



Lesson 30: The Passover

Scriptural Basis:



Exodus 12

Overview:

Under the leadership of Pharaoh, Egypt's rebellion against God results in judgement on them and the false gods they worship. The judgement comes as the 10th and final plague in which God kills every first born in Egypt (including the livestock). The Israelites, were spared, due to the substitutionary death of a lamb for each household. Prior to their leaving Egypt (the Exodus) God gives the Hebrews instructions for the first Passover AND instructions for how to celebrate the Passover every year after that. The Passover is a festival commemorating this historic event, in which over 1.2 million Hebrews are redeemed out of slavery, after having spent 430 years in Egypt.

Things to consider:

In this one event, God establishes Himself as the one true God. For one nation, Egypt, that meant learning about his judgement, and the consequences of rebelling against Him, and for the other, Israel, it meant seeing God's favor (grace) on full display.

The importance of the Passover is made clear by God when He reset the Hebrew calendar, as a way of saying this is a new birth of the nation of Israel. God's power and sovereignty was also illustrated in the fact that He made the Egyptians favorably disposed to the Israelites, thus sending Israel away with their riches and possessions.

Bible Study for Preparation:



Read Exodus 12, Consider how the Passover remains central to Judaism, but is profoundly more central to Christianity, as Jesus is the final, perfect sacrifice. It is a fact we celebrate weekly at Radiant as we participate in communion.

Preparing for the lesson:

A: Review previous Lesson(s) – the 10 plagues (read through the handout from last week)

B: Read through the Handout for this week

Teaching the lesson:

A: Review Last week's lesson with the kids

B: Tell the Story

C. Bible verse memory activity

D. Additional activity