

# Pesach Activity Book



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We don't know anyone who enjoys Pesach. Except for us, that is. We are those crazy people who start planning Pesach in December. For us it's not about the cleaning. That has nothing to do with it. At PJ Library we love the fact that the essence of the Pesach seder is the commandment to tell your kids a story. And we simply love an opportunity to tell a good story - especially one filled with bravery, courage, overcoming huge obstacles and awesome heroes and heroines. What's not to love?

At PJ Library, we know that many of you are overwhelmed by the very thought of putting together a Pesach seder - where does one even begin? There's so much cooking and how do you keep the kids entertained through such a loooong evening?

So, to make life a little easier for you, we've put together a little Pesach entertainment kit. Use it at your own seder, at your bubbe's seder and, if your family doesn't have a seder, there are craft ideas in here that will appeal to the child in all of us!

Also, don't forget to bring your PJ Library Pesach books to your seder table!

So to all our PJ Library families across Australia, we wish you a Happy Passover! Don't eat too much matzah!

Chag Sameach!  
The PJ Team



# BEFORE THE SEDER

## 1. PLAN

Decide in advance what kind of Seder experience you and your family want. This might change from year to year, depending on the age of your children and what guests you're having. Think about the following:

- How do you want your Seder to flow?
- What role do you want your guests to play?
- What role do you want your children to play?
- How many children will want to say Ma Nishtana? Do you have any children who won't want to do this? How can you include them?

## 2. CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE

Give some thought to your table decorations and the kind of atmosphere you want to create at your seder. You can decorate with a theme in mind - try a jewelled theme, showing how the Jews left Egypt with great wealth. You could fill your table with props that represent the 10 Plagues (these are readily available at the Reject Shop).

You could even buy some plastic camels and palm trees and turn your table into a desert scene.

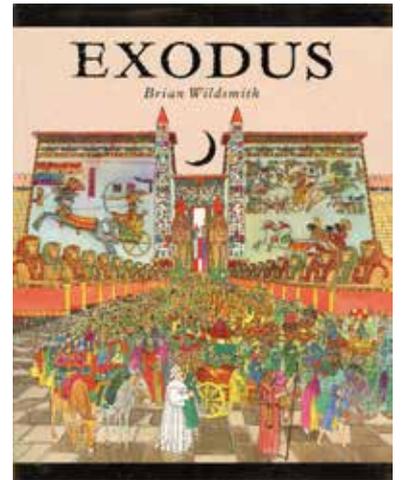


### 3. HAGGADAH

On Pesach we read the story of the Jewish peoples' exodus from Egypt.

If you are a beginner then we recommend this outstanding haggadah from jkidphilly - [jkidphilly.org/node/697](http://jkidphilly.org/node/697) (Please note: this PDF contains G-d's name so if you print it please dispose of it respectfully)

For the more experienced Pesach seder hosts, why not make your own haggadah? Ask your kids to help you by dressing up as different characters - Pharaoh, Moses, Batya, the 4 sons. Then take photographs of them and personalize your haggadah. If you need some help doing this, check out <http://www.haggadot.com/>, an amazing online template that allows you to insert photographs and images. For inspiration, you can also pull out a copy of the PJ book Exodus by Brian Wildsmith.



### 4. DECORATE ELIJAH'S CUP and MORE!

One of the central parts of the Pesach Seder is drinking 4 cups of wine. Why not make your own wine glasses - one for Elijah and one for each guest and remember to buy enough grape juice for the kids to participate in all four cups!

You will need:

- Plastic wine glasses
- Craft glue
- Paint brush
- Sequins, beads and other funky adornments
- Strips of coloured paper



How to:

- Paint the glue on a section of the plastic cup
- Cover that section with beads, sequins, strips of paper
- Continue until your cup is decorated

You can do the same thing with brightly coloured string.

Give each guest one of your beautiful and original cups to use at the seder and to take home with them.

## 5. SEDER PLATE

Make your own seder plate - get your children to help you! If you have very young children you can do this easily with a paper plate and the small cupcake wrappers that you can buy at Coles. If your children are older, you can be more creative.



For something a bit different, print the Seder Plate image on the next page and place it underneath glass plates at each person's setting at the table. Get your kids to colour and decorate the image before you use it. This way every guest at your table will have a personalized seder plate placemat! (<http://annkoffsky.com/2012/03/18/passover-coloring-page/>) You can also download Ann Koffsky's colour by letter to amuse early readers - [annkoffsky.com/2012/04/04/Passover-coloring-page-2/](http://annkoffsky.com/2012/04/04/Passover-coloring-page-2/)





Here are some more Seder plate activities that can engage children of all ages.



## 6. ACTIVITY BOOKS

These amazing activity sheets will keep your children occupied before Pesach and during the Seders. Go to page 7. (Activity sheets courtesy of Mommzy at [JewishHomeschool.blogspot.com](http://JewishHomeschool.blogspot.com))

For more incredible activity books and printables see <http://jewishhomeschool.blogspot.com.au/p/printables-and-activity-packs.html>

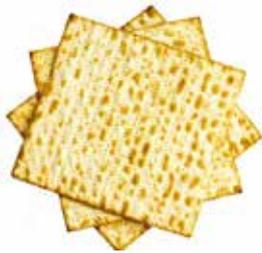
Some of these activity pages require you to cut out blocks or images. Do this before Pesach and then put them out on your Seder table as activities for your kids to complete during the Seder.



