

CHAPTERS 11 & 12: The Passover

Servant's Preparation:

Read Exodus Chapters 11 and 12.

Read the interpretation of the chapters in Interpretation of the Book of Exodus by Father Tadros Yacoub Malaty:

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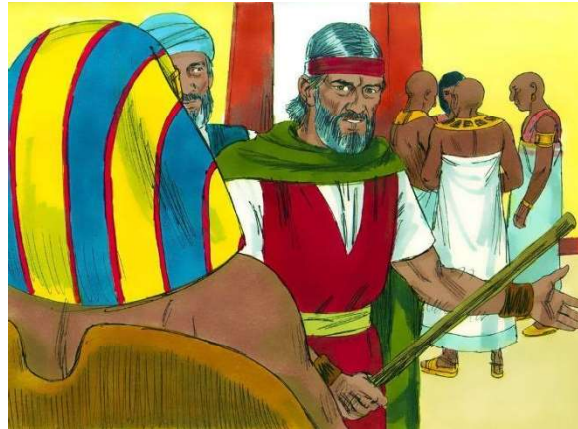
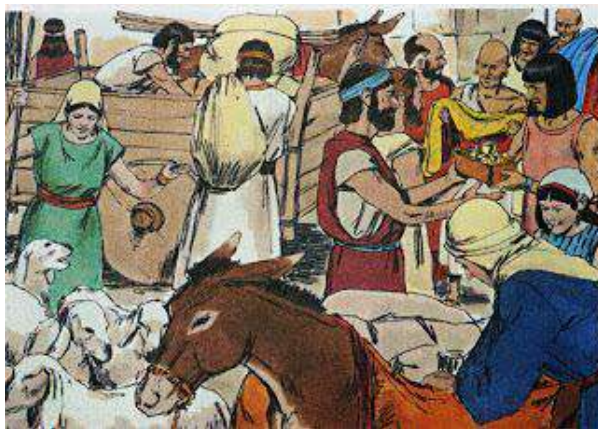
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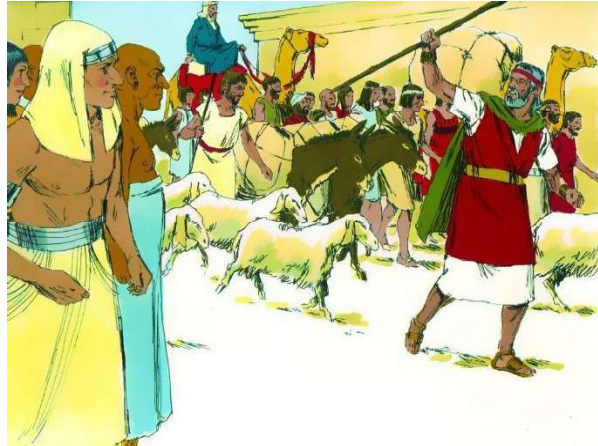
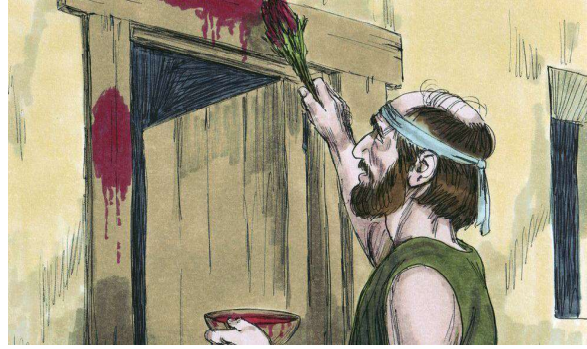
At the beginning of each lesson, please review book overview questions:

- ✓ *What is the meaning of Exodus?* Departure, going out. It refers to the departure of the children of Israel from Egypt.
- ✓ *Who wrote the Book of Exodus?* Moses the Prophet
- ✓ *What is the structure of the Book of Exodus?* It tells the story of bondage of the Israelites in Egypt, their exodus from Egypt to Sinai and the story of their journey in Sinai.

