

GOD SENDS THE FINAL PLAGUE

EXODUS 12:5-8, 12:11-13, 12:29-34; JOHN 1:29

LEARN THE WORD

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

- God created the Passover to protect the Israelites from the tenth plague and to remind them of how He saved them from slavery in Egypt.
- Jesus, the Lamb of God, was the perfect sacrifice who died to save us from eternal death. His blood takes away the sin of those who repent and trust in Him.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

Suppose your friend asked you why Jesus is called the Lamb of God.

What could you say?

That's a great question! John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God in the New Testament, but the meaning of this name goes back to the book of Exodus in the Old Testament. You see, the Israelites, God's people, were slaves in Egypt. God was about to send a terrible plague that would finally cause Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. To protect His people, God instructed them to sacrifice perfect lambs and spread their blood on the doorposts of their houses. When God came to punish the Egyptians, He would see the blood and pass over the Israelites' houses. Just as God provided a way to save His people from this plague, He also provided a way to save us from sin by sending Jesus to die in our place and take the punishment we deserve. Jesus' blood was not put on a doorway but shed on the cross. He willingly sacrificed Himself so we can be saved if we repent of our sins and trust in Him.

Activity: Find and circle the words then match the colored letters to the colored boxes to finish the sentence below. Read carefully so you match the right letters to the right boxes!

1. **LAMB**
2. **UNBLEMISHED**
3. **MEAL**
4. **UNLEAVENED BREAD**
5. **BITTER HERBS**
6. **BLOOD**
7. **DOORPOSTS**
8. **LINTEL**
9. **PASSOVER**
10. **FIRSTBORN**

K	S	Q	D	O	O	L	B	R	E	A	D
T	U	M	E	A	L	I	N	T	E	L	P
N	A	F	A	U	T	Y	T	F	F	K	A
D	E	H	S	I	M	E	L	B	N	U	S
D	P	B	M	A	L	H	E	R	B	S	S
K	H	X	V	B	L	A	S	E	A	W	O
I	H	T	R	E	T	T	I	B	U	Z	V
F	I	R	S	T	B	O	R	N	L	Q	E
B	D	O	O	R	P	O	S	T	S	W	R
D	E	N	E	V	A	E	L	N	U	B	V

J sus, our P ssover

am , saves veryon

wh epent and

be lieve in h m.

HOMEWORD FOR PARENTS

To protect the Israelites from the tenth plague, God prescribed the Passover. The people were commanded to select a male lamb without blemish and sacrifice it at twilight (Exodus 12:5-6), and then spread the blood on the doorposts of their houses. When God came through the land to strike the Egyptians and saw the blood on the doorposts, He would pass over the houses with blood, sparing their firstborn from death (Exodus 12:22-23).

The Israelites followed God's commands for the Passover and were protected from the death of the firstborn, which devastated every Egyptian home (Exodus 12:29-30). This final plague showed that God was supreme over Pharaoh, who was worshiped by his people as a god. But Pharaoh was powerless to save even his own firstborn son. Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron by night and gave them and the Israelites permission to leave with their flocks and herds (Exodus 12:31-32).

God also used the Passover to foreshadow Jesus, our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7). John the Baptist identified Jesus as the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). By His shed blood, Jesus granted eternal life to all who would repent and believe in His name (1 Peter 1:18-19).