LESSON 16

THE PASSOVER



Aim: **To show the children how God saved his people's lives in Egypt by the sacrifice of a lamb … and how God has saved us by the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, who is Jesus Christ.**

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 12:1–14, 29–36; 1 Peter 2:24–25**

Memory Verse: **Exodus 12:13**
"[W]hen I see the blood, I will pass over you … when I strike Egypt."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Talk about the special meals or feasts that are prepared and eaten in the children's families at certain times. What are the special occasions you mark in this way?

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. God instructed Moses to tell the people of Israel about a special meal they were to prepare on a special day. They had to prepare just the right amount and do it in just the right way (Ex 12:1–5).
2. Everyone was to kill the sheep or goat they had chosen on the same day and smear some of the animal's blood on the door-frames of their houses (12:6–7). **Show picture 16.** The class could act this part of the story.
3. The meat was to be cooked quickly and all leftovers were to be burned. Everyone was to be ready to set out on a journey (12:8–11).
4. At midnight all the firstborn in Egypt died: the eldest son of Pharaoh and the eldest male child of all his people and of their livestock. But wherever God saw the blood on the door-frame of an Israelite house he passed over it. That is why this feast is called Passover (v 12–14, 29). **Show picture 16 again.**
5. The Egyptians were so afraid that they begged the Israelites to leave; they even gave them gifts to take with them (v 30–36).
6. Many years after this God sent his own Son, Jesus Christ, to this world. Like the Passover lambs that lost their lives in order to save the Israelites from death, Christ gave his life to save us from sin and death. **Show picture 23.** Sin is like slavery, because it holds us in bondage from which we cannot free ourselves. The people of Israel had to be delivered from slavery in Egypt and a lamb was sacrificed to save them from death. Jesus is the Lamb of God, whose blood saves us from death and who delivers us from slavery to sin.

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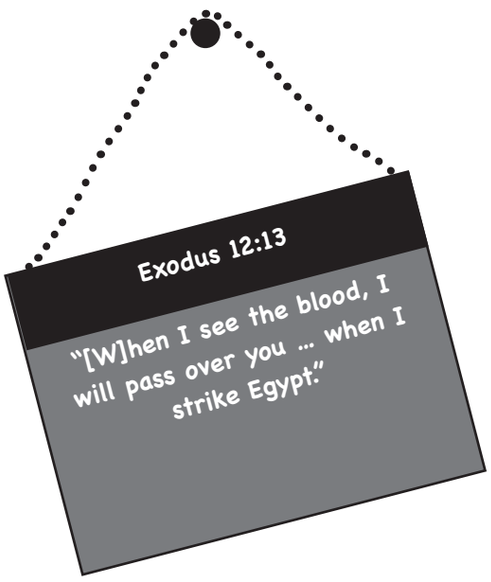


Our Response to the Story

There once was a man who was a thief. The police caught and arrested him. He was taken before a judge, who ordered a very large fine to be paid before the thief could be set free. The man could not pay this fine himself, but his father came and paid it for him. In order to pay the fine that would buy his son's freedom, the father had to sell all his cattle.

Jesus sacrificed all he had in order to wipe out the fine (or debt) we should have paid for our sins. **Lead the class in a prayer to thank the Lord Jesus for his sacrifice for us.**

Instil the Memory Verse



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