

8th Grade Bible

Passover Project

Explanation:

The Passover is a Jewish feast that commemorates the Exodus from Egypt. The *Seder* (pronounced 'say-der') is the traditional Passover meal that is eaten by Jews today to celebrate Passover. The ceremony is guided by a book called a *Haggadah* which contains the traditions of the Seder feast. These traditions differ from family to family.

Passover has great significance for Christians as well. It is the event that points most to the sacrifice of Jesus. The gospel accounts tell us that the Passover is the last meal Jesus ate with his disciples before his death. It was here that he began the Christian tradition known as the Lord's Supper. Through this ceremony the believer can see a clear picture of how Jesus came to complete the plan that began in the Old Testament.

To help students understand this connection, the 8th grade Bible students will create a Passover *Haggadah* that shows how the elements of the Jewish Seder feast point to the sacrifice of Jesus. Each class will then celebrate a Messianic *Seder* feast together.

In addition to the tasks below each student is asked to bring in \$2 to help cover the costs of supplies for the Passover.

Purpose:

To help students be able to:

1. Describe the elements of the Passover feast and their meaning to the Jewish nation.
2. Draw parallels between the Passover and the Lord's Supper.
3. Explain how the principals of Passover relate to New Testament Christianity.
4. Share in the experience of the *Seder* meal with classmates.

Tasks:

You will be assigned two tasks for this project. You and a partner will work together on the tasks below. Detailed explanations for each project are on the following pages.

1. Haggadah – Each pair of students will make their own version of the *Haggadah*. This book will contain explanations of the Passover ceremony as well as illustrations for each section.
2. Passover Food – You and your partner will be assigned a traditional Passover food. You will do research to find recipes and will prepare the food for the *Seder* meal we will eat together.

Passover Project Schedule

March - April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar. 23 <i>Easter</i>	24 Test #2 - Discussion	25 Test #2 - Objective	26-27 Explanation of Passover Project Division of groups and tasks Work in computer lab		28 Work on Passover Project in computer lab	29
30	31 John 11 notes	April 1 John 12 notes	2-3 Quiz on John 11-12		4 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <i>Spring Break</i> </div>						
13	14 Last day to work in computer lab on Passover project	15 Turn in of Haggadah and recipe page for "<u>early bird</u>" bonus.	16-17 Eat Passover Seder during class in Administration Building		18 Haggadah's and recipe pages due	19

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Task #1: *Haggadah*

Explanation:

The *Haggadah* is a book that contains the entire service used for the Passover *seder*. Each group of students will work together to produce one book. Each *Haggadah* is individual and unique and some are longer than others. However, each contains the same basic elements. Your group's task is to edit your *Haggadah*, using others as a guide. You should not include all the information you find, only that which you determine to be needed. Some scriptures and blessing may be quoted word for word. Other sections you will need to write in your own words.

Directions:

1. Do research on the internet or other sources to find information about the *Haggadah*. Some suggested sites are listed below. You may also find copies at the public library or in Mr. Connel's room.
2. Create a *Haggadah* that follows a similar order to the one on the back of this sheet. Each section should include:
 - Title for the section.
 - The words that are to be said by the leader and/or the group.
 - Any instructions needed for that part of the ceremony.
 - Use designs and illustrations (pictures, borders, word art, etc.) to decorate each page.
 - You may also want to include some Hebrew writing (make sure you include the translation).
3. All written information for your *Haggadah* must be typed. You may use different fonts and colors for titles but you must follow a consistent pattern.
4. Pictures and illustrations should be neat and colorful and should fit the theme for each section. They may be hand drawn or computer generated, but again follow a consistent pattern.
5. Make a "Table of Contents" page for the front of your book and a "Sources" page for the end.
6. Make a colorful cover for your book with the Title "A Passover Hagaddah" and include the typed names (first and last) of all the partners in the group.
7. Bind the pages together so that it opens and reads from right to left (backwards from a normal book).
 - This is traditional for Passover books because Hebrew is written right to left.
 - You can use a three ring binder, or scrapbook binding, or come up with your own creative way of binding the book.
8. Be as creative as you can and remember – neatness counts!

Suggested Websites:

<http://social.chass.ncsu.edu/~bigelow/rel300/documents/parneshaggadah.pdf>

<http://kosher4passover.com/explanations.htm>

<http://www.holidays.net/passover>

<http://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/default.asp>

<http://www.christianseder.com/>

http://www.messianicseder.com/messianic_haggadah.html

<http://www.curtis.loftinnc.com/haggadah.htm>

The Order of the Seder

1. ***Kadesh (Kiddush)***
 - Lighting of the candles
 - The 1st cup
2. ***Urchatz / Karpas***
 - Hand washing
 - Eating of a green vegetable
3. ***Yachatz (Yahatz; Yakhatz)***
 - Sharing of bread
 - Hiding the broken bread
4. ***Motzi, Matzah, Moror*** (*these sections are often combined into one*)
 - Blessing for bread
 - Blessing for bitter herbs
5. ***Koreich***
 - Symbols of slavery and freedom
6. ***Mah Nishtanah***
 - The four questions
7. ***Maggid***
 - The story of Passover
 - The 2nd cup
8. ***Makot Mitzrayim***
 - The plagues of Egypt
9. ***Tzafun***
 - Finding the Hidden Bread
10. ***Bareich***
 - Blessing after the meal
 - The 3rd cup
11. ***Hallel***
 - Praise to God
 - The 4th cup
12. ***Nirtzah***
 - The conclusion of the Seder

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Task #2: Food for the *Seder*

Explanation:

There are many traditional foods for the Passover meal. Some have special significance to the ceremony, others are just for the enjoyment of the meal. You and your partner will be assigned a traditional food to make for the *Seder*. All food must be made from traditional *Seder* recipes that can be found in cook books, on the internet or from friends who may celebrate Passover.

Directions:

1. Once assigned the food you will prepare, you and your partner(s) will do research to find a recipe. You may find recipes from the following sources.
 - a. Passover Cookbooks
 - b. Internet sites
 - c. Friends who celebrate Passover
2. Type a recipe page for your food and include the following information:
 - a. The names of all the people in your group at the top.
 - b. Name of your Passover dish
 - c. Complete recipe including ingredients and cooking instructions
 - d. Source where you found the recipe
3. Turn in one report for your group on the date assigned.
 - a. All parts of the report should be turned in together.
 - b. Staple pages together if necessary before turning them in.
4. Prepare your food according to the recipe and bring it to class on the due date.
5. *Important notes:*
 - a. It is best to bring your food in disposable dishes if possible so there is less to clean, and less to remember to bring home.
 - b. If your item needs to be cut into portions to serve, please do this before you bring it to class.

Food Items:

1. Small lamb roast 2-3 pounds. (please cut up into servings before you come to school)
 2. *Matzah* dish – traditional Passover recipe involving matzah (unleavened bread)
 3. *Charoset* (*Charoses*; *Haroset*) – a paste of chopped apples, nuts, raisins, grapes, etc.
 4. Other traditional Passover foods – these may include side items or meat dishes.
- * Passover Dessert – for *bonus* you may choose to make a traditional Passover dessert in addition to your assigned food.

Here are some good recipe sites:

<http://www.angelfire.com/pa2/passover/passoverrecipes.html>

<http://kosher4passover.com/recipes.htm>

<http://www.koshercooking.com/recipes/passover/>

<http://www.kashrut.com/Passover/recipes/>