

Passover

(Night to be Much Observed)

Why is this night different
from all other nights?

Question and Answer Format

Young children (or a chorus of all readers) are encouraged to ask the question, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” before each answer.

Adults and older children read the answers.

Answers on following pages: Cut out responses and place one on each plate at the table. Or, sit in a circle and hand out one response for each reader. Read in order

1. On this night, God finished his plan to deliver His people from slavery in Egypt and began to lead them to the promised land.
2. On this night, God commanded the people to kill the lamb or kid and paint it's blood on the doorposts and lintel.
3. On this night, God had blessed his people with gifts from their Egyptian neighbours: silver, gold and clothing.

4. On this night, God told the Israelites to eat their meal in haste with their sandals on their feet and their staff in their hands.

5. On this night, God told them to roast the lamb and eat it all, then burn the rest so that nothing would be left in the morning.

6. On this night, God told the Israelites to eat bitter herbs with the lamb to remind them of their bitter slavery in Egypt, and God's great deliverance.

7. On this night, God said that they were to eat unleavened bread, for there was no time to make leavened dough.

8. On this night, God saved the firstborn in all the homes that had the blood on their doorposts, but the firstborn in Egypt died.

9. On this night, Pharaoh realized he could not fight against God, so he told Moses and the people of Israel to leave immediately, with their flocks and their herds.

10. On this night, all the Israelites and the others who had seen the miracles and come to believe the God of Israel, left their homes in haste, taking all their possessions.

11. On this night, God gathered the people by their tribes under the full moon. Six hundred thousand men, their wives, and children traveled from Ramses to Succoth.

12. On this night, God led the people out of Egypt towards Etham, following in the light of an awesome pillar of fire.

13. On this night, God fulfilled his promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. At the end of 430 years to the day, God led them out of Egypt and towards the Promised Land.

14. On this night, Moses took the bones of Joseph, as Joseph had made them promise. For, Joseph had prophesied during his life of the time when Israel would leave Egypt.

15. On this night, we are to keep a feast to the Lord our God, through every generation, and for all time, to remember the great things that our God has done for our ancestors and for us all.

16. On this night we rejoice before God for all his goodness, and all his faithfulness and the great works that he has done in every generation. For our God delivers us, saves us, and gives us the hope of eternal life.