Exodus 12

1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,
2 This month is to be for you the first month, the first
3 month of your year. 4 Tell the whole community of
Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is
to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.
5 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they
must share one with their nearest neighbor, having
taken into account the number of people there are. You
are to determine the amount of lamb needed in
accordance with what each person will eat. 6 The
animals you choose must be year-old males without
defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the
goats. 7 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of
the month, when all the people of the community of
Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 8 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. 9 That same night they are to eat the meat
roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread
made without yeast. 10 Do not eat the meat raw or
cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs
and inner parts. 11 Do not leave any of it till morning; if
some is left till morning, you must burn it. 12 This is
how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your
belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your
hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’S Passover.

13 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 the gods of
Egypt. I am the LORD. 14 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.

15 This is a day you are to commemorate; for the
generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival
to the LORD—a lasting ordinance. 16 For seven days
you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first
day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever
eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through
the seventh must be cut off from Israel. 17 On the first
day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the
seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to
prepare food for everyone to eat—that is all you may
do.

18 “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread,
because it was on this very day that I brought your
divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting
ordinance for the generations to come. 19 In the first
month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from
the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of
the twenty-first day. 20 For seven days no yeast is to be
found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with
yeast in it must be cut off from the community of
Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born. 21 Eat
nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must
eat unleavened bread.”

22 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel
and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals
for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb.
23 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the
basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both
sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the
door of his house until morning. 24 When the LORD
goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he
will see the blood on the top and sides of the
doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he
will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and
strike you down.

25 Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance
for you and your descendants. 26 When you enter the
land that the LORD will give you as he promised,
observe this ceremony. 27 And when your children ask
you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ 28 then
tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD,
who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt
and spared our homes when he struck down the
Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and
worshiped.

29 The Israelites did just what the LORD
commanded Moses and Aaron.

30 At midnight the LORD struck down all the
firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who
sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who
was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the
livestock as well. 31 Pharaoh and all his officials and all
the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was
loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house
without someone dead.
# The Passover

*Exodus 12:1-30*

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: PASSOVER LAMBS

Students will make a “Passover Lamb” to remind them that a lamb or goat had to be slain and its blood placed over the doorframe of each Israelite home. The angel of death would “pass over” all homes with blood on their doorframes.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Passover Lamb Pattern
3. Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
4. Scissors
5. Glue
6. Cotton Balls
7. Paper Plates (small and large)

DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Passover Lamb” pattern onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the lamb body parts.
3. Have students cut out each of the pieces and glue them to the paper plates.
4. Allow students to glue cotton balls onto the paper plate as well.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their “Passover Lambs”, help them recall the importance of the Passover lamb. Without the blood on the doorframe, every first born man and animal would be struck down. It was the blood that saved the Israelites. Help students realize that later it would be Jesus, the perfect lamb, who would save the world from their sins. Give students the opportunity to receive Christ as their Savior.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“...Look, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”
John 1:29
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Passover Lamb Pattern
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Exodus 12:1-30
The Israelites were told to put blood on the top and the sides of the door.
God’s people, the Israelites, were still in Egypt. God made bad things happen to the Egyptians so that Pharaoh would let his people go.

The Lord told Moses and Aaron to have the Israelites kill perfect lambs. Then they were to smear the blood on the sides and the top of their doorframes.

That same night, they were to roast the meat and eat it. They were also to bake bread without yeast.

They were to be dressed and ready to leave at any time.

During the night, the Lord would kill every firstborn – both men and animals. The Lord would see the blood on the doorframes of the Israelites and pass over their homes. None of their firstborn would die. But the Egyptians’ firstborn men and animals would die because they would not have blood on their doorframes.

There was much crying when the Egyptians saw their firstborn animals and men dead.

This got Pharaoh’s attention. He was now ready to let God’s people leave Egypt.

For more details, please read Exodus 12:1-30 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did the Israelites do with the lambs’ blood?
2. When the Lord saw the blood, what did he do?
3. Why were the Egyptians crying at night?
4. Why do you think Pharaoh was ready to let the Israelites leave Egypt?

MEMORY VERSE

“… Look, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

DRAW A PICTURE OF BLOOD BEING PUT ON THE DOORFRAMES

Take-home Activity Sheet
The last plague that God sent on the Egyptians was the most terrible. The firstborn child in every Egyptian home died. But God gave the Israelites special instructions on how to protect their children. They obeyed God and he passed over their homes. This was called the Passover.
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God told Moses, and Moses told the people, “Stay in your houses, follow these directions, and you will be safe.” In this way, God protected the Israelites from the last and most terrible of the plagues.

God’s Directions
Select a 1 for a special sacrifice.
Mark the door frames of your houses with its 2.
Prepare and eat the roasted meat with bitter 3 and unleavened 4 for dinner.
Eat quickly, saving 5 of it for tomorrow.
Wear your 6 and 7 during the meal so you can leave quickly.