

PROMISES OF PASSOVER

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8



Key Verse:

“Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”
Exodus 13:3

The Point:

God gives us ways to remember and celebrate God’s deliverance.

Making Connections:

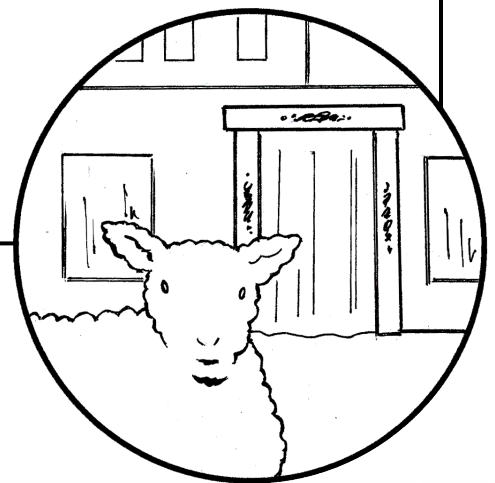
Promises Made, Promises Broken

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

The Exodus Story

Spiritual Practice:

Worship



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

Things changed after Joseph died. A new king in Egypt forced the Israelites to serve him. It is an understatement to say that life for the Israelites was unpleasant. Their oppression caused them to cry out to their God for deliverance. Moses was born during this time and was later called to lead God's people out of slavery. Despite nine plagues being sent to motivate Pharaoh to release the Israelites, the ruler held fast. Finally, God told Moses of a tenth plague that would ensure the Israelites' release. We see today that, as part of this plan, God instituted the first Passover meal, a celebration the people were to continue throughout the generations in remembrance of their deliverance from Egyptian slavery.

Story Summary:

Promises of Passover

God used Moses and Aaron to lead the Israelite people out of Egypt after they had lived for years as slaves to the Egyptians. God gave Moses a specific plan for the people to follow on the night of their deliverance. This included eating a specific meal and painting lamb's blood around the doorway. At night, the firstborn of the Egyptians, including Pharaoh's son, died. While the Egyptians were mourning, the Israelites fled. At last, God delivered the Israelites from slavery. As a reminder of what God did for them, the Israelites were to celebrate a Passover festival once a year. During this time they would eat unleavened bread and remember how death struck the Egyptians but passed over the homes with lamb's blood on the door posts.

The Point

God gives us ways to remember and celebrate God's deliverance. Passover is still celebrated by many Jews all over the world. There are other days

of deliverance in biblical history that we celebrate, most recognizably the birth of Jesus at Christmas and his death and resurrection during Holy Week and Easter. Some celebrate the time leading up to Christmas as Advent, and some celebrate the time leading up to Easter as Lent.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

The Exodus Story

The exodus story tells of the Israelites leaving captivity in Egypt and heading for the Promised Land. Moses told the people to remember the day when God freed them from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 13:3). In celebration and remembrance of this amazing deliverance, Passover was instituted and continues to be celebrated by many Jews today. Jesus' death and resurrection was recorded in the New Testament with specific parallels to this Old Testament story. Just as the lamb's blood set the Israelites free from slavery and death, Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection set humankind free from slavery to sin and death. Both stories carry the central theme of rescue by a loving God who delivers people from hardship.

Spiritual Practice: Worship

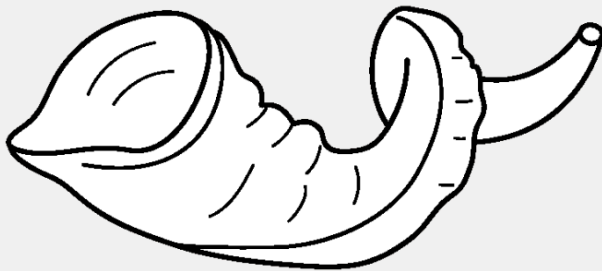
Worship is any way we show our love to God. We worship God in many ways and for many reasons. We worship God for being God and for loving us first. We worship God for being all powerful, all knowing, and always present. We worship Jesus as King, Savior, and Lord. We worship God as healer, provider, and guide. As the Israelites spent years enslaved by the Egyptians, we sometimes spend years in enslaved by fears, habits, or situations. Ask God to set you free. Worship God as your deliverer!



Shofar

“On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.” (Exodus 19:16) The Hebrew word for trumpet is shofar.

A shofar is made from a ram’s horn.



