

Mustard Seed Children's Summary for July 12, 2009 Released on Wednesday, July 8, 2009

"An Event to Celebrate"

Lesson Text: Deuteronomy 16:1-8 Background Scripture: Deuteronomy 16:1-8

Memory Verse: "Keep the passover unto the Lord thy God: for . . . the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night" (Deuteronomy 16:1).

Deuteronomy 16:1–8

1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there any thing of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.

5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee:

6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

7 And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Help the students understand that it is important to remember and celebrate what God has done in our lives.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. God commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover celebration.

2. The Passover helped them remember how He freed them from Egypt.

3. The Passover helps us understand about the coming Saviour.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Helping to Remember, bring paper and crayons or markers for each student. For Lesson Activity, make a copy of the word search for each student.

TEACHER'S NOTES:

Time: about 1406 B.C. Place: Plains of Moab, probably at Shittim

Why do we so easily forget even the most momentous occasions of our lives? When God has done something great for us, we need to remember. God, knowing the frailty of our minds, commands us to celebrate certain great occasions to remember His grace to us in the past. For God's Old Testament people, the Passover was an annual celebration that helped them bring to mind how God had rescued them from Egypt.

Since our lesson on Israel's escape from Egypt did not include the events surrounding the Passover, we have included a very brief background to help the children understand the celebration. The wider application is in celebrating all that God has done in our own lives.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

How many of you like parties? Yes! How many like special celebrations? Celebrations are good because they help us remember special events. Your birthday could be a celebration. I am sure you like people to remember your birthday. Your birthday is special because God did something special that day. He brought you into the world. So a birthday celebration remembers that special time.

God had done something very great for the people of Israel. He had brought them out of slavery in Egypt. He had saved them from Pharaoh's army. God did not want His people to ever forget what He had done for them; so He planned a special celebration. He told them to have this celebration every year.

TELLING THE LESSON:

God named a certain day every year when His people were to celebrate. They would begin by sacrificing a lamb to God. He told them exactly how to do it. This lamb reminded them of the night they left Egypt. That night, God had told them to sacrifice a lamb. God visited Egypt that night and killed many people, but God passed over the houses of those who had sacrificed a lamb and put its blood on the doors of their homes. Their lives were spared that night. It was good to always remember that night when God had done so much for them.

This reminds us of Jesus, the coming Saviour. He gave Himself as a sacrifice to take away our sins. When Jesus came, He was called the Lamb of God.

God told the people that the celebration after Passover was to last a week. They had to take time to really remember very carefully. For the whole week they were to eat a special kind of bread. It was bread made without yeast. Yeast is what is put in bread to make it become nice and fluffy.

The yeast-free bread reminded them of how quickly they had left Egypt. When Pharaoh told them to leave, there was no time to wait for the bread they were making to rise up nice and fluffy.

God told them exactly how they were to eat unleavened bread. They were to eat it for six days. On the seventh day they were to gather together to worship the Lord. They were not to do any work on that day.

If they kept this celebration every year as God commanded, they would never forget how He had saved them.

As the people of Israel celebrated Passover year after year and thought about sacrificing a lamb year after year, they would also become ready for the coming of the Saviour. When God finally sent Him into the world and He was called the Lamb of God, they would be ready to receive Him. No wonder the Passover celebration was such an important time!

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

It is good to remember what God has done for us. Let us do that right now by naming some of the good things God has done for us. (Teacher, encourage the students to participate. They may name extraordinary things, like getting healed when they were sick, or everyday things, like enjoying God's creation or having a loving family.)

When we remember the great things God has done for us in the past, it should help us trust Him to be with us and help us in the present and in the future. And when we trust God to be with us and do good for us, we can obey Him without fear or worry. Whenever you are facing a tough choice, think about how God has helped you before and be confident that He will be with you always.

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Give the children paper and crayons or markers. Let them draw pictures of the Passover celebration and of a celebration that helps them remember Jesus.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"Keep the passover unto the Lord thy God: for . . . the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night" (Deuteronomy 16:1).

The people of Israel used a different calendar with different months from ours. Abib was one of their months. It was that month when God brought them out of Egypt. God brought them out at night. That is why God asked them to celebrate every year when that month came. It was a time to remember the great thing God did for them. It is always good to remember and celebrate what God has done in our lives. Passover was a time to worship God. That is always a good thing for us to do too.

CONCLUSION:

People all over the world seem to celebrate important events yearly, including birthdays, wedding anniversaries and other special days. However, the passing of time can cause us to forget even the greatest of events.

God was aware that since we are human we may at times forget things. God did not want this to happen to the children of Israel concerning their deliverance from Egypt. So He took steps to begin a key annual celebration that would be a reminder to His people.

As Christians, we also remember and celebrate the things that God has done for us. By doing so, we do not forget how God has helped us in the past. This remembering and celebrating helps us to trust and believe that God will always be with us.

PRAYER:

Dear Lord God, we rejoice in Your great love for us. Thank You for always being there for us. Help us to remember and celebrate the things that You have done in our lives, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "Called to Serve" and tells how Moses anointed Aaron and his sons to serve as priests. Study Leviticus 8:1-13.

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LESSON ACTIVITY

"An Event to Celebrate" (Deuteronomy 16:1-8)

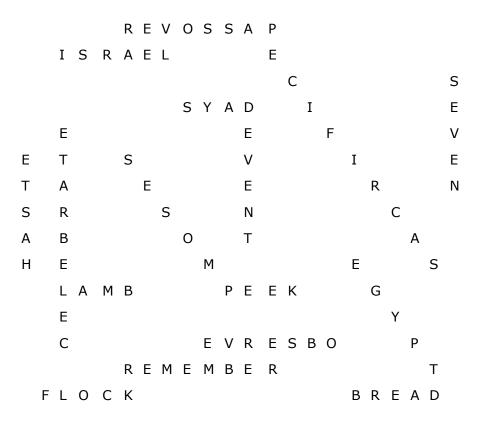
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Solution to the Lesson Activity

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