

Alder Coppice Primary School — Knowledge Organiser

Religious Education

Year: 5

Unit 4: What is Passover and why is it celebrated?

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What I Should Already Know:

Jewish people believe God created the universe. The stories of how he did this are at the beginning of *Genesis*, which is the first book of the Torah.

Moses was a religious leader, lawgiver and prophet, who is considered to be the most important prophet in Judaism.

Subject Vocabulary:

Festivals: occasions for remembering events in religion.

Ritual: In a ritual, a series of things are done in a special order. Rituals are sometimes done every week, or every day, or at special times

Celebration: special enjoyable event that people organize because something pleasant has happened. e.g. Birthday, Wedding, Baby welcoming.

Occasion: a special or important time

Ceremony: Ceremonies are held on special occasions and usually celebrate or remember something important. They also help make significant things official.

Rite of passage: part of growing up ceremony.

Skills & Enquiry:

Beliefs and Teachings

To explore a range of beliefs, symbols and actions so they can understand different ways of life and expressing meaning.

Values and Reflections

To explain how shared values in a community can affect behaviour and outcome.

Unit Specific Vocabulary:

Exodus: A mass departure of people

Passover/Pesach: Jewish Spring festival. It celebrates the freedom of the Jewish people from Slavery in Egypt.

Seder: On the evening before Passover starts, Jews have a special service called a **Seder** (Order).

Haggadah: During the meal, the story of Exodus is told from a book called the **Haggadah** (Narration).

Matzah: On the table there are three **Matzah** (bread that is flat because it has not risen). At the start of the Seder, the middle Matzah is broken and the largest piece is hidden. During the Seder the children hunt for it. The one who finds it receives a small prize.

Wine: Four small glasses of wine remind Jews of the four times God promised freedom to the Israelites. An extra cup of wine is placed on the table and the door is left open for the prophet

What I should know by the end of the Unit:

Passover is a celebration of the story of **Exodus**. During Passover, Jews remember how their ancestor's left slavery behind them when they were led out of Egypt by Moses.

Passover (or **Pesach** in Hebrew) is one of the most important festivals in the Jewish year. It is a **Spring** festival.

Passover is celebrated with a series of rituals. Each ritual symbolises a different part of the story.