# Matching!



FOUR CUPS OF WINE

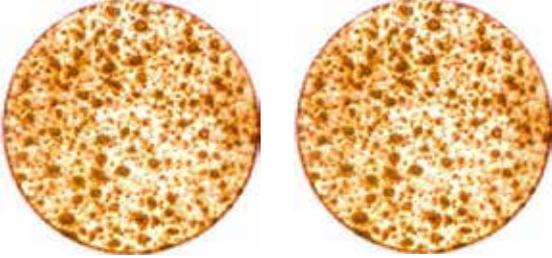
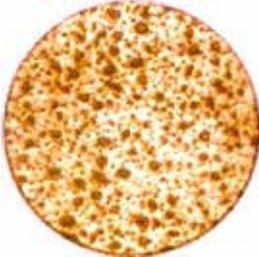
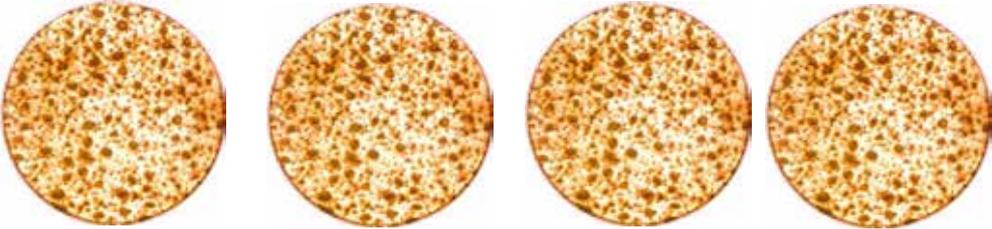
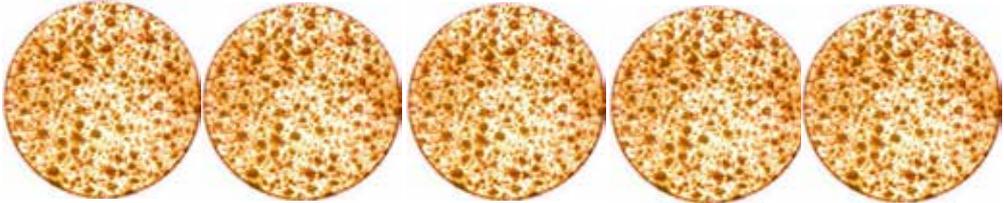


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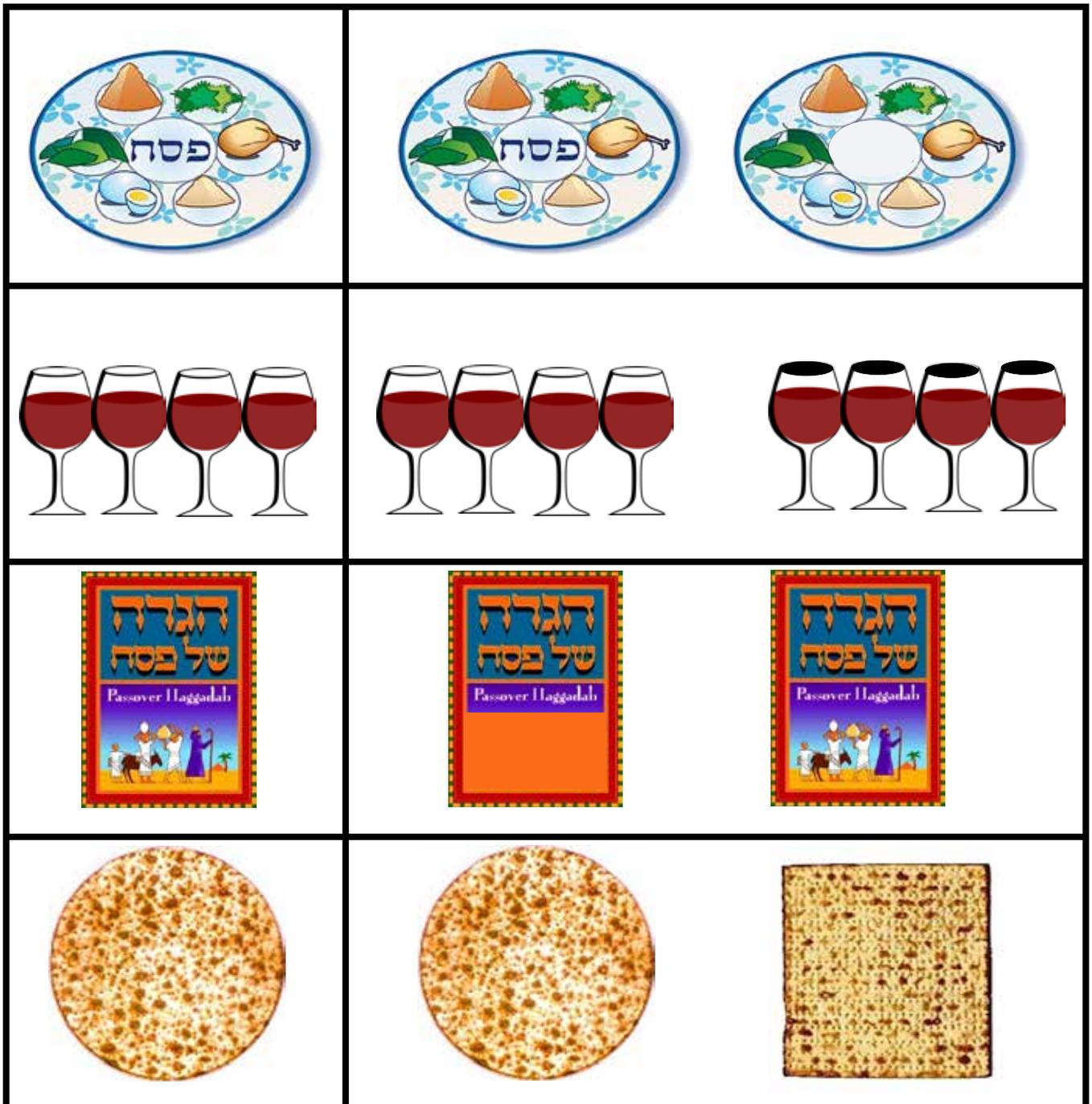
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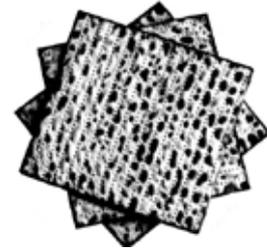
# Which one is the same?



