

**15 KIDS QUEST A**  
**"PASSOVER MEAL"**

**SUMMARY:** The last supper was actually the Passover meal, something the Jews take very seriously. The Passover meal is how they remember the great things that God had done for the Jewish people over the centuries. Every part of the meal, including the food itself is a symbol of something that happened in their past. Take part in a guided Passover meal, sharing the significance of this celebration. Take the time to discuss questions with your child.

**VENUE DURATION:** 15 minutes, open continually from 5 to 7:40pm.

**AGE APPROPRIATENESS:** Children ages 5 and older.

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Welcome, tonight you will experience a similar meal to that which Jesus had with his disciples, this last meal that was spent with those closest to him was a Passover meal. Today Jewish people around the world hold something called a Seder meal...though it will hold a similar meaning, please understand that this is NOT a traditional Seder. This experience will briefly help us better understand what Jesus and his disciples were celebrating that night before the crucifixion.

Jesus was a Jew...remember? King of the Jews...the people mocked him in this way. Well, the Jewish people for centuries have gathered together for a meal to celebrate and remember their relationship with God and their history as a people group. Tonight the foods discussed, smelled, and tasted will help us better understand what Jesus and his disciples were participating in that night at the last supper. Your table host will be serving you food items tonight, you are not required to eat these items, but we do invite you to get out of your comfort zone a little bit!

Let's dive in, shall we? Hang on...this is going to go quickly!

**SALT WATER** – Tears experienced while slaves in Egypt.

**BEITZAH** – An egg to symbolize mourning, we no longer have our temple in Jerusalem. Because it is round it reminds us of the cycle of life and death...and hope for new life.

**MAROR** – Bitter herb. Horseradish used to symbolize the bitterness of slavery.

**ZEROAH** – The only meat/bone element to the meal. Typically a goat or lamb. To remind us of the sacrifice of the lamb in Egypt to protect us and have the angel of death "Passover" our home.

**KARPAS** – The parsley represents the initial flourishing of the Jewish people when they first entered Egypt, this also symbolizes the hope of Spring...new life.

**CHAZARET** – Yet another bitter herb, lettuce. Used to symbolize the bitterness of slavery.

**CHAROSET** – Symbolizes the mortar the Jewish slaves used in construction of buildings for Pharaoh. Usually uses wine, nuts, and fruit. We will be making some with honey and apples.

**Matzah** – a flat unleavened bread.

The bread of affliction; for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste. Thus you will remember the day you left the land of Egypt as long as you live.

—Deuteronomy 16:3

**Wine** - Wine is considered a royal drink, one that symbolizes freedom. It is the appropriate beverage for the nights when Jews celebrate freedom from Egyptian bondage.

In **LUKE 22** we find Jesus having this meal with his disciples – Luke, an eye witness records some of Jesus’ words during the meal.

**When it was time, Jesus sat down, all the apostles with him, and said, “You’ve no idea how much I have looked forward to eating this Passover meal with you before I enter my time of suffering. It’s the last one I’ll eat until we all eat it together in the kingdom of God.”**

**Taking the cup, he blessed it, then said, “Take this and pass it among you. As for me, I’ll not drink wine again until the kingdom of God arrives.”**

**Taking bread, he blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, given for you. Eat it in my memory.”**

**He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant written in my blood, blood poured out for you.**

We now understand why churches around the world come together for a “communion” to partake in the bread and wine to remember this meal and the representation of what Jesus would soon experience for us at the cross.

I hope that tonight you have a better snapshot of the meal Jesus had with his disciples. Would you pray with me?