The Night of Passover

Exodus 11 and 12 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 5 min 34



The story in brief

God announces one last plague, and first he wants to protect his people. Each family puts a sign on its door, then eats in a hurry, belts fastened and sandals on their feet, ready to go. That night, Pharaoh gives in at last: “Go!” And all the people leave Egypt, free.

> **Note for parents.** This episode tells the tenth plague, the death of the firstborn of Egypt. It is said in one sentence, with no detail (“in every house in Egypt, the firstborn son died, even in Pharaoh’s palace”), and none of it is shown: the picture shows the night, houses seen from far away, and windows lighting up. Nia says it is sad, and Grandma says yes, it is. In the Bible, the sign on the doors is the blood of the lamb: Moses says so once; in the picture it is a red mark made with a branch, seen from a distance. The lamb is not shown being killed. God is never shown, only a light. The story sets God against Pharaoh, not one people against another: the Egyptians give the Hebrews what they ask for, and many other people leave with them. It is best to watch this episode with the youngest children and talk about it afterwards.

Let’s talk about it

1. What does each family put on its door, and where?
2. How do the Hebrews eat the meal that evening? Why?
3. What question will the children ask later, during this meal?
4. What does Pharaoh say at last, that night?
5. What do the Hebrews take with them when they leave? What do the Egyptians give them?
6. Nia says it is sad, and Grandma says yes, it is. What about you, how did you feel during this story? Is there a feast meal at your home that tells a story?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** A sign: a mark on the top of the door and on both sides. They eat standing up, belts fastened, sandals on their feet, staff in hand, with bread without yeast and bitter herbs, to be ready to go that very night. Later, the children will ask: “What does this meal mean?” and the parents will tell how God passed over their houses and set them free. Pharaoh says: “Get up! Go out from among my people! Go! And bless me also.” The Hebrews take their dough, which has not had time to rise, and their flocks; the Egyptians give them things of silver and gold, and clothing.

To remember

Sandals on our feet, we are ready to go.
God sets us free, let the whole world know.

The song: Sandals on our feet

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To do

This week, prepare a meal or a snack with someone in your family, and ask them to tell you the story of a dish that is eaten at your home on feast days. You can also make flatbread without yeast with the help of a grown-up: flour, water, a pinch of salt, and a very hot pan.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/the-night-of-passover/
From the book of Exodus, chapters 11 and 12. Free for home, Sunday school and children’s ministry.