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# Matching!



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# Match Large to Small!



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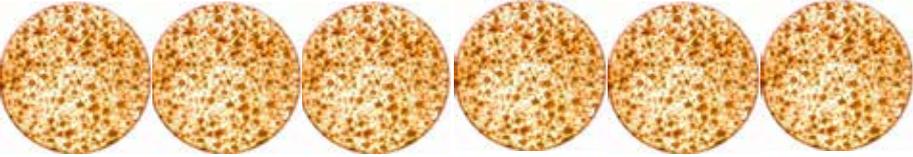
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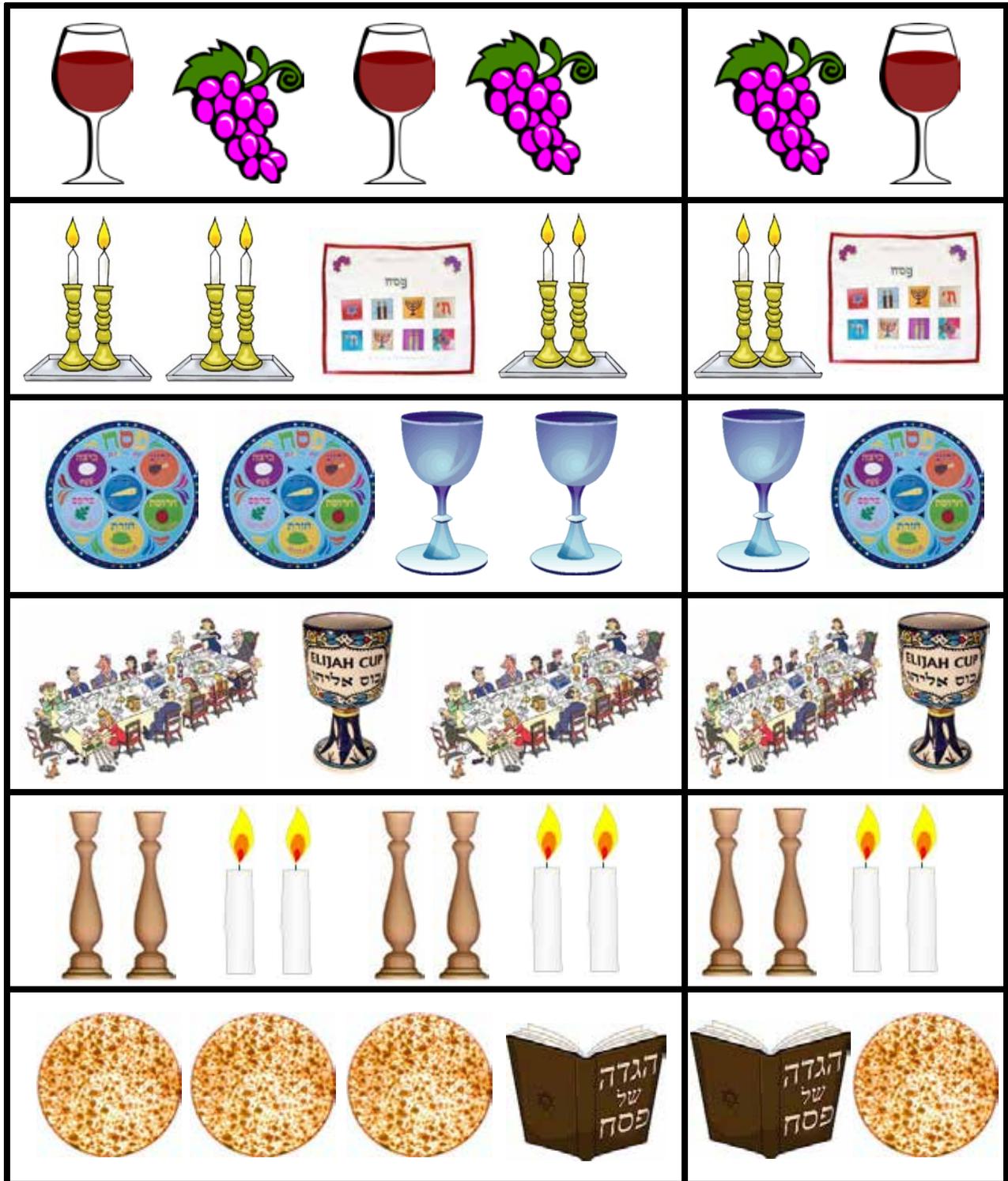
# How Many?

