

Celebrating the Passover As Christians

What You Will Need:

1. Grape Juice (or wine) – Enough for 4 small cups for each person
2. Matzos-- bread(crackers)
3. Bitter Herbs: Horseradish
4. A Green Vegetable: - Parsley (or lettuce)
5. Apples, and nuts mixture for dipping (mortar); prepared dips are fine
6. Eggs: Hard boiled
7. Salt Water
8. Pitcher of drinking water: (to wash down the horseradish)
9. Pitcher of water, Large Bowl and Towel: for washing of hands
10. A meal with meat

For Fun: Looking for Yeast

If you have hidden bread, donuts, etc. in the house, the children may hunt for them. Prizes are normally given. Reading by Leader

"Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? ⁷Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast — as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth."
- 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

1. The Mother Begins the Meal

Lights the candles on the table and reads the following:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sent Thy Son, Thine Only Son, Y'shua the Messiah, to be the light of the world and our Paschal Lamb, that through him we might live. Amen.

2. The First Cup – The Cup of Blessing (or Sanctification)

Reminds us that this night is different from all other nights

LEADER: Blessed art Thou, o lord our god, ruler of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine

Blessed art Thou, o Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who chose us from all peoples and exalted us among all nations, By making us holy with His commandments.

Blessed art thou, o Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who Has given us life and brought us to this happy season.

3. The Bread

Three pieces of Matzo are shown and the middle one is broken in half. One half is covered (or hidden somewhere in the room for the children to find later).

4. Someone asks the following questions: (Leader reads Scriptures below as answers.)

-- Why is this night different from all other nights? Answer - Exodus 12:1-16

-- Why do we eat unleavened bread? 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

-- Why do we eat bitter herbs only on this night? Exodus 1:8-14

-- Why do we dip the food twice? (as a reminder of our sorrows, salt water)

-- Why do we recline at the table? (as a symbol of freedom)

5. Appetizers Eaten

Dip parsley into salt water; dip crackers into “mortar” and horseradish; hard-boiled egg sliced and eaten. (Have some fun with this!)

6. The Second Cup – Cup of Deliverance

Before drinking read Exodus 12:29-36

7. The Washing of the Hands

Each person washes his hands and dries with a towel. Father can say a blessing over each child as they wash their hands.

Someone read: John 13:1-11

8. Eating of the Meal

Enjoy the meal together! Remember that no matter what meat you are eating, it is a symbol of the lamb.

9. The Afikomen is found and eaten

If the half of matzo was hidden earlier, have the children find it. If it was put away, bring it out.

Read: John 1:29 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" - John 1:29

Pass the Afikomen and have each person break off a small piece. Eat this together and say: "Jesus said, "this is my body, broken for you. ""

10. The Third Cup – Cup of Redemption

Each person raise the cup and say: *Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

11. Prayer

Father (leader) leads in prayer for the group or family. Prayer of thankfulness for the Lamb which has taken away our sin and death (a reminder of the Passover Lamb).

12. The Fourth Cup – Cup of Elijah (or Restoration)

Someone opens the door, looking for Elijah who will herald the second-coming. Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

Say together the Lord's Prayer (emphasizing “Thy Kingdom come”) and drink the final cup together.

Sing, if you'd like: Dayenu is traditional and means, “It is enough!”

(If you would like more information you can look online at places like this one: <http://www.godandscience.org/apologetics/passover.html> or here: <http://www.holidays.net/passover/> or check at the local bookstore.)