

# KIDS FOR YAH

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## The First Passover

Pharaoh gazed over his vast Egyptian empire and thought to himself, "Who do these Israelites think they are? Why should I let them go—I don't even know their Mighty One, Yahweh!" Moses had asked Pharaoh to release the Hebrew slaves, as Yahweh had told him to do at the burning bush. Of course, the Pharaoh refused. He and his ancestors had worshiped many deities for so long—surely they would protect Pharaoh and his family from the plagues that Moses assured him would come upon the land of Egypt.



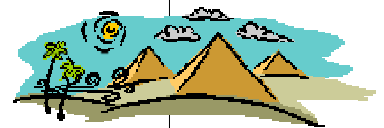
Yahweh had commanded His people to mark their doors with lamb blood so that His death angel would "pass over" them and not kill their first born children. In every unmarked house, a child died, including Pharaoh's own son. He released the slaves. And all of Egypt feared Yahweh.

Little did Pharaoh know that his life was to be changed forever. He made his Hebrew slaves work even harder. But just as Moses had said, plague after plague began to torment Egypt. First the water turned to blood. Then the frogs, gnats, flies, animal diseases, skin sores, hail, locusts and darkness soon followed. But the final plague was the worst.



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**Now Yahweh had told Moses, I have one more way to punish the king and the people of Egypt. After this, the king will send all of you away from Egypt. When he does, he will force you to leave completely.**

—Exodus 11:1 NCV

*Find the following words in the puzzle below*

# Passover



Darkness      Plagues      Egypt

Gnats      Moses      Hail      Egypt

Flies      Hebrews

Passover      Pharaoh

## Why do we eat unleavened bread?

Every year, during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we remove leavened products from our homes and eat unleavened bread for seven days. Why do we do this?

As you read on page one, Pharaoh released the Hebrew slaves after the death of the first born. The Egyptians were anxious to be rid of the Hebrews for fear that more plagues would come upon the land. So the Hebrews left really quickly—before their bread was ready for yeast to make it rise. The people marched into the wilderness with flat unleavened bread, known as matzo.

The following items contain leavening and are to be removed: bread made with yeast, croutons, baking powder, foods with baking soda, most crackers, cookies, cakes, pancakes, waffles, muffins, buns, breaded items like fish and chicken, and flour tortillas.

There are lots of foods you can still eat during The Feast of Unleavened Bread. For instance, the following items are fine to eat: fruits, vegetables, eggs, rice, pasta, clean meats, unleavened desserts, non-breaded fish or chicken, unleavened bread and crackers made without leavening.

### **Activity: You're the Restaurant Owner!**

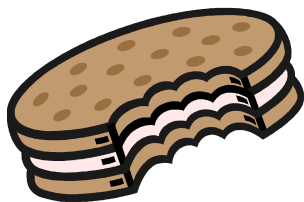
**Circle the only menu below that would be fine to serve your guests during the Feast of Unleavened Bread if you owned and operated your own restaurant.**

#### **Menu #1:**

Breaded Fish, Garden Salