

Village of Hope & Justice Ministry

AT-HOME PASSOVER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FOR READERS AND WRITERS

- **Read books.**

Read aloud or listen to Passover-themed books.

- You might have some PJ Library books already in your home.
- Listen to some books that have been recorded:
 - https://pjlibrary.org/listen#Passover_Story
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9ISBIa0KYE>
- Use puppets or make-shift costumes and act out the storylines! Older children can do this without guidance, putting on a show for the others in the family.
- Children who can read might curl up and read to your dog or cat.

- **Letter writing.**

Write to a family member (perhaps the oldest or the one who lives farthest away) and ask for some early Passover and Seder memories. The contacted relative should be offered the choice of writing back or setting up a Skype/Facetime call.

- **Write your own *Passover* story.**

- Make a plan
- Type each page and add illustrations, photos or clip art.
- Bind the book <https://babbledabbledo.com/design-for-kids-recycled-handmade-journals/>
- Read and enjoy!

FOR “MOVERS”

- **What’cha going to grab?**

Supplies: One paper or plastic bag per person, a way to keep time

- Moses is getting ready to lead the Jews out of Egypt! What are you going to grab to take with you?
 - Set the timer (5 minutes) and tell players they need to grab what they think is most important to take with them.
 - No limit on the number of items, as long as they fit in the bag!
 - After the timer “dings!” spend time sharing what everyone chose and why.

- **Overnight in the desert**

Supplies: Sheets, blankets, pillows, hats, scarves, cooking pots, etc.

- Everyone has escaped with Moses but it’s now time to rest for the night.
 - Using the supplies you’ve provided, as well as other items they find around the house, work together to create a *sukkah* – a temporary shelter (think fort).
 - Optional: Dress up in Egyptian clothing or desert garb.
 - Offer a *matzah* snack.
 - Leave up the desert home for a bit so your child can play!

FOR ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS

- **Sidewalk chalk art**

Supplies: Sidewalk chalk

- Read some books or view videos about the exodus from Egypt.
- Illustrate some great pictures on your very large asphalt “canvas!”

- **Rock out!**

Put on Passover music and sing or dance! Turn some cooking pots upside down and bang away to the beat!

- General fun songs:
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/161aqvPKONZYKZZK60uyvs>
- Passover seder Tunes:
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3bOoDZH3BabssZmtw7eFfX>
- Lots of fun and serious Passover music:
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=passover+children%27s+songs

FOR MOVIE-BUFFS AND GAMERS

- **Passover-themed Family Movie Night** - Grab a snack, put your feet up and watch together.

ARTICLE: 5 Passover Movies to Watch With Your Kids

<https://www.kveller.com/article/passover-movies/>

INFORMATIVE VIDEOS:

For young children:

- Book read-alouds:
 - Is it Passover Yet, by Chris Barash https://youtu.be/q-V_GyVDRgw
 - What is Passover, by Harriet Ziefert: <https://youtu.be/Z9ISBIa0KYE>
- Sing along videos from BimBam:
<https://www.bimbam.com/?s=passover+sing+along>
- The Passover Shaboom Special: What’s Different about Tonight (BimBam)
<https://youtu.be/BUv0BTdUNPo>

For older children through adults:

- Passover Seder, What to Expect: https://youtu.be/LzsuL9U1a_k
- The Passover Seder Plate Explained: <https://youtu.be/OYK4oB5F08A>
- The Passover Story of the Four Sons: https://youtu.be/029_uuKYBI
- The Search for Chametz - how to do it with your family (BimBam)
<https://youtu.be/xEXe32eZFeg>
- What the heck is Passover? <https://youtu.be/Ff3c6rNnk0k> (a quick and wonderful overview!)

FUN:

- Google Exodus: <https://youtu.be/BIxToZmJwdI>
- Moses and the Passover Story - The Kids Version
<https://youtu.be/4xiBvZQuKZY>

- The Ten Commandments Reaction Video (from children who watch the Charlton Heston movie for the first time) <https://youtu.be/2KT0pDraLuc>

FOR FOODIES

- **Put on an apron and cook**

Together, try out some kid-friendly Passover recipes. Do a Google search or check some of the ideas here:

- https://www.babycenter.com/609_kid-friendly-passover-recipes_20001838.bc
- <https://www.pinterest.com/kveller/passover-kids-food/>
- <https://www.popsugar.com/family/Kid-Friendly-Passover-Desserts-28670014>

- **Let's Make Matzah:** [http://familyfun-](http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/makematzah.pdf)

[jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/makematzah.pdf](http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/makematzah.pdf)

- **Family recipes**

- Older children can ask family members and friends for their Passover recipes.
- Create an online collection or format and bind into a cookbook to share.

FOR THINKERS

- **I wish...**

Supplies: Lots of creative materials

- After reading or listening to Passover books (optional) and having a family reminder-conversation about the holiday ("This is how we have celebrated it in previous years"), challenge your child(ren) to make a decorated wish list:
 - For themselves during the holiday
 - For the family during the holiday
 - For those who left Egypt with Moses
 - For the Egyptians
- Hang the lists up!

- **Online fun and learning**

- "I Left With Moses" <http://ileftwithmoses.weebly.com/lets-practice.html> is a website for upper elementary age children, built around the big idea, "in every generation we have to see ourselves as if we left Egypt ..." There are web pages with
 - Links and information for students <http://ileftwithmoses.weebly.com/lets-do.html>
 - Practice help for the Seder <http://ileftwithmoses.weebly.com/lets-practice.html>
 - A page for parents <http://ileftwithmoses.weebly.com/lets-learn.html>

- **Asking questions**

Make the PJ Library Passover "fortune teller"(there is a version for preschoolers and a version for older children): <https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/march-2017/printable-pj-library-passover-question-catcher>

OTHER GREAT AT-HOME GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

1. Seder Order Cards: <http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/sederorderi5.pdf>
2. Pesach Sudoku: http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/sudoko_1-3.pdf
3. Pesach (Passover) Bingo: <http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/bingo.pdf>
4. Word Search (Hebrew): http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/word_search_heb.pdf
5. Word Search (English): <http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/wordsearch-eng.pdf>
6. Make Your Own Passover Word Cloud: https://www.abcya.com/games/word_clouds
7. *Mah Nishtanah* Finger Puppets: http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/mah_nishtanah_puppets.pdf
8. Ten Plagues - Lego style: http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/10_plagues_lego_style.pdf
9. Pesach (Passover) Jokes and Riddles: <http://familyfun-jec.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/1/2/10120788/riddles.pdf>
10. Pesach (Passover) Coloring and Activity Pages: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vx2I9aO7JfZ3fsjLZRCgfMIVcJgwMIkp/view?usp=sharing>

SOME OTHER GREAT AT-HOME ACTIVITIES ESPECIALLY FOR TEENS OR OLDER CHILDREN

- Family tour of the Israel Museum
 - Before “visiting,” make a list of at least 10 exhibits and pictures you might expect to see in the Israel Museum, located in Jerusalem.
 - Travel via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/IsraelMuseumTour>, click on the arrow at the bottom of the page to scroll through some exhibits.
 - Discuss:
 - How correct was your guess about the kinds of exhibits?
 - What do the exhibits tell you about the interests of Israelis?
- Movie Night
 - Adults and/or older teens
The Best Jewish TV and Movies to Watch on Netflix (geared for parents, not kids)
<https://www.kveller.com/the-best-jewish-tv-and-movies-to-watch-on-netflix/>

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