

# Seder Meal

## Leader's Guide

Before you begin:

1. Distribute plates, cups, guides, etc.
2. Assign readers

### CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader: Woman to read statement & light candle

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### FIRST CUP

The Cup of Sanctification: *"I Will **Bring** You"*

*Pour wine*

**Say: At Passover, we celebrate four of God's promises by filling and drinking from our cup four times. With each cup, let's remember God's faithfulness. Let us drink and bless the name of the Lord.**

*Emphasize bring, free, redeem, take – these are the four cups we will drink)*

Exodus reader: \_\_\_\_\_

**Say: Let us drink the cup of Sanctification!**

*Drink*

### HAND WASHING

*You need a water basin and towel. Explain how this hand washing foreshadows the Last Supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet.*

### PARSLEY

*You need parsley and salt water.*

**Say: Parsley represents life, given by God. Saltwater represents tears of the Israelites because of the suffering they endured as slaves in Egypt.**

*Dip parsley in salt water, to remember tears of slavery and that sometimes life is full of tears.*

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### CANDLE LIGHTING

Woman: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who has set us apart by his word, and in whose name we light the festival lights.

All Respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has chosen us from the beginning of time, exalting us by making us holy through the blood of the Lamb of Christ. In love you have given us Sabbaths for rest, holidays for joy, festivals for gladness, and the Son for our redemption. You give us this feast of unleavened bread, the season of our freedom, in commemoration of the Jewish Liberation from Egypt and of universal liberation from sin and its punishment. Blessing to our God who saw fit to deliver us!**

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Leader explains the cups.

Reader: **Exodus 6:6-8**

Leader invites people to drink.

All Respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.**

*Drink*

### HAND WASHING

Leader washes hands, explains.

### PARSLEY

Leader explains the parsley.

All Respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth.**

*Pass and eat parsley dipped in salt water.*

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You say:

**We celebrate the Passover to remember how God brought the Israelites out of Egypt and we review the story by asking and remembering four questions.**

Leader explains Passover and remembering how God brought the Israelites out of Egypt.

Q#1 child: \_\_\_\_\_

1ST QUESTION (child): **On all other nights, we eat bread or matzah. On this night, why do we eat only matzah?**

Encourage conversation....

Ask: **What does matzah symbolize?**

*Israelites had no time to let dough rise, just like we should be ready for Jesus' call and return, yeast is a metaphor for sin. Yeast puffs up, sin and pride puff up. Jesus was without leaven/sin, we break the matzah--"because he was broken for us".*

Leader responds.

Reader for 1 Cor & Isaiah passages:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reader: **1 Corinthians 5:6-8**

*Pass and eat matzah, save some for dipping.*

*Hide the Afikomen "that which comes last". An adult hides it, children will search for it at the end of the night. Finder receives a small prize.*

Reader: **Isaiah 53:5**

Q#2 child: \_\_\_\_\_

2ND QUESTION (child): **On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night, why do we eat only bitter herbs?**

Ask: **What does horseradish symbolize?**

*Bitter years of slavery, and remember the cost of our redemption through Christ, and his suffering on the cross*

Leader responds.

*Pass and eat matzah dipped in horseradish.*

Reader for Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_

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Q#3 child: \_\_\_\_\_

3RD QUESTION (child): **On all other nights, we do not dip our vegetables. On this night, why do we dip them twice?**

Ask: **What does charoset symbolize?**

*Looks like mortar, reminds us of Israelites brick making, even in slavery the Israelites had hope in God (sweetness,) and Jesus absorbed our bitter sins and brings hope.*

Leader responds.

*Pass and eat matzah dipped in charoset.*

Q#4 child: \_\_\_\_\_

4TH QUESTION (child): **On all other nights, we eat sitting. On this night, why do we eat reclining?**

Ask: **Why might this be?**

*We are free people - not standing ready to flee as the Israelites, but free children of God through Jesus work on the cross.*

Leader responds.

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WE TELL THE PASSOVER STORY TOGETHER

SECOND CUP

The Cup of Plagues: "I will free you"

*Pour wine but do not drink until the story is told.*

Key points of the Exodus story – Exodus 11-12  
The Matzah (unleavened bread) - *had to leave in a hurry*  
The Maror (bitter herbs)  
The Pesach (Passover Lamb) - *sacrifice & mark the doors*

*Tell the story together; especially include the kids;*  
*ask questions:*

- *How did the Israelites become slaves?*
- *How did God call Moses?*
- *What did God ask Moses to do?*
- *How did Pharaoh respond to Moses?*
- *Then what happened?*

*Instead of drinking, name each plague and drop a drop j  
of juice on your plate: blood, frogs, lice, flies, cattle dis-  
ease, boils, hail, locust, darkness, death of firstborn.*

PASSOVER LAMB

*Pass lamb*

*Hold up shank bone*

- *summarize story and why we no longer need to make sacrifices*
- *Passover lamb points us to Christ*
- *John the Baptist: "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world"*

BEITZAH  
roasted egg

*Pass eggs*

Symbolizes mourning and the destruction of the temple;  
egg is the first food offered to mourners after a funeral.

*Raise cups and drink*

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Leader explains the lamb and shank bone.

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People: Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!

**Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and forevermore!**

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

**Leader: The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!**

People: Who is like the Lord our God,  
who is seated on high,

**Leader: who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?**

People: He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**Leader: to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.**

People: He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.

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Psalm 114

**Leader: When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange  
language,**

People: Judah became his sanctuary,  
Israel his dominion.

**Leader: The sea looked and fled;  
Jordan turned back.**

People: The mountains skipped like rams,  
the hills like lambs.

**Leader: What ails you, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?**

People: O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
O hills, like lambs?

**Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

People: who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
the flint into a spring of water.

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PASSOVER MEAL

*Sing the Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

*Eat the main meal*

*After the meal, let children find the Afikomen*

Third Cup

Cup of Redemption: *“I will **redeem** you”*

*Pour wine*

You say: **This was when Jesus broke the bread and distributed it to his disciples and said, this is my body, given for you, do this in remembrance of me.**

*Pass matzah around and all eat—this is typically the last morsel eaten at the Passover...only the 2 cups of wine remain.*

Say: **Jesus said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.”**

Elijah’s Place

Malachi reader: \_\_\_\_\_

You say: **Jewish people look for Elijah’s coming on Passover, so they set a place for him at the table and open the door to welcome him. We open the door in expectation of the second coming of the Messiah : Maranatha!**

Fourth Cup: Cup of Praise

*“I will **take** you”*

*Fill cup and wait*

You say: **This cup Jesus said He would not drink until we are together in the Fathers kingdom, the wedding feast of the lamb.**

Great Hallel: Psalm 136

Reader Psalm 136: \_\_\_\_\_

People respond with: For His love endures forever!

Drink Final Cup and proclaim,

***Next Year in Jerusalem!***

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Cup of Redemption: *“I will redeem you”*

*Pour wine*

Leader explains Jesus’ breaking bread.

*Pass matzah and eat*

Leader explains the new covenant.

Drink wine.

All respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.”**

Elijah’s Place

Reader: *hold up Elijah’s cup and read Malachi 4:5*

*A volunteer opens the door.*

Fourth Cup

Cup of Praise: *“I will take you”*

*Fill cup and wait*

Leader explains the fourth cup.

All respond: **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.”**

Great Hallel: Psalm 136

Reader: **Psalm 136**

All respond after each line: **For His love endures forever!**

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