

The Passover Story



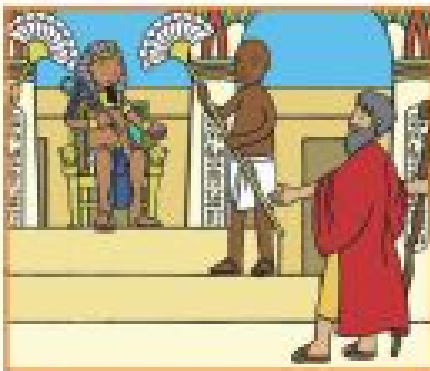
When Moses was born, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. The King of Egypt told his soldiers to kill all the Israelite baby boys so they would not grow up and fight him.

To save Moses, his mother put him in a basket and let him float down the River Nile. Moses was found by the King's daughter. She raised him as a royal prince.



Many years later, Moses was in the desert and heard God speak to him near a burning bush. God asked Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.

Moses went back to Egypt and asked the King to free his people. The King said no, because he did not want to lose his slaves.



God was angry and punished Egypt with ten awful plagues, including frogs, flies, locusts and hail. After each plague, Moses went to ask the King to free his people but every time he said no.

The tenth plague was the worst. In this plague, the oldest son in every family died. Even the King's own son died. But, God told Moses to tell the Israelites to mark their doorposts with lamb's blood so that they would be safe. This was how the angel of death would know to pass over their houses and not hurt the Israelites' sons by mistake. This is why the festival is called Passover.



Finally, after this horrible plague, the king let the Israelites go.

Questions

1. Where was Moses born? Tick one.

- ☐ Egypt
☐ England
☐ Estonia

2. Number the events below to show the order they happened in the story.

- ☐ God spoke to Moses near a burning bush.
☐ Moses' mother put him in a basket to save him.
☐ Moses asked the King to let the Israelites go.

3. Draw lines to match these sentences.

The Israelites

heard God speak to him near a burning bush.

Moses

were slaves in Egypt.

God

sent ten plagues to Egypt.

4. What did Moses tell the Israelites to mark their door posts with?

5. Fill in the missing word.

People marked their doors so God would know to pass _____ their houses.