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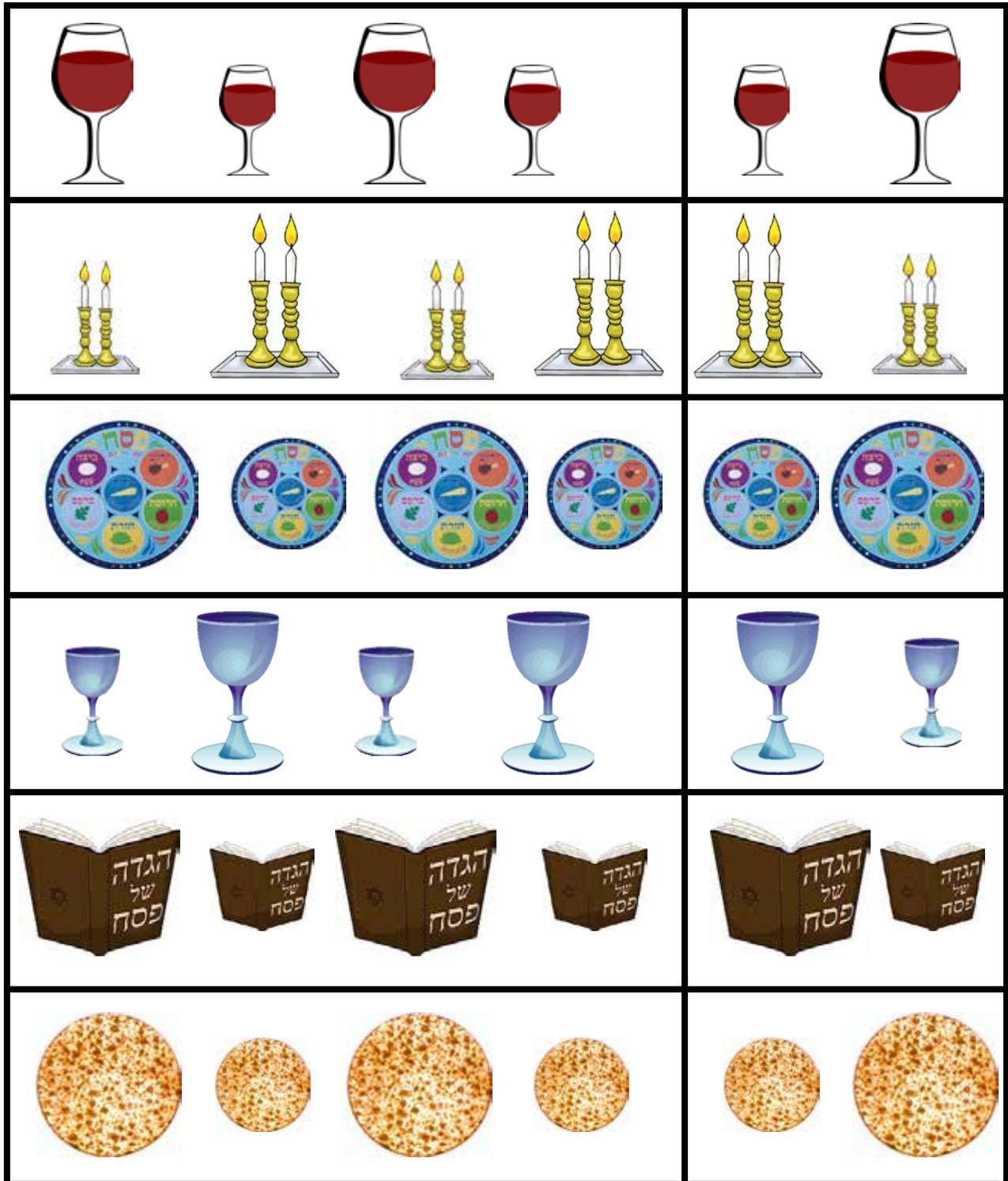
# What comes next?



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# What comes next?



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# Circle the foods we CAN eat on Pesach!



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# DURING THE SEDER

## 1. SEATING

We are always tempted to have a separate table for our kids. It's so much easier. But, on Pesach, the whole point of the Seder is to tell your children the story. To do this effectively, we recommend seating children between their parents.

## 2. INVOLVE YOUR KIDS

Involve them! It doesn't matter how old they are! Let them help with setting the table. Let them point to the parts of the seder plate. Let them act out the story. Let them ask questions. And, give them prizes to encourage them!

## 3. EXPECTATIONS

Explain your expectations to your children and to your guests:

- We expect you to sit at the table until we tell you that you can leave (decide beforehand what point this is for your family).
- We expect you to return to the table at a particular point in time.

Ask your guests to also brief their children so that you are all on the same page. This way you will not be frustrated by anyone's behaviour and your guests will better understand how they can help you create a positive atmosphere at your seder.

## 4. DRESS UP

One of the best seders that I ever held was when we required all our guests to dress up. We organised tea towels and head bands and long strips of fabric and the first thing our guests had to do when they arrive at our house was assume the character of a Jewish slave. The kids thought this was the most entertaining thing - imagine, Grandpa with a tea towel on his head!



## 5. PUT ON A PLAY

Put on a PLAY! Everyone loves going to the theatre, dressing up and putting on a show. Why not make your seder a performance? We recommend Shira Klein's easy to follow script which you can find by doing a google search: ShirLaLa Pesach Script.

## 6. PUPPETS

Use puppets! Don't just act out the story, add to it with puppets. You can ask your children to decorate the puppets before the Seder so they have some colour. Give every guest a puppet and ask them to narrate their part of the story. You can download your puppet template here:

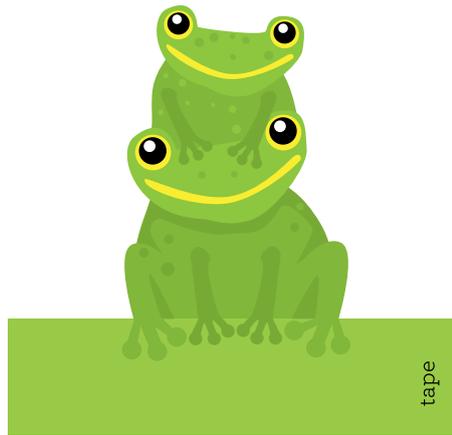
<http://annkoffsky.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/passpup.pdf>

Alternatively, you can include these amazing TEN PLAGUE PUPPETS in your bag of tricks! (created by theshiksa.com).





