSS Moses Vol. 2 (Do All Things Without Murmuring)

CRAFT IDEAS: Make a lamb out of a paper plate and decorate with cotton balls.

BACKGROUND: In the past two lessons, we learned about nine plagues brought upon Pharaoh and the land of Egypt by Jehovah. See if the children can list those plagues. Even though the plagues were so severe, Pharaoh still would not let the children of Israel go. In this week's lesson, we will hear about the tenth plague.

CONTENT: Jehovah told Moses that He would bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. And Moses told Pharaoh about this plague. At midnight Jehovah would go out into the midst of Egypt. All the firstborn in the land of Egypt would die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh to the firstborn of the female slave and all the firstborn of cattle. There would be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt. Then all the servants of Pharaoh would come to Moses and tell him to get out, him and all the people who follow him. After that Moses would go out. After talking to Pharaoh, Moses went out from him in hot anger. Jehovah then told Moses that Pharaoh would not listen to him, in order that Jehovah's wonders would be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

Then Jehovah spoke to Moses and Aaron. They should tell all the assembly of Israel that on the tenth of the month each man should take a lamb, a lamb for a household. If the household was too small, then he and his neighbor would share a lamb according to the number of people in the houses. The lamb should be without blemish, a year-old male. They should keep it until the fourteenth day of the month. Then the whole congregation should kill it at twilight. They should take some of the blood of the lamb and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they ate it. (The doorposts are the two vertical supports and the lintel is the horizontal support across the top of the door.) They should eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire and they should eat it with unleavened bread with bitter herbs. They should eat it with loins girded, sandals on their feet, staffs in their hands and they should eat it in haste (meaning that they were ready for battle and ready to exit Egypt). This was Jehovah's passover. Jehovah would pass through the land of Egypt on that night and would strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. But the blood would be a sign upon the houses of the children of Israel. When Jehovah saw the blood, He would pass over them.

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and told them to take lambs according to their families, and slaughter the passover. They should apply some of the blood to the lintel and to the two doorposts. None of them should go outside of his house until the morning. Jehovah would pass through to smite the Egyptians; and

when He saw the blood upon the lintel and on the two doorposts, He would pass over the entrance and would not allow the destroyer to come into their houses to smite them. The people bowed and worshipped. **And the children of Israel went and did so; just as Jehovah had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.** At midnight Jehovah struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no house where there was not someone dead. Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in the night and told them to go out from the midst of his people. They should take their children and their flocks and their herds and go and serve Jehovah. The Egyptians urged the people on. They wanted them to leave quickly, for they said, “All of us will be dead.”

The children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. And a mixed multitude, some who were not Israelites, were willing to follow the children of Israel out of Egypt, as well as flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock. The children of Israel had stayed in Egypt 430 years. And at the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from Egypt.

SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM: *Please pray and fellowship over which applications to cover. Please do not try to cover all the applications. It is sufficient to cover just **one or two applications** which are appropriate for the age group of the children you are serving.*

- **Our God is trustworthy.** The All-Sufficient God appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and promised to give the promised land to His people (Deuteronomy 6:23). He kept his covenant with His people by delivering them. He is constantly watching over us (Exodus 12:42). We may feel like we are having a hard time, but we can be assured that God hears our prayers and is trustworthy.
- **We should learn to obey and follow instructions carefully.** God gave the children of Israel specific instructions concerning what they should do (i.e. stay in the house, put blood on the post, feast on the roasted lamb, put shoes on their feet, hold a staff in their hands, be ready to leave at His command, without delay). All those who obeyed Him and followed His instructions carefully were brought through safely by Him (Deuteronomy 6:24). The night of the Passover was a “night of watching” to Jehovah for all the children of Israel who cooperated (Exodus 12:42). In contrast, all those (including Pharaoh), who refused to listen to God, were affected by the tenth plague.
- **Our God is persistent.** Neither God nor Moses gave up. God sent Moses to Pharaoh multiple times requesting that the children of Israel be freed to hold a feast unto God. Eventually, God prevailed.
- **We can share with our friends and neighbors.** If a household was small, the children of Israel were instructed to share a lamb with their neighbors (Exodus 12:4). We should be willing to share what we have, whether it’s food or toys, with our friends and neighbors. We can also tell them about the Lord Jesus and invite them to our house, or for a time together with other children in the church.
- **For older children:** The story of the Passover is a picture from God’s word that shows us God’s judgment upon all who sin. But more importantly, it also shows us that God has established a way of salvation or escape from this judgment. Every household that put the blood of the lamb on their doorposts was saved. When the Lord saw the blood, He passed over that household. The lamb in this story is also a picture, a symbol of the Lord Jesus. In the New Testament, the Lord Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). He was the Lamb without blemish, without spot—sinless and perfect. He was killed on the cross where His blood was shed for us. Now today, all of us can believe in the Lord Jesus!

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