Shofar

Trumpet

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Trace the Hebrew word here:

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Write the Hebrew word here:



The First Passover

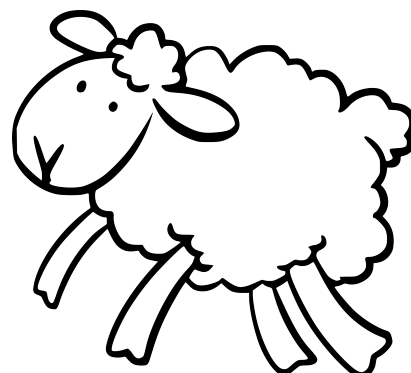
"When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Exodus 12:13

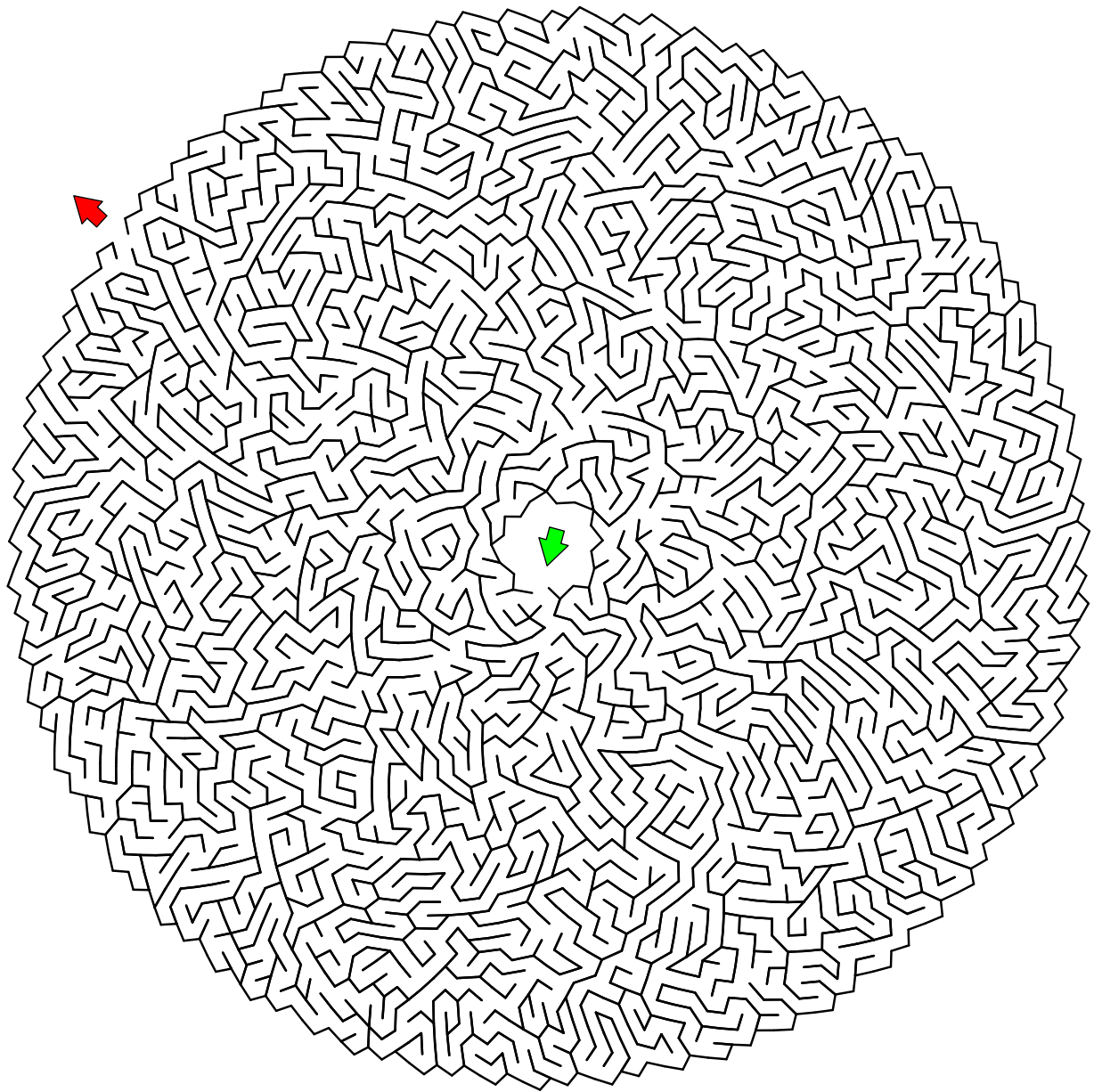
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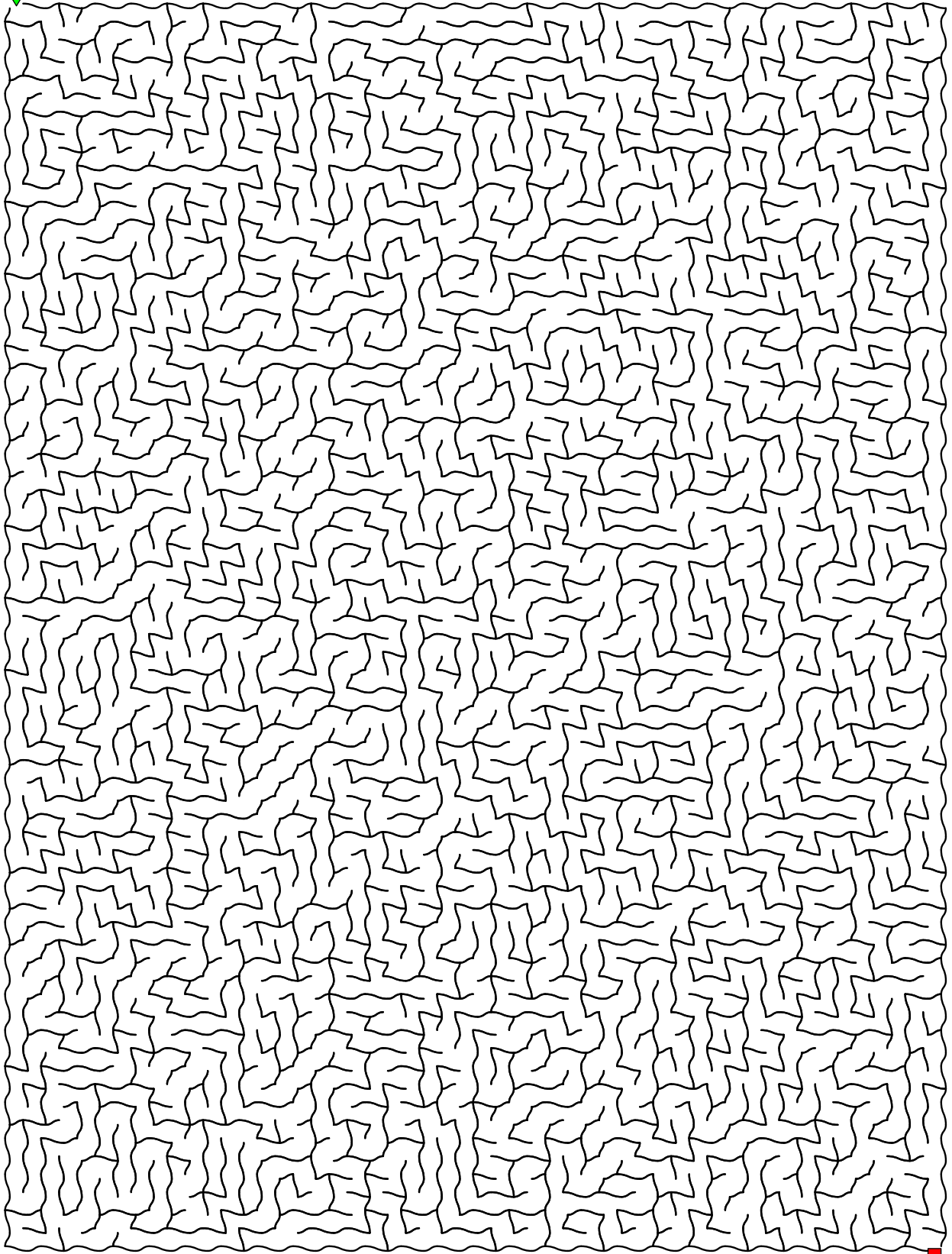