Blood



Frogs



Boils

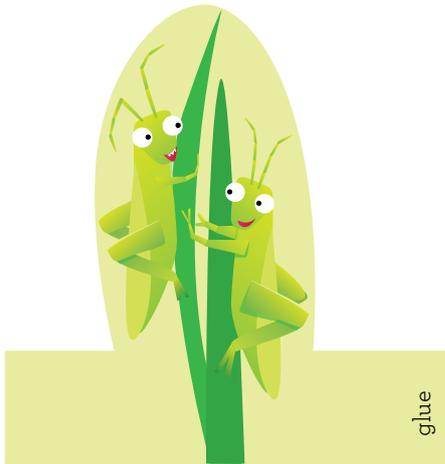


Wild Animals



Darkness

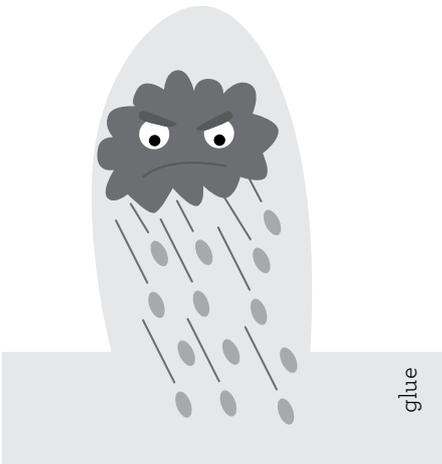




Locusts



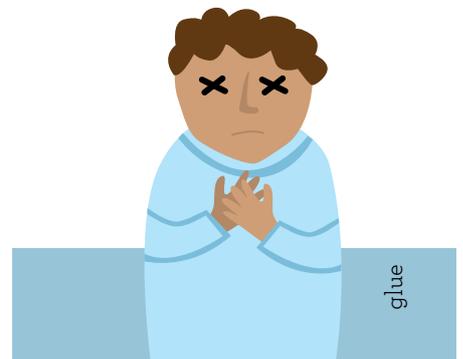
Lice



Hail



Death of Cattle



Death of the Eldest Son



## 7. ASK QUESTIONS

Encourage your children to ask questions and ask the adults questions too. Here are some suggestions:

- Name three things that are chametz?
- Who split the Yam Suf? (Red Sea)
- Name 6 animals and 2 insects mentioned in the Haggadah?
- Can you say the ten plagues forward?
- Can you say the ten plagues backward?
- What things connected with the seder night have to do with the number 4?
- How many cups of wine do we drink at the seder?
- Why do we eat Charoset?
- If you were a film director and could hire any actors you wanted, who would you have star as Moses, Miriam, Pharaoh, and each of the Four Sons?
- If you could invite anyone in the world to our Seder, who would you invite and why? If you were an Egyptian stranded on an island, and you could only have one plague for the rest of your life, which would it be and why?
- With the Kadesh, the first cup of wine, after the blessing, ask why do we have wine of Jewish holidays? During Urchats, the handwashing, ask what is something you wish to "wipe yourself clean" of this year - an obsession, addiction, bad grades? During Karpas, eating of the green vegetable dipped in salt water, ask guests to share their favorite thing about spring? During Yachatz, breaking of middle matzah, ask guests what do you think is broken in the world today?

It's a great idea to reward people who ask or answer questions with a marshmallow or treat. This will keep everyone engaged as the seder unfolds. You can also place question cards under every guest's plate. Throughout the Seder call on different guests to reveal their question to the crowd - the person who can answer it gets a marshmallow.



Just in case you need the answers for those questions...

- Bread, pasta, bagels, some cakes and biscuits.
- Moshe/Moses, Hashem/G-d.
- Frogs, wild animals, cattle, goat, cat, dog, ox and lice, locusts.
- Blood, frogs, lice, beasts, cattle disease, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, death of the firstborn.
- Death of the firstborn, darkness, locusts, hail, boils, cattle disease, beasts, lice, frogs, blood.
- 4 cups, 4 sons.
- It represents the bricks and mortar that the Jewish people used to build the pyramids when they were slaves in Egypt.

## 8. PLAGUES

Blood \* Frogs \* Bugs \* Wild Animals \* Pestilence \* Boils \* Hail \* Locusts \*  
Darkness \* Death of the First Born

At my house, it's all about the plagues and I try to be as creative as possible because this part of the Seder always excites the kids!

Some quick and easy suggestions to help children visualise and experience the plagues include:

- squishy eyeballs for boils
- pretend grasshoppers for vermin
- plastic skeletons for the slaying of the first born
- chocolate covered cherries or red gems for blood
- plastic toy frogs
- confetti for lice
- plastic lions and tigers or masks for wild beasts
- plastic cows for cattle disease
- bubble wrap or Band-aids for boils
- mini marshmallows/styrofoam balls/ping pong balls for hail
- plastic bugs for locusts
- plastic black sunglasses or a black headband over the eyes for darkness



You can make your own ten plague placards - CreativeJewishMom will show you how:

<http://www.creativejewishmom.com/2011/04/ten-plagues-passover-craft-fun-placards-for-the-seder.html> and <http://www.creativejewishmom.com/2011/04/passover-kids-craft-the-ten-plagues-placards-part-two.html>



Alternatively, Matan has an outstanding visual image to help children understand the plagues.