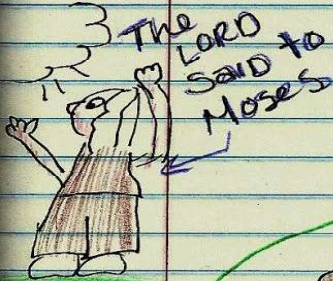
Main Points in the Chapters:

1. Death of the first born announced (chapter 11)
2. The Passover instituted (12: 1-28)
3. The tenth plague: Death of the firstborn (12: 29, 30)
4. The Exodus (12: 31-42)
5. Passover regulations (12: 43-51)



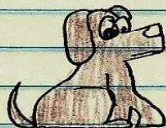


EXODUS 11



Egypt

"ALL THE FIRST-BORN WILL DIE"

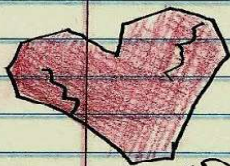


"But against any of the sons of Israel a dog will not even bark..."

Everyone will know these deaths are Pharaoh's fault - Not Moses or Israel's

vs 3 the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians in

THE LORD



← SIN

HARDENED PHAROAH'S HEART

"Let not your heart be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin"

Heb 3:13

What if God did not directly reach down + Harden his heart? Just because He exists + the Pharaoh has to try harder + harder to deny Him

the death of the firstborn was a horrible event...

