

PASSOVER

Scripture:

Exodus 2:23-24, 11:1-12:42, 50-51 (omit 12:14-20)

Memory Verse: Romans 5:9 Since we have been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!

Materials Needed:

Handcuffs, seder plate: apple mixture, bitter herb, piece of lamb, matzah, cup of grape juice, bowl with branch (hyssop), wordstrips

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know- When the Israelites were miserable because of their hard labors and were helpless to be free, God had mercy on them and passed over their sin because they obediently trusted the blood of the lamb to take God's wrath, so that they could be free to worship Him.

Basic Teaching- When one is miserable and helpless to be free from sin's power, God will have mercy and pass over their sin if they obediently trust Jesus to take His wrath, so that they can be free to worship Him.

To Realize: When my students are miserable and helplessly enslaved to sin, God have mercy and pass over their sin if they obediently trust Jesus to take His wrath, so that they can be free to worship Him.

To Respond: By repenting and seeking protection under the blood of Jesus.
By worshiping God.

Approach:

Ask for 3-4 volunteers. Use handcuffs or ties to secure their hands behind their backs. Then have plates with crackers, or some other food to set before the volunteers. See who can eat the items off the plate the fastest without using their hands. If you have enough time, you can have other volunteers try to brush their teeth, comb their hair, etc. without the use of their hands.

At the end of the relay, ask your students why it was so hard to do these simple things. Rephrase any answers by saying, "You're right. It's because your hands weren't free. They couldn't do what they were made for."

Let me tell you about a boy whose parents were Christians. He grew up knowing what he should do, but there was something inside of him that just didn't want to do it. When he was playing a game, he wanted to be the only one to win. If there was a way for him to get the best of something, he usually figured it out. He got angry easily, and even when his parents instructed and corrected him, he still would go away and sulk and keep that anger inside. In fact, everything this boy did was pretty much to please himself. He would try to do some good things, but it was really hard for him. Just like it was really hard for these students to eat without their hands. This boy didn't know it, but he wasn't free

either. He wasn't free on the inside. He couldn't do what he was made by God for.

In the Bible I want to tell you about some people that really weren't free. They were Israelites and they were slaves in Egypt. They could use their hands, they weren't in handcuffs, but they were under the control of the Egyptian slave masters who made them work hard and make bricks.

Outline:

I. Israelites are in Slavery

- A. They are miserable because of work
 - 1. Make bricks for Egyptians
 - 2. Harsh conditions
 - 3. Baby boys put to death
- B. They are helpless
 - 1. They don't have any leader who will speak up for them.
 - 2. Moses tries to help
 - a. Kills Egyptian
 - b. Runs away for 40 years

Eat some of the apple mixture on the seder plate. Show how it looks like bricks and mortar.

Choose one student to come up and eat the bitter herb from the seder plate. Ask: Was that something you enjoyed? Use parallel wording: Just like you felt when you ate the bitter herb, that's how the Israelites felt when they weren't free and there was no one to help them.

But there was Someone who cared for them very much.

Exodus 3:7

God was going to do for the Israelites what they could not do for themselves, and what Moses couldn't do for them. He was going to do it all.

II. God Has Mercy on Them

- A. He sends Moses with a message
 - 1. I have seen their misery
 - 2. I have heard them crying
 - 3. I am concerned with their suffering
 - 4. I have come down to rescue them

Summarize the plagues by mentioning one or two of the disasters, but don't go into a full explanation.

III. God Passes Over Their Sin

- A. God's wrath on false gods: the plagues

- B. Plague #10-The firstborn will die
 - 1. From Pharaoh to cattle
 - 2. No one exempt

- C. The blood of the lamb takes God's wrath

God was going to judge the whole land of Egypt. No one was going to be left out--not even the Israelites.

God told them the one thing they could do to be safe from His judgment.

Explain about His instructions with

IV. Israelites Obediently trust the Blood of the Lamb

1. Kill lamb at midnight
2. Apply blood on doorposts
3. Eat the roasted meat
4. At midnight the angel passes over the houses with the blood on the doorposts.