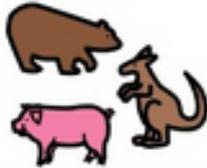
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Here's something to get inspire children to think about how their senses connect to Pesach. You could pair children with adults for this game.

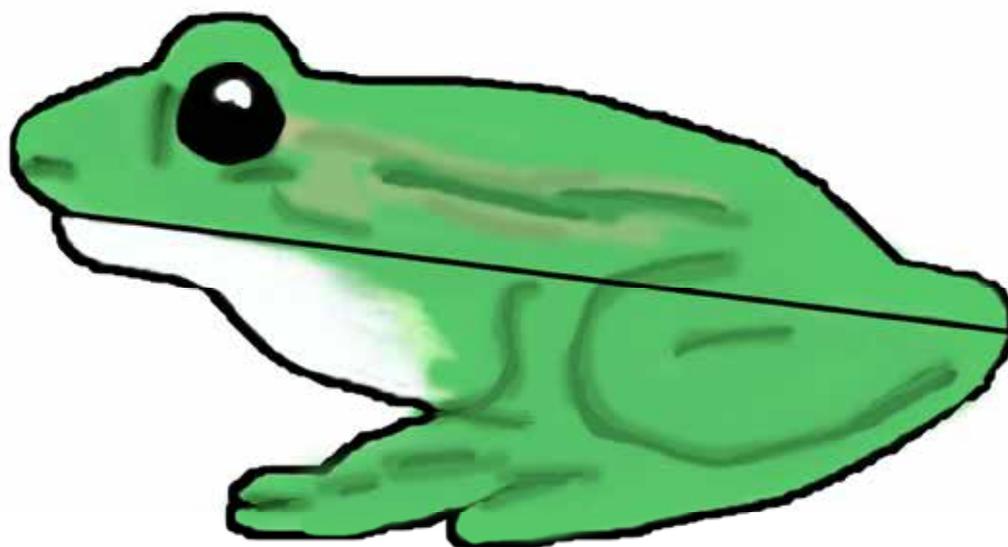
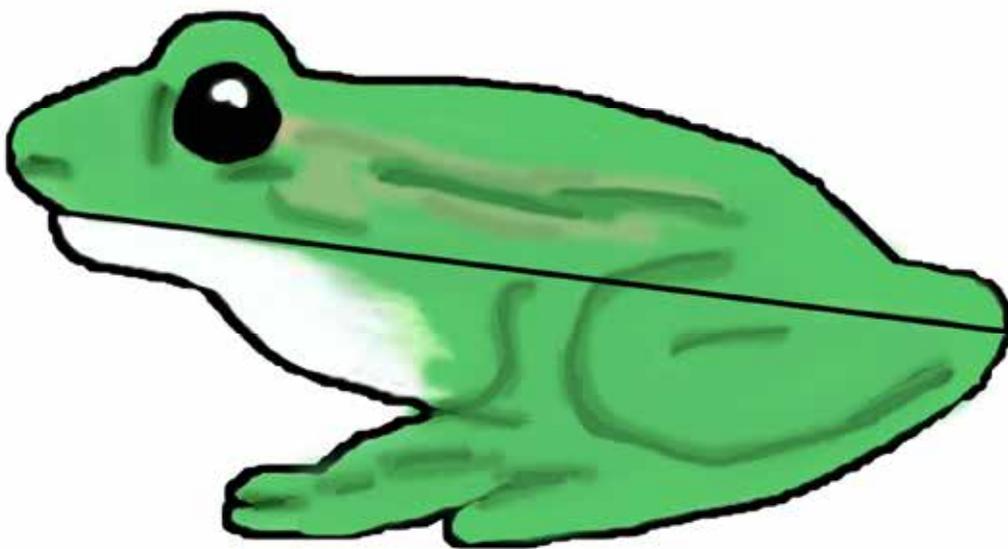
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## The Ten Plagues

DOM דם 	TSIFARDEAH צפרדע 	KINIM כנים 
AROV ערוב 	DEVER דבר 	SH'KHIN שחין 
BARAD ברד 	ARBEH ארבה 	CHOSHECH חושך 
MAKAT B'CHOROT מכת בכורות 		

Get creative with frogs and make these frog peg name tags to show your guests where to sit. You can also use them to hold serviettes.



## 9. BINGO

To help kids stay engaged throughout the seder try playing **BINGO** - every time they hear a different element of the seder they have to put a token on the right spot on their Bingo sheet. Laminate these Bingo Sheets so that you can reuse them each year. To make things more interesting, you can cut marshmallows in half and use them as tokens. They stick beautifully to the laminated pages and are relatively easy to clean off after use ... and they are very delicious! Here are some sample Bingo sheets:

# PASSOVER SEDER BINGO

<p>Listen For The Parting Of The Red Sea</p> 	<p>Answer A Question...</p> 	<p>KADESH: Drink The 1st Cup Of Juice</p> 	<p>Eat The Passover Meal</p> 
<p>Drink The 3rd Cup Of Juice</p> 	<p>Wash Your Hands With A Blessing</p> 	<p>Dip A Vegetable In Salt Water</p> 	<p>Listen For The Name Pharaoh</p> 
<p>Find The Afikomen</p> 	<p>Listen For The 10 Plagues</p> 	<p>Listen For The Name Moses</p> 	<p>Drink The 4th Cup Of Juice</p> 

