

FAITH TREK  
THE FIRST PASSOVER  
FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 23  
DISCIPLES DESIGN

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:** Exodus 12:1-51

**MEMORY VERSE:** Exodus 13:9 *"<sup>9</sup>It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the LORD may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt."* (NRSV)

**CONCEPTS:**

Students will learn:

- The events leading up to the Passover and the first Passover meal.
- About the liberation of the Israelites from slavery.
- How even today, the freedom of the slaves is celebrated with the seder meal.
- That the seder meal is a way of remembering and celebrating God's love.
- That God watches over and cares for the oppressed and is always present.
- About the feelings and experience of the Hebrew people.

**PREPARATION**

- Read the Scripture passage(s).
- Prepare a closing prayer.
- Check out the room (last room on the left) before your Sunday workshop. Locate any supplies you may need in the Christian Education resource room. Jeanne Crabb will be able to assist you.

**MATERIALS LIST:**

- Magazines (lots)
- Elmer's glue, white glue, or Mod Podge (lots)
- Bowls, dishes or containers to hold glue (Coffee can lids work great!)
- Scissors
- Foam brushes (one for each artist)
- Glass plates (one for each artist)
- Clear coat spray
- *Optional:* Colored tissue paper
- *Optional:* "Jewels," sequins, baubles (sparingly) and Super Glue (adult use is recommended)

**ADVANCE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Pre-cut LOTS of magazine pictures or words. Use "feel-good" ideas for these Celebration Dishes. Artists can cut more, or be pre-instructed to bring some from home, if time allows.
- *Optional:* Create an example of a Celebration Dish.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Opening-Introduction:**

- Greet the children and introduce yourself. Wear your nametag. Make sure the children are wearing nametags. Ask the class shepherd to supply temporary tags for any guests. Ask the class shepherd to collect the offering and take attendance.
- Explain the purpose of this workshop. Use kid-friendly words to give a brief overview of what the children are going to learn and do.

## Main Project

- Review the story. Encourage the children to use their Bibles to look up the passage. Be creative in ways to retell the story during weeks 3-5, as the children will be more familiar with it.
- Review the Memory Verse.
- Review Discussion Questions before starting.
  - Ask the artists some things they are thankful for.
  - Ask the kinds of things we celebrate year after year.
  - Ask what things make us feel good.
  - Ask what God has done for them when they need help.
- Brush white glue to the *front* of a clipping, apply to the *back* of the glass plate. Smooth out bubbles with fingers and brush. Overlap clippings until the whole plate is filled. *Optional:* Apply tissue paper to the back of the plate, over the clippings, to create a more finished look. *Optional:* Use Super Glue to *sparingly* apply jewels, buttons, etc., to the edges on the front of the plate. *Adult use of Super Glue is recommended.* When complete, use a damp paper towel to clean any white glue off the front surface of the plates.
- While creating Celebration Dishes, discuss the story and feelings of the Israelites (Hebrews, Jews, God's chosen people) as they were enslaved, and as they were freed.
- Tell the kids that they will use the plates in the next week's lesson: The Seder Meal.
- Once the plates are completely dry (24 hours), spray a thin coat of clear coat on the **BACK**. **Tell the kids that the plates cannot be immersed for washing, but can be used for eating and can be wiped off with a soapy cloth and dried. A note to parents explaining washing instructions is a good idea. Something along these lines:**

Dear Parent,

Your child has learned the story in Exodus of the first Passover and the events leading up to it. Each of our artists created a Celebration Dish.

Please note these important instructions for care instructions:

- **DO NOT IMMERSE** in water.
- **To clean, wipe the *eating surface* with a soapy cloth, rinse, and dry thoroughly.**
- **The eating surface is safe for food.**

Ask your artist what he/she learned about the first Passover and how it is still celebrated today!

## Reflection and closing time:

- Review memory verse again.
- Closing prayer.
- Tidy room. Turn off lights. Turn down thermostat to 55°.

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