IV. Israelites Free to worship God

V. Parallel

A. Slave to sin

the Lamb.

Storytell: Imagine we are the Israelites and God tells us to get a lamb. Then on the 14th day of the month we know that at midnight tonight, God's anger at false gods is going to come.

What if we don't put any blood on our doorposts? But we are Israelites! God cares about us! Don't you think He will just overlook our door? He knows it's us inside, right?

How are we going to escape God's anger and wrath? Is that the ONLY way?

But what if it doesn't work?

We will have to trust Him and obey what He told us to do.

Turn off lights, use candles on the table, and eat the lamb meat.

After you storytell about the angel passing over and the blood protecting, ask, "How do we feel?!" We are sooo happy! Why?

Because we won't be slaves anymore. And God is soooo happy. Why? Because now we are free to be HIS people. We are free to worship HIM!

We left Egypt so fast that we didn't even have time to let our bread get light and fluffy. It's flat.

Eat matzah to show how quickly God's deliverance came.

The Bible talks about a slavery that every single person in the world is born into. It's called being a slave to sin. Do you remember the boy I told you about at the beginning of the story? Did he have Egyptian taskmasters? No. But he wasn't free to go God's way because he only wanted to please himself. He was a slave to his own

B. God has mercy

C. God passes over sin

1. Judgment on sin: no one exempt

2. Blood of Jesus: protects from wrath

D. Obediently trust in blood

E. Free to worship

way. That's what slavery to sin is--doing everything to please myself. You would think that a person who does things to please themselves would be a very happy person. But on the inside they are still miserable. And God wants to set that person free so they can go His way and worship Him.

But there is a problem. Because even though God loves that person sooo much, He WILL judge their sin. In the future after everyone has lived, He will gather everyone together and judge. And those who have broken His Laws will be separated from Him forever. They will die. But there is ONE way God provided, that HE says will protect from His anger at sin.

(If your students are understanding, ask them what it is based on the story. If they say, "Jesus" ask them what protected the Israelites.) Read Romans 5:9. What protects us from God's wrath?

Well, what does a person have to do in order to be saved from God's wrath then? They must obediently trust the blood of the lamb--the blood of Jesus--for their life. They must say, "Lord Jesus, I trust in your blood to pay for my sins. I don't want to be a slave to pleasing only myself. Even though I have sinned and should be judged by God, I trust you to protect me on that day. Please free me so that I can worship You." For any person who trusts in the blood of Jesus, what happens? They are happy because they are free from sin. (Show open pair of handcuffs.) And God is happy because they

| are free to worship Him.

Conclusion: If God were to pass through the whole world tonight and judge anyone who has sinned would you be sure that He would Pass-Over you? Is Jesus in your life? Are you trusting His blood? If you have, He wants you to be free to worship Him. If you have never trusted Jesus to set you free from pleasing yourself, and not living to be pleasing to God, He wants to set you free.

Close in prayer.

Boardwork:

PASSOVER HELPS FOR THE TEACHER

Personal Application Questions:

1. At what point in your life did you realize you were under God's judgment?
2. When in your life did you realize the truth that being covered by the blood of Jesus made you righteous before God?
3. Is there an area of current bondage to sin in your life which brings you guilt or shame? How can the truth of this lesson help you?

Application Questions to think through for your Students:

1. Your students may not have committed "big sins" but how can they realize they are still under God's judgment?
2. How can your students realize that the purpose of being set free is so they can worship God from their hearts?
3. Children need to hear the reality of God's wrath as well as the protection that is available through the blood of Jesus. How can you help them get a feel for this?

Memory Verse:

Romans 5:9 Since we have been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!

Write here which game you will use to teach this verse and any supplies you might need:

Post-lesson Activity:

You will need a Bible dictionary, OR you can simply talk through the definitions after the students finish the worksheet from Bible Skills p. 105, Dot Definitions.

Homework Ideas:

During the week, have your students find a hymnbook or chorus book. Write down the first verse of three songs that talk about the Blood of Jesus and what it does.

Alternate or Bonus Memory Verse:

Romans 6:22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness and the result is eternal life.