

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **April 18, 2021** Family Theme | **God Delivers His People** Study Text | **Exodus 12:1-42**

Objective: Help your children understand that God's judgment passes over those who are covered by the blood of Jesus (our Passover Lamb), just as it did at the first Passover.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set about 80 years after Moses' birth (c. 1446 BC). God had raised up and prepared Moses and was ready to deliver His people out of bondage in Egypt. God would lead them to the land He had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Bible Basics: Review Hebrews 12:2 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Exodus 12:1-42

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that the Passover in the Old Testament was a picture of how Jesus shed His blood so our sins could be forgiven and God's judgment could pass over us. You may want to read about the plagues God sent in Chapters 7-11. God has the power to deliver us!



Key Truth: God Provides Deliverance Through the Blood of a Lamb (Exodus 12:1-30)

In order to be delivered from slavery to Egypt, each Israelite family was instructed to sacrifice a lamb without defect and apply its blood to the doorposts of their homes. More regulations were given in verses 8 through 11, including the time in which the meat was to be eaten, how the meat was to be cooked, and the way the people were to be dressed. The unleavened bread of verse 8 signified bread cooked without yeast, a necessary ingredient for bread to rise. Its significance is that the meal could be prepared and eaten in haste just as the Israelites fled from Egypt in haste, without time for the bread to rise. On that same night, the Lord would strike down the firstborn of the Egyptian men and animals in order to bring judgment upon all the gods of Egypt. This would complete the plagues promised in Exodus chapter 7, and would signify the power and might of the God of Israel. The blood on the doorposts of the Israelites, however, provided protection from such judgment as the angel of death would pass by these homes. Only those who obediently placed themselves under the blood of a sacrifice would be spared. This commemoration was to be carried out year after year and was to be explained and passed along to their children.



Key Truth: God Sets His People Free (Exodus 12:31-42)

In humility, Pharaoh summoned Moses after the final plague and told him to take all the Israelites, along with their livestock, and leave Egypt (verses 31-32). This was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Moses from Exodus 11:4-8 and revealed this was ultimately the work of God on behalf of the Israelites. Like Pharaoh, the Egyptian people grasped the severity of the judgment of God and urged the Jews to exit in haste. Approximately 2 million people (600,000 men plus women and children) made the exodus from Egypt. In summary, the children of Israel were in Egypt 430 years, in fulfillment of God's prophecy to Abraham (Genesis 15:13-14). The Egyptians were stubborn in their resistance of God, which led to wailing and anguish by all the Egyptians. But there was rejoicing and freedom for God's people. Just as the Israelites fled Egypt and began a new life, we leave the bondage of sin to begin a new life in Christ.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Why were they to spread some blood from the lamb on their doorposts?
- What was the significance of eating only unleavened bread?
- Why were they to eat the meal fully dressed and ready to travel?
- What must we do to have God's judgment pass over us?
- **For Elementary:** How did God protect the Israelites from being affected by the more harmful plagues?
- **For Elementary:** What was each family instructed to do on the night of Passover?
- **For Elementary:** How did the lamb and its sacrifice point to Jesus?

Everyday Extras

Exodus 7-12 gives the account of the 10 plagues that helped to convince Pharaoh to allow the Israelites to leave Egypt. Assign each of your family members some of the first nine plagues and have them collect an item or think of a motion to represent that plague. Review the plagues, in order, with the visual aids several times. When you come to the tenth plague, the oldest son in the family (or substitute a daughter if you don't have sons) could dramatically disappear. (If Dad is also the oldest son of his family, he would disappear too.) Talk about what was different in the homes of the Israelite families and the way God protected them. Their obedience to do what God told them saved their loved ones and sent them on their journey out of slavery.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned God had a plan for Moses to help the Israelites leave Egypt. When the king refused, God sent ten plagues on the people of Egypt. God had a plan to help His people, and **God Has a Plan** for you too.