



R.E. Knowledge Organiser – Year 2 Spring Term 1 – Judaism  
**Theme: Passover**



**Key Question: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?**

**Key Knowledge**

**The Story of the Exodus**

Moses lived in Egypt. He saw that the Israelites were being persecuted so he went to see the pharaoh. Moses asked the pharaoh to set the Jewish people free, but the pharaoh refused.

Moses warned the pharaoh that God would send terrible plagues if he did not let his people go. But the pharaoh still said no, so God sent ten plagues to Egypt. The final plague was the death of the first born son.

God told Moses that the Israelites should mark their doorposts with lamb's blood so that the angel of death could 'pass over' their houses and spare them from this plague. This is why the festival is called Passover.

After this, the pharaoh gave in and told Moses and his people to go at once.

They left in such a rush that their bread did not have time to rise. This is why flat, unleavened Matzah bread is eaten at Passover.

After they had left, the pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army after the Israelites.

God parted the sea so the Israelites could get to safety.

Then he washed the pharaoh's army away.

After this, Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and through the desert to Mount Sinai, where God revealed the Ten Commandments.

Passover (or Pesach in Hebrew) is one of the most important festivals in the Jewish year. It is a **Spring festival** that begins on the 15th day of Nisan, the first month of the Jewish calendar. The celebrations last for seven or eight days, depending on where you live.

**Seder Plate**

Parsley      Bitter herbs      Hard-boiled egg



Charoset

Greens

Shank bone

**Key Vocabulary**

**Judaism** – Judaism is a faith or religion of the world. It is the religion of Jewish people. Jewish people believe there is one God.

**Jew** – A Jew is a person who follows the religion of Judaism. **Jews believe that there is only one God.** They believe they have a special agreement with God called a covenant. Jews promise to obey God's laws to say thank you to him for looking after them.

**Passover** - is a religious holiday or festival celebrated by Jewish people. ... They celebrate it to remember when God used Moses to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, as told in the book of Exodus in the Bible.

**Respect** - means 'to value someone highly for what they say or do' or 'to treat people politely and thoughtfully, to show we value them.'