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THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS
3RD-6TH**

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

Lesson #3-4
Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

LAST WEEK

God keeps Abram's great-grandson Joseph safe, keeping the promise God made to Abram. Joseph's family, the people of Israel arrive in Egypt to get food during a famine. (Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-20).

THIS WEEK

Jacob's descendants stay in Egypt, but become slaves. God rescues the Israelites to take them to the land that God promised to Abraham. This story is celebrated in Passover (Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8).

THE POINT

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STORY SUMMARY

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BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

The Exodus Story

The story about God rescuing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt is called the exodus, or "way out." Throughout the Bible, God is known as the God who brings freedom: freedom from slavery, freedom from injustice, and freedom even from death. Jesus is sometimes called the Passover lamb, since, just as the lamb's blood set the Israelites free from slavery and death, Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection sets us free from slavery to sin and death.

PRACTICE: WORSHIP

We worship God in many ways and for many reasons. We worship God for being God and for loving us first. We worship Jesus as King, Savior, and Lord. We worship God as healer, provider, and guide. Take a moment to worship God together as your deliverer. Sing a favorite worship song (you can find a video online). Try dancing as you sing. Jesus set us free!

NEXT WEEK

God leads the people of Israel out of Egypt and gives them instructions on how to live God's way. But, the people disobey right away by worshipping a statue of a calf (Exodus 32:1-14).