but it was to save the people + make known

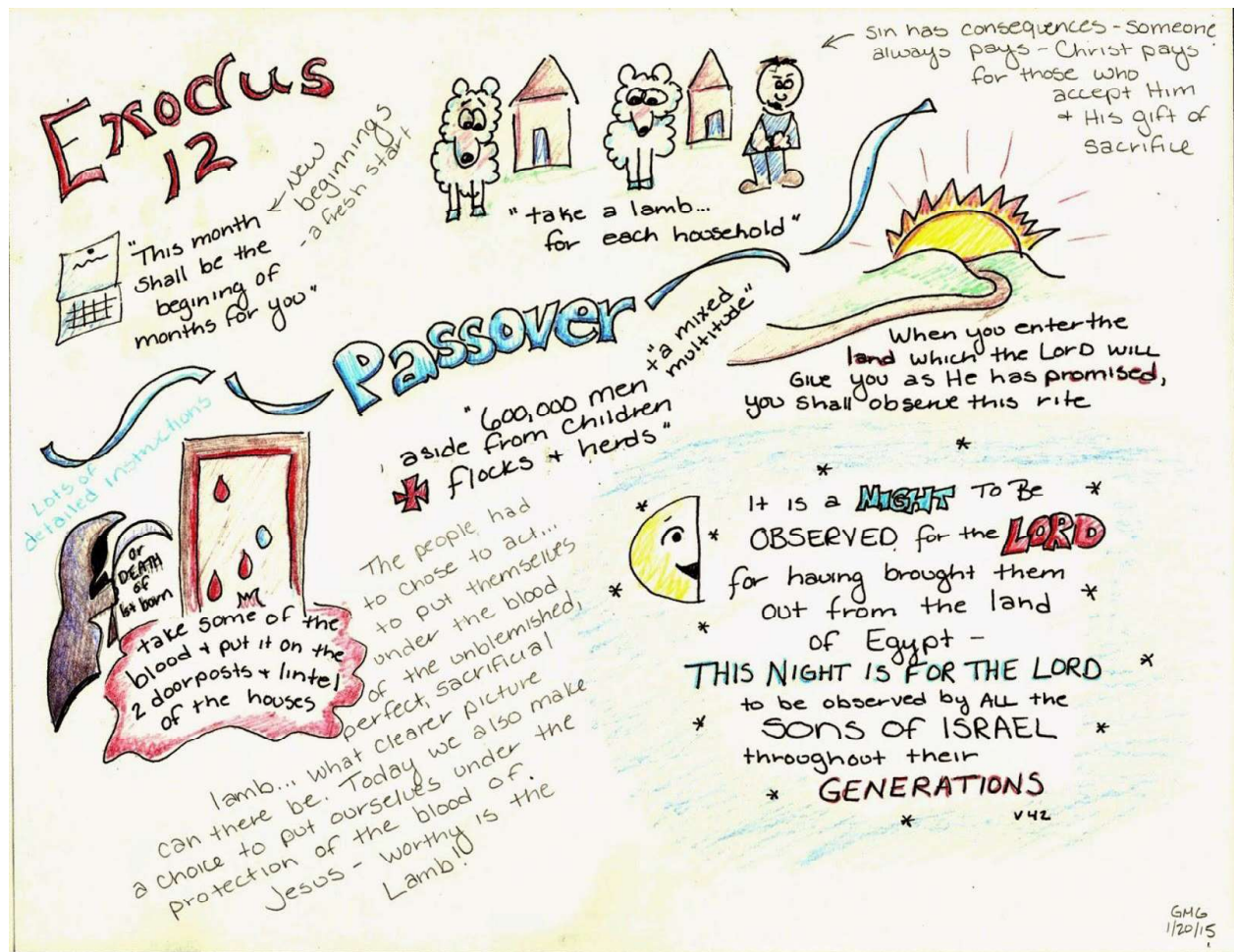
God's power / plan

+ protection of His people.

My Wonders will be

multiplied in the land

of EGYPT



Lesson:

Explain the main events of the chapters with a picture for each event, reading parts of the chapter. You may use the Activities method below to tell the story, but be sure to mention the details below.

- God tells Moses that He will send the last plague after which Pharaoh will let the people go, and to tell the people to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold.
- Moses tells Pharaoh that at midnight all of the Egyptians' firstborn will die, both rich and poor, and even the animals. But the Israelites will remain safe.
- Pharaoh still hardens his heart.
- The Lord institutes the Passover:
 - "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you."
 - On the 10th of the month, every household will get a lamb that's male, 1 year old, without blemish.
 - Kill the lamb on the 14th day at twilight.

- Take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.
- Eat it roasted with unleavened bread (as they didn't have time to make leavened bread) and bitter herbs.
- Eat it all completely and nothing should remain until morning. What remains gets burned.
- Eat it with belt and sandals on and with staff in hand (to be ready for the exodus) and eat it in a hurry.
- When the firstborn of the Egyptians die, the Israelites' homes will be spared because of the blood. (Passover)
- Observe the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- The Lamb is a symbol of Christ who suffered and died for us and saved us through His blood.
- The 10th plague takes place.
- Pharaoh lets the people go.
- All in all, the Israelites lived in Egypt for 430 years.
- Passover regulations:
 - No uncircumcised can eat it.
 - It shall be eaten in one house.
 - None of its bones will be broken.

Lesson Aim

Our God is just, but we are saved through the blood of the Lamb.



Old and New Feasts

Old Testament
Passover Feast



New Testament
Lord's Supper



**OLD
TESTAMENT**
PROPHECY

**NEW
TESTAMENT**
FULFILLMENT

Lamb's blood



Christ's blood

Protection from
disaster



Eternal life

Freedom from
slavery



Forgiveness
of sins

<i>Passover Observance</i>	<i>Messianic Significance</i>
The lamb was without blemish.	Jesus was examined and found without blemish (Mat 21:23; 27:1-2; 11-14; 17-26; Luke 3:2; John 11:49-53).
The lamb was a male of the first year.	Jesus was the firstborn Son of God.
The lamb was set aside for four days on the tenth of Nisan.	Jesus entered Jerusalem and the temple on public display for four days on the tenth of Nisan.
The penalty was imposed the moment the lamb was chosen.	Christ received the death penalty for our sin before He was born.
The lamb was killed between the evenings at 3:00 P.M.	Jesus died in the seventh hour, 3:00 P.M. (Mark 15:33-37).
The lamb's bones were not broken (Ex. 12:46, Num. 9:12).	Jesus' bones were not broken. (Ps. 34:20; John 19:31)
The blood of the lamb applied to the door saved the Israelites' firstborn.	The blood of Christ saves us.
The body of the lamb must be eaten the same night (Ex. 12:8).	Jesus was crucified, suffered, and died in the same night.
No work was to be done on the Passover. The Israelites could not save themselves. Even if they should have spent all the night in prayer, the destroying angel would have broken in upon them, and slain their first-born if the blood was not on the door.	The blood of Jesus saves us, not our works. (1 Peter 1:18-21).

Activities

Lesson Opening: Our God is Just

Ask: Does anyone know what the word justice means? (*To treat someone or something fairly*).