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# Passover Bingo



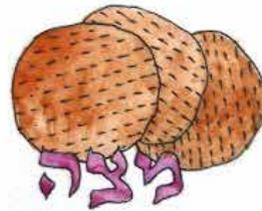
MOSES



ELEVEN



CUP OF ELIJAH



MATZA



NINE



BLOOD



DARKNESS



ONE



KIDDUSH



SALT WATER



HOLIDAY MEAL



SEDER PLATE



FREE



TWELVE



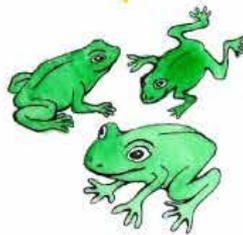
WICKED SON



FOUR



JERUSALEM



FROGS



SLAVERY



SEVEN



PHARAOH



WASHING



RABBI AKIVA



BOILS



CHOMETZ



10. **Alternatively, you can try a SEDER TRACKER**

<http://www.matankids.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Passover-Seder-Tracker.pdf>

11. **LEGO**

Give each child a small box of lego and have a pyramid building competition!

You can do the same thing with cut up vegetables - or get the children to create a baby MOSES in a basket out of the vegetables or the lego.

12. **I-SPY**

Play "I Spy" to identify or introduce ritual objects, Pesach foods or anything else at the seder. For example: I spy something...

- round on the table (answer: seder plate)
- squishy that Grandma gave you (answer: a pillow)
- hard and crunchy (answer: matzah)
- that reminds us of laying bricks (answer: charoset)

13. **CHARADES**

This is an ideal game for all ages. Print the following cards and then throughout the Seder nominate different people to act out what is written on the card. For young children use images instead of words. Make sure the person acting doesn't use any words!



**FROGS**

**RIVER NILE**

**WILD  
BEASTS**

**PHARAOH**

**MOSES**

**PYRAMID**

**BOILS**

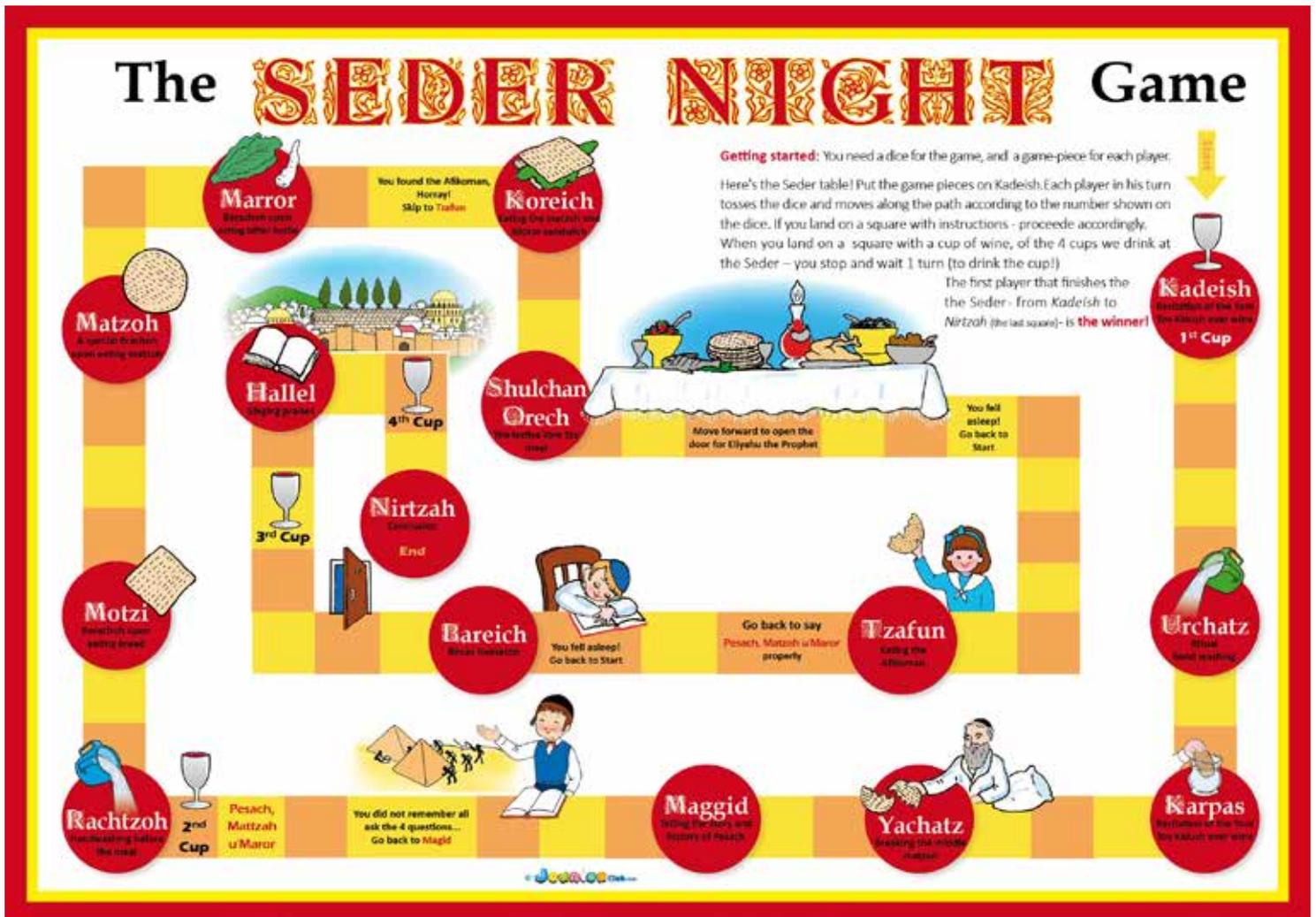
**FLIES**



## 14. SEDER TABLE GAMES

Jewnior Club have developed this beautiful and easy to print and laminate board game is perfect to get kids involved in the Pesach seder. Prepare one for each child attending, give them tokens and have fun.

