

We Remember

Based on Exodus 12:1–14

A long time ago, the Hebrew people lived in Egypt. The ruler of Egypt, Pharaoh, did not like the Hebrew people because Pharaoh was afraid of them. Pharaoh made the Hebrew people work very hard as slaves. Pharaoh did not treat the Hebrew people very well.

God sent Moses to lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt, away from Pharaoh. First, Moses tried to talk to Pharaoh, to persuade him to let the Hebrew people go. Pharaoh wouldn't listen. Pharaoh wanted to keep all the slaves working hard forever. But God told Moses to get the people ready anyway, because it was time to leave Egypt. And Moses did just what God said.

Imagine that you are one of the Hebrew people: tired and sore from working hard under the hot sun, worried about Pharaoh, ready for some good news...

This is what God told Moses to tell the people:

"Today is a very important day. Today we get ready to leave Egypt. Today God will persuade Pharaoh to let us go.

Every family should get some lamb to roast for tonight's evening meal. If your family

is small, get together with your neighbour and share.

When you prepare the meat for cooking, put a dab of blood from the meat on the doorpost of each house.

When you are preparing the food, don't use yeast in your bread because we won't have time to wait for the bread to rise. Make flatbread.

We won't have time to lounge around. Eat the meal with your travelling clothes and sandals on; keep your walking stick in your hand.

Get ready in just this way. Tonight God will pass through the land of Egypt, to protect everyone in every home that has the special dab of blood on the door. Tonight, God will persuade Pharaoh to let us leave Egypt.

Remember this important day. Celebrate it as a festival to God. Tell this story in just this way over and over again to your children so they will remember God's love and protecting care for us."

The Hebrew people listened to Moses' good news, and did just as Moses said. That very night, God persuaded Pharaoh to let the people go.

And every year since then, the Hebrew people have told this story, and eaten lamb and flatbread to remind them of God's love and care.

A recording of this story is available in MP3 format in the RCL Audio Stories folder.



Bible story

Materials recording of today's story "We Remember" (available in MP3 format in the RCL Audio Stories folder), player, paper, crayons, pencils, and a copy of the [directions](#) displayed where all can see; alternatively, arrange for a storyteller to present the story



**Suitable for
ages 3–10**

The practice of storytelling

Directions

1. Listen to "We Remember."
 2. Passover is a celebration that remembers God's liberation of the Hebrew people.
Draw some of the symbols you associate with celebrations of remembrance.
- Younger children** Draw pictures of the Hebrew children and their parents sitting down to share the Passover meal.



Here I Am!

You are God's child with a story to tell. Use this picture to tell your story to someone special. Draw your face and hair and the clothes that you like to wear. Then, draw the weather that you like to play in and an animal that you would like to stand beside you.