Ask: Can anyone think of an example of someone receiving justice? (*Being punished when we do something wrong, a criminal being put in jail, etc.*)

Say: God is a just God. That means that when we do something wrong (sin) He will never sweep it under the rug. God doesn't turn a blind eye to sin and evil in the world, just like He didn't turn a blind eye to

the sins of the Egyptians. God takes sin seriously, but He also provides a way for His people to be saved!

Say: In today's lesson we will hear about God's justice towards Egypt and the Israelites, and how He provided a way of salvation for His people.

Tell the Story

Say: God had sent 9 plagues upon Egypt to demonstrate His mighty power so that His name would be made great. But Pharaoh refused to free the Israelites from slavery. His heart was hard towards God! Moses had warned Pharaoh that there was one final plague coming, and it would be worse than the first nine. Let's read from God's Word to find out what this plague would be.

Read Exodus 11:4-6: *"So Moses said, 'This is what the LORD says; 'About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again.'"*

Ask: Who can tell me what the final plague is? (Allow time for kids to respond.)

Say: That's right. The firstborn son in every Egyptian family would die.

Ask: Why do you think God would do this to the Egyptians? (Allow time for kids to respond.)

Say: Our God is a just God. That means that He takes sin very seriously and punishes those who harden their hearts against Him. God had every right to punish the Egyptians for refusing to obey Him. By sending the first nine plagues God had put His power on display for Egypt to see, yet they still remained disobedient. Now God would show His justice.

Say: God had a special task for the Israelites in order to spare them from this final plague. Each Israelite family was to take a one-year old, unblemished lamb and slaughter it. They were to eat the meat along with a special meal of bitter herbs and bread without yeast. Then God gave them some other interesting instructions. Let's read God's Word and as we do, listen to see if you can hear what God's instructions were to His people.

Read Exodus 12: 7, 12-13: *"Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all of gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt."*

Ask: What did God tell them to do with the lamb's blood? (Allow time for kids to answer.)

Say: That's right. He instructed them to put the blood on their doorframes. When God moved through Egypt, He would see the blood and the firstborn sons within those homes would not be killed. God was showing His great mercy on His people!

Say: Did you know that even today God's people are saved by the blood of a lamb? Jesus is just like the unblemished lambs that the Israelites were to use on Passover night. But we don't put Jesus' blood on our doorframes do we? Instead, when we trust in Jesus to save us from our sins, we are in a sense covered by His blood and are saved! Now, when God brings judgment, rather than face punishment, God passes over us and forgives our sins.

Say: That night God moved through Egypt and just as He had said, all the firstborn sons died, including Pharaoh's own son.

Read Exodus 12:31: *"During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, 'Up! Leave my people you and the Israelites! God, worship the Lords as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said and God. And also bless me.'"*

Say: Finally Pharaoh relented and allowed the Israelites to leave Egypt. It might seem like this is the end of the story, but it's really just the beginning of the story of God leading His people to their own land. We'll hear more about it in the coming weeks.

Learning Activity 1: Chain Story

Supplies: None

- Have kids sit in a circle. Choose one person to start telling the story using only one sentence. The next kid will continue the story using one more sentence. Go around the circle until the whole story has been re-told.

Learning Activity 2: Covered by the Blood

Supplies: Marker board and marker

- Draw a large doorframe on the board and **ask** what it was that God told the Israelites to spread across their doorframes.
- **Say:** Sometimes we think that we can be saved by the things we do or the way we act. We wrongly believe that if we're just good enough we can earn our salvation from God. [*Write "Be Good" on the doorframe.*]
- **Say:** We might even think that if we read our Bible enough that God will be happy with us and forgive our sin. [*Write: "Read Bible" on the doorframe.*]
- **Ask:** What are ways that you can think of that we try to earn God's favor and salvation? [*Write their answers on or around the frame.*]
- **Ask:** Who remembers the main point from today's lesson? (God's people are saved by the blood of the Lamb.) **Explain** that the only way we can be truly forgiven of our sins and avoid God's judgment is if we put our trust in Jesus. It doesn't matter how hard we try, if we aren't covered with the blood of Jesus, there is no way that we can stand before God. [*Erase the other things the kids thought of and write "Blood of the Lamb."*]
- **Pray** that the kids would trust Jesus to forgive their sins.

Memory Verse:

13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.