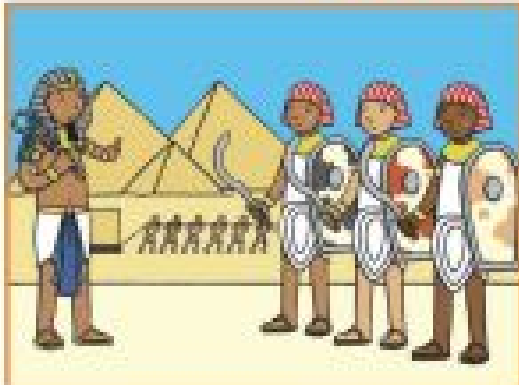


The Passover Story



When Moses was born, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. The Pharaoh was afraid of them because he thought they might take over his country. He ordered his soldiers to kill all the Israelite baby boys at birth so they would not grow up and fight him.



To save Moses, his mother made a plan. She put him in a basket and set him adrift on the River Nile and left his fate to God's will. Moses floated down the river where the Pharaoh's daughter found and rescued him. She brought him back to the palace and raised him as her son.



Moses grew up in the palace as a royal prince. One day he lost his temper and killed an Egyptian who had beaten an Israelite slave to death. He had to flee to another country.

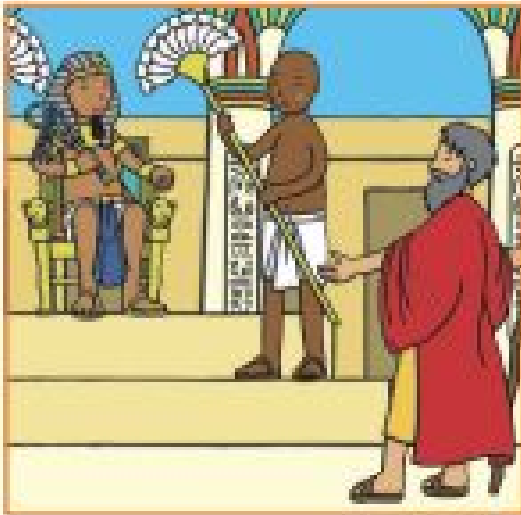
Many years later, Moses was walking in the desert and he heard the voice of God near a burning bush. God asked Moses to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.



Moses returned to Egypt and asked the Pharaoh to free his people. The Pharaoh said no because he did not want to lose his slaves.

God was angry and punished the Egyptians with ten terrible plagues. God changed the water of the river to blood. Then, he sent swarms of frogs, lice, flies and locusts.

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God sent hail, boils and killed the Egyptian's animals. After each plague, Moses went to ask the Pharaoh to free his people but every time he refused.

In the tenth plague the eldest son in every family died. Even the Pharaoh'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 plague, the Pharaoh gave in and told the Israelites to go. Afraid the Pharaoh might change his mind, they left at once. They left in such a rush that their bread did not have time to rise. This is why, during Passover, Jewish people still eat special crispy bread called Matzah.

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.

- ☐ Moses lost his temper and killed an Egyptian.
- ☐ Moses' mother put him in a basket to save him.
- ☐ Moses heard the voice of God near a burning bush.
- ☐ Moses was rescued and raised as a royal prince.

3. Find and copy one **adjective** that describes how God felt when the Pharaoh said no.

4. Fill in the missing word.

Moses told the Israelites to mark their doorposts with _____.

5. Why do you think the festival to remember this story is called 'Passover'?

6. Which do you think was the worst plague and why? Give two reasons for your answer.
