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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about the Passover. The Passover was part of the last and final plague God brought upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Remember, God kept giving Pharaoh chances to obey his commands to let his people go but Pharaoh wouldn't listen. So, the last plague was the worst punishment for his disobedience. But, before God did it, he gave the Israelites very specific instructions about what to do to avoid the plague from hurting their families. God told each family to select a perfect lamb, kill it, and place its blood over the doorposts of their home. When night came, God would then pass over Egypt and wouldn't bring the plague upon the homes that had blood over their doors. Now, this is a weird and sad story but there is a cool link to how this story relates to us today. It relates to Jesus. Remember, Jesus came to die to pay for our sins. He was perfect because he's God and he came to give his life for us just like the perfect lambs saved the Israelites on Passover. So kids, remember that just like the Israelites were saved by the blood of the lamb, so are we through the blood of Jesus!

Big Idea

Jesus is just like the Passover Lamb

Key Question

Why did Jesus die for us?

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 5:7 'Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.'

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1. 2nd-5th puzzle key: Plagues, Moses, Passover, Lamb. Phrase: Jesus is our Passover Lamb.**
 2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Share a cool story you've seen or heard about where someone was rescued.** (Tip: Rescues are cool when you see someone go into danger to save someone from harm. Jesus came to rescue us!)
 3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
 4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
 5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
 6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **He died to pay for our sins.** (The Bible says that we all have a sin problem. Sin is wanting to do things our own way instead of God's way. Our sin keeps us from a relationship with God. But, Jesus came to fix that. He came to die to pay for our sins and to fix our relationship with God.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What is sin? What did Jesus do to save us? **4-5th** How do you think the Israelites felt after their oldest kids were spared from death when they obeyed God's instructions?
 7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Psalm 32:5. What do you think it means to confess your sins? Why is it important to admit we've made mistakes? What is God's response to us when we do?** (Answer: Confess means to say we're sorry for what we've done. We need to tell God that we're sorry for disobeying him and that we want to live to honor him. When we do that, he forgives us!)
 8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: LESSON REVIEW JEOPARDY

Instructions:

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell/ringer.
- Read a question from below. First to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, that team gets a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer for a bonus point. Team with the most points, wins.

Questions:

1. What's the name of the Egyptian king? (Pharaoh)
2. How many plagues were there? (10)
3. From what book is our memory verse found? (1 Corinthians)

4. What was the last plague? (kill first born)
5. T or F: God told the Israelites to kill an elephant. (F)
6. What's the Big Idea today? (see board)
7. What did God tell the Israelites to do? (put lamb's blood over doors)
8. Who is like our Passover Lamb? (Jesus)
9. T or F: Jesus forgives our sins. (T)
10. What book is full of God's truth? (Bible)

Supplies needed: Bells/ringers

OPTION 2: THE PASSOVER LAMB CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a small paper plate and some cotton balls. Give them a Lamb template (page 5).
- Have them glue the cotton balls to cover the plates. Then have them color the lamb's face and then have them glue it to the middle of the plate.
- As they work, review the story from today. Remind the kids that God told the Israelites to place the blood of a perfect lamb over their doors in order to save their oldest children from death. Just like the lamb's blood saved the Israelites, Jesus saved us when he died for our sins.

Supplies needed: Small paper plates (1 per kid), Cotton balls, Lamb template (pg. 5, precut, 1 per kid), Glue, Crayons

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BIBLE STORYLINE

The Passover

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When the Israelites left Egypt, God gave them a special tradition that would help them remember the kindness of God.

Key Points:

- God told the Israelites to pick a _____ . Exodus 12:3-6
- The _____ of the lamb was painted over the door. Exodus 12:7
- When God saw the blood, he _____ that house. Exodus 12:13
- _____ is just like the Passover Lamb. 1 Corinthians 5:7

Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Share a cool story you've seen or heard about where someone was rescued.*
3. *What instructions did God give to the Israelites? What was the Passover about?*
4. *How is Jesus our Passover lamb?*
5. *Read Psalm 32:5. What do you think it means to confess your sins? Why is it important to admit we've made mistakes? What is God's response to us when we do?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

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