<http://jewniorclub.com/the-seder-night-game/>



Letter Connect Game: Print out the list of generic questions below. Divide your guests into teams - two or more. Each team is given a random letter of the alphabet and has to answer the questions.

1. Name chametz items that start with the letter \_\_\_\_\_
2. List words that are connected to freedom that have the letter \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in them
3. What emotions are felt at the Seder that have the letters \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in them
4. What Pesach food can you think of that begins with the letter \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
5. What words are connected with Pesach that begin with the letter \_\_\_\_\_

Aish recommends a fun Matzah Match game. Before the Seder, write matched pairs of Passover words on index cards. For example, write "Hillel" on one card and "sandwich" on another; "ten" on one card and "plagues" on another. Keep going - four/questions; matzah/ball; Elijah's/cup - until you have enough cards to secretly stash one under every guest's plate. Sometime before dinner, tell everyone to lift their plates, look at the card and track down their matching half. (Hint: For children too young to read - or to understand the match mentality - cut cards in half using varying puzzle cuts and write one word on each half. When kids find a card that "fits" theirs, they'll know they've found their match).

15. **CELEBRITY HEADS** (explanation to follow)





# Passover Edition

# Headband Game

## How to Play Passover Edition Headband Game

1. Players put cards in their headbands without looking at them.
2. All the players look at each other's cards.
3. The first player turns over the timer and starts asking YES or NO questions to guess what is on the card on his or her head. For example,

Am I an object?

Am I a good guy?

Am I a food?

Am I sweet?

Am I red?

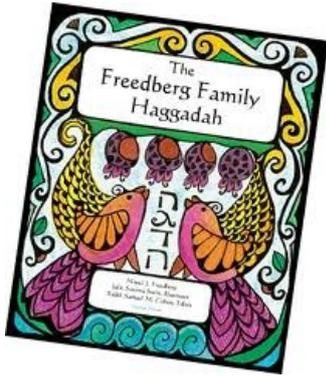
Am I a fruit?

Am I on the seder table?

The player asks these questions until he/she guesses the answer or the timer goes out.

4. If the player guesses the card before the timer goes out, the player inserts another card into the headband, and the player starts asking questions again until the timer goes out. When the timer goes out, it is the next player's turn.
5. At the end of the game, the player who has the most cards wins.





Haggadah



Elijah's Cup



Haroset  
*Seder Plate*



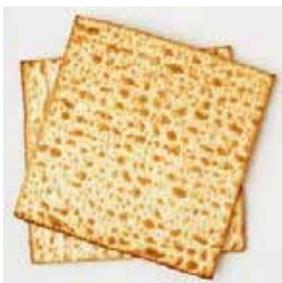
FOUR CUPS OF WINE

Four Cups of Wine  
*Seder Table*



Maror / Horseradish  
*Seder Plate*





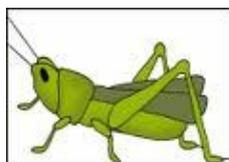
Matzah  
*Seder Table*



Egg / Betzah  
*Seder Plate*



Frog  
*Plague*

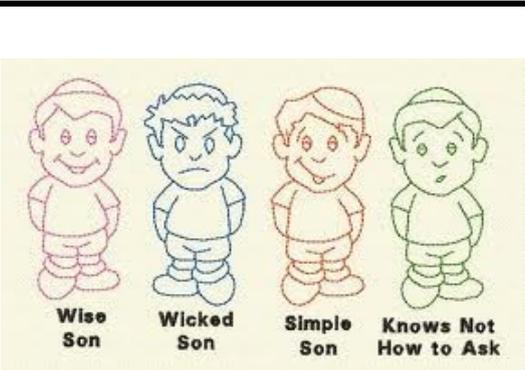


Locust  
*Plague*



Parsely / carpas  
*Seder Plate*





Four Sons



Four Questions



Afikomen



Matzo Ball Soup

*Food*

Macaroon  
*food*





Making the headband:

1. Cut a piece of cardstock 4"x14".
2. Laminate.
3. Cut a slit the long way through the middle of the rectangle stopping 1.5" from each end.
4. Make a .5" cut on an angle up from each end of your long cut. See image below for help.
5. Open and place on head. Add a paperclip to the top to hold game cards.



For those of us who can't cut slits, just print the cards and use a headband or clip to secure it to each individual!



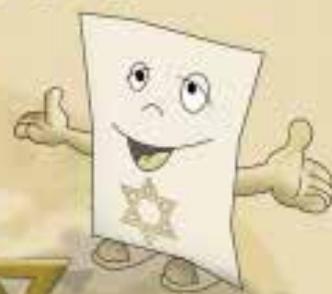
## Passover Word Search

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 E O F R E E D O M P Z K H V V  
 W L H P U E N I W H H Q F U R  
 R B O G R M B K F A C S J S T  
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 blood  
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 freedom  
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16. Finally, it's all about the Matzah - chocolate covered Matzah that is!

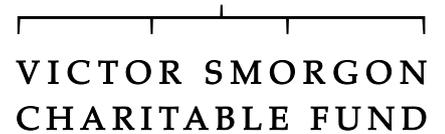




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