

Week 2

MOSES AND PASSOVER

What you need for Week 2

- » **Object Lesson:** A Lamb (Either a stuffed animal or an ornament. If you don't have one of these, you can print off a picture from the internet. You might even find a coloring page of a lamb.)
- » **Food:** Flat bread that is made without yeast – if you want to have some fun, you can make the bread yourself. You just need flour, water, oil, and salt. You could also just make pancakes.
- » **Prayer:** Pray for God to use this time to bring blessing to your family.
- » **Devotional Preparation:** The leader should read the devotional ahead of time, including the text – Exodus 12:1-13.

Week 2 Devotional

Light the candles. Light two candles. The same one as last week and the one next to it. If you have three purple candles and one rose, you should light another purple candle.

Have your family use their fingers to review God's PLAN for bringing salvation to the world.

- » 2000 – Abraham – Promise
- » 1500 – Moses – Law
- » 1000 – David – Anointed One
- » 500 – Exile
- » 0 – Jesus – New Covenant

Last week's candle reminded us of Abraham and the Promise of a seed through whom all nations on earth would be blessed. This evening's candle will take us to Moses and the Passover, which is a vivid picture of the sacrifice Christ made for us.

According to Advent tradition, this is the candle of love. It reminds us that Jesus took on a body so He could offer it as a sacrifice of love in order to offer us deliverance from eternal death.

Read Exodus 12:1-13. The New Testament teaches us that Jesus is our Passover Lamb (I Corinthians 5:8). John the Baptist called Him “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

Place the lamb on the table. Discuss.

- » What were the Israelites supposed to do with the blood of the lamb? (Apply it to the door frame.)
- » When the destroyer saw the blood, what did he do? (He passed over the house so that everyone lived.)
- » How is Jesus like the Passover lamb? (His blood saves us when applied to our hearts.)
- » What are some other ways that the Passover story helps us understand the work of Jesus?

Pass out the Flat Bread. Notice that this bread is flat. Does anyone know why? (It has no yeast.) It is what the Bible calls unleavened bread. The fact that it has no yeast is a reminder that God wants us to remove the yeast of sin from our lives. He wants us to rid our hearts of the sins and unbelief that creep in so easily. As you eat this bread ask God to show you if there is sin or unbelief that has snuck into your heart. Let us all take a moment to close our eyes and ask the Lord to show us if there is something we need to get out of our hearts. Take a minute and ask for forgiveness and the grace to change.

Prayer Time. The Passover Lamb reminds us that Jesus came to earth to save people from the wrath of God. God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to know the truth. Can each of you think of at least one person who needs to know Jesus as savior? Let’s take a few minutes and pray for them.

Sing. Pick a favorite Christmas carol and sing it as a family to end your devotional time. Suggested: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”