

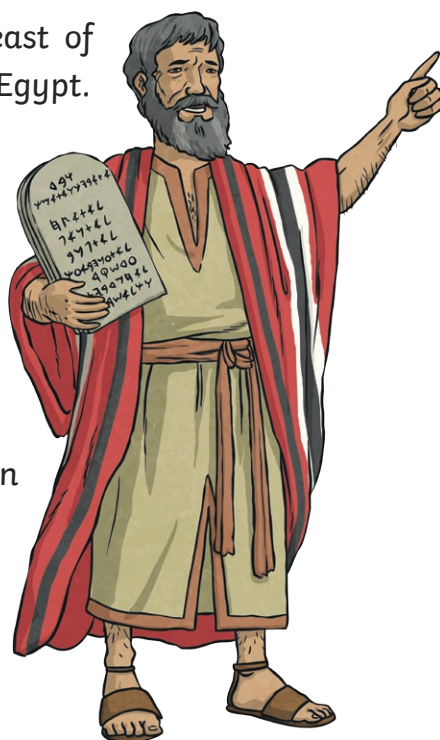
# Passover

Passover is a Jewish festival. Jews celebrate the Feast of Passover to remember how Moses led his people from Egypt.

## The Passover Story

Many years ago, Moses' people were slaves. God didn't like this and wanted them to be free. He told Moses to speak to the King of Egypt (Pharaoh) to ask if they could go free. The Pharaoh refused. Moses warned him that God would not be happy.

Moses was right. God was angry and He sent ten plagues as a punishment.



### Blood

First of all, God turned Egypt's main river into blood. The fish all died but, still, the Pharaoh did not free Moses' people.

### Frogs

Then God sent a plague of frogs. Still, the Pharaoh did not free Moses' people.

### Lice

God then turned all the country's dust into itchy, crawling lice.

### Flies

The next plague was a swarm of flies. They filled people's homes and covered their food.



### Livestock

This plague killed all the Egyptians' animals.

### Boils

Then people grew nasty boils (like painful spots) on their bodies.

### Hail

God sent the worst hailstorm ever to hit Egypt. It destroyed most of the country's crops.



**Locusts**

Because the Pharaoh had still not done as God asked, He sent a swarm of locusts. Any crops left standing after the hailstorm were eaten by the hungry insects.

**Darkness**

For the ninth punishment, God cast Egypt into darkness for three days.

**The Plague on the Firstborn**

God was now angrier than ever. He told Moses to prepare his people for the tenth plague.

They needed to mark their doorways with the blood of a male lamb so that the angel of death knew to pass over their homes. This is where the name Passover comes from.

**The Pharaoh Does as God Asks**

The Pharaoh finally told Moses that his people were free and Moses led them out of Egypt. This was known as the Exodus.

**Passover Today**

Today, Passover is a big family celebration and lasts seven or eight days. A special meal is eaten called the Seder.



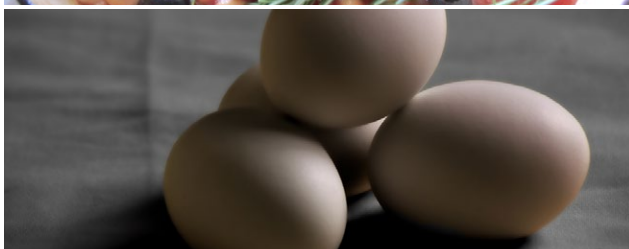
# The Seder Plate



**matzo**  
(bread without yeast)



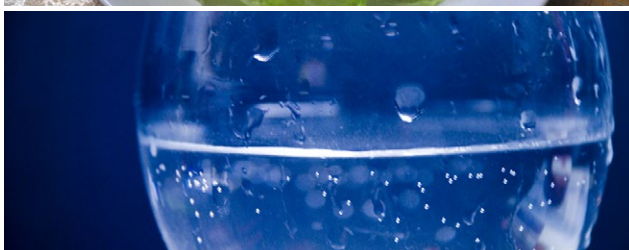
**bone of lamb**



**egg**



**greenery**  
(usually lettuce)



**salt water**



**four cups of wine**



**charoset**  
(a paste made of apples, nuts,  
cinnamon and wine)



# Questions

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  - ☐ Muslim celebration
  - ☐ Jewish celebration
  - ☐ Buddhist celebration
2. Which plague ate all the remaining crops? Tick **one**.
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  - ☐ locusts
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- ☐ matzo
- ☐ pasta
- ☐ egg
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**Accept the two following answers: Egypt's main river turned to blood; The fish all died.**
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**God instructed Moses' people to paint lamb's blood on their doors so the angel of death knew to pass over their homes and so the celebration became known as Passover.**