

PASSOVER

The Passover - Act It Out

This is a wonderful way of re-telling a very important story!
Parents and older siblings can use this to create a play and act it
out using home-made costumes, toys and
even creating your own props!

This is a fun family activity and costumes and props can be reused
each year at this very special time.

Main Characters:

Narrator - text shown in italics
Moses/Aaron - Aaron did all the talking
Pharaoh
&
Princess

Younger children can partake by creating the 10 plagues.

Long ago, there were a very large group of people (thousands and thousands of them). They were God's special people that he set apart just for him. The Hebrew people were children of a man called Abraham, who was their great great great great great great great great great grandpa. God loved Abraham because he was very faithful and followed all of God's lessons even when they were hard. Because he loved him so much, God made a promise to him that he would bless all of his children and all of their children and give them a special place to live. The Hebrew people had to wait a long time before they could live in this special land. While they were waiting the Hebrew people lived in a country called Egypt and worked for a man called Pharaoh who was the King of Egypt.

Pharaoh: "I am Pharaoh, King of Egypt. I am boss over all the land!"

Because Pharaoh was King and he wanted to remain powerful, he became very afraid of the Hebrew people because they were very strong and there lots of them.

Pharaoh: "Oh no! There are so many of these people! One day, they might become very powerful and be my boss!"

He was afraid that they may rule one day. So he made them slaves and became a very horrible boss. He made them work very hard under the sun, making bricks and lifting heavy things.

Pharaoh: "Where are my bricks? Are they ready yet?"

The King wanted to make sure the Hebrew people didn't have any more children so that they wouldn't grow in number. He ordered that all new baby boys were to killed, but the special baby nurses always saved the babies and God blessed them for doing so. Pharaoh became very angry and ordered the baby boys to be thrown into the river.

There was one baby boy called Moses, his mummy loved him so much that she hid him. When he got too big to hide, she put him in a basket and floated him down the river hoping that someone kind would find him and look after him. And she was right!

Princess: "What a cute baby. He must be a Hebrew. I will keep this baby and raise him as my own son in the palace."

The Princess was the daughter of Pharaoh the King of Egypt. So Moses grew up in Pharaoh's Palace and got to learn about all the ways of the Egyptians. One day when Moses was a grown up, he saw how badly the Hebrew people were being treated. It made him angry and he killed one of the Egyptian bosses who was being very mean, so Moses ran away and lived in the desert. He found a nice family to live with and looked after sheep for a job.

One day, Moses came across a bush that was on fire but the fire wasn't burning the bush up.

Moses: “Wow, this must be a very special bush, because not even fire can hurt it! I am going to go and have a closer look!”

Moses then heard God’s voice. God told Moses that he had heard the cries of his people, the Hebrews and wanted to take them out from Egypt and into their special land, because it ready. God told Moses “Go and tell Pharaoh to stop being mean, and LET MY PEOPLE GO!”

Moses wasn’t very good at speaking and he didn’t feel like he could do it. But he listened to God and obeyed him, just like Abraham (his great great great great great x10 grandpa) did many years before.

Moses met his Hebrew family. He had a brother and a sister that agreed to help him. He went to see Pharaoh with his brother Aaron and said:

Moses: “God wants his people freed. Stop being mean and LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO”

Pharaoh was a very stubborn King and he was not afraid of God.

Pharaoh: “NO! I will not let my slaves go, they make really good bricks!”

God knew Pharaoh was going to be stubborn, so he decided to show Pharaoh how great he was. He sent many terrible things to the land of Egypt and to the Egyptian people everytime Pharaoh said no. This is what happened:

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, he will make the water in your river turn into blood”

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

And so the water turned into blood.

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, he will bring frogs from out of your river and they will come into your houses and be in your bed. You won’t be able to escape from them! They will be everywhere”

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

And so the frogs jumped out of the river and into the houses of the Egyptians, onto their plates, into their beds and everywhere.

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, he will send lice onto your land and they will come into your houses and be in your bed. You won’t be able to escape from them! They will be everywhere”

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

And so there were lice in the houses of the Egyptians, in their hair, in their beds and everywhere.

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, he will send a swarm of flies onto your land and they will come into your houses and buzz all around you. You won’t be able to escape from them! They will be everywhere”

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

And so there were flies buzzing around the heads of the Egyptians!

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, he will make all your animals very sick!”

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

And so all the animals became very sick and died.

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, he will make your people very sick with bumps on their skin!”

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

And so all the Egyptian people became very sick with bumps on their skin.

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, he will cause great thunder and hail to fall from the sky

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

And so all hail fell and destroyed some of the crops.

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, he will send large flying grasshoppers into your land, and they will eat every tree, every bush and whatever else the hail did not destroy.

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

And so every tree and every bush was destroyed.

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, he cause a darkness to fall on the land. There will be no sunlight, just darkness all day long.

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

And so there was darkness throughout the land. Pharaoh was very angry with what God was doing, but because his heart was very hard, he still did not want to let the Hebrew people go. So God decided to do one more thing! He remembered how Pharaoh ordered for all Hebrew baby boys to die. So God told Moses, that he would do the same. This time, we would make the first person born to an Egyptian family die. So Moses said:

Moses: “If you don’t LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO, all the first born children in each family will die!”

Pharaoh: “Will not!”

Moses: “Will too!”

God told Moses to tell the Hebrew people to prepare for this last destruction that would come.

Moses: “Hebrew people! God is sending a final warning to Pharaoh, death will come over the land and will take the first born child in each family. But prepare your homes so that you will be safe. Find a young baby lamb, take it’s blood and wipe it over your doorposts. When death sees this blood over your door, it will PASSOVER you and you will be safe. Get ready now, because soon you will be free. You don’t have time to make bread, so make flat bread which is quicker and eat this with the lamb you found and get ready. For in the morning you will be free!

And so, like God said would happen. Death came over the land and took the children who were born first including Pharaoh’s son. Death PASSED OVER the houses of the Hebrews because they listened to Moses and did as he asked. Pharaoh woke up in the middle of the night to find his Son was dead. He was so very very sad and this time, he said:

Pharaoh: “Go, you and your people. Go away and serve your God. Take all your animals and get out from here!”

Pharaoh finally was afraid of God and now knew what it felt like to lose a child. He must have felt very bad for ordering all those Hebrew children to die. The Hebrew people took all of their things and left Egypt to make their way to the land that was promised to them! They sang and praised God for rescuing them from having to

work for a very very mean boss. Later Pharaoh changed his mind and went after the Hebrew people to get them back. But again God watched over them and made sure they were safe!!!! There are many more stories in the bible of how God watched over and saved his people! But this story is a very very special one! Every year at this time, we remember this story. We remember it, because just like God saved the Hebrew people, he also saved us! Many many many years later, after this story, God came down to earth and walked on the earth as a man called YESHUA (Jesus). Just like the blood on the door post saved the Hebrew people, Yeshua gave his blood to save us from having to work for very very mean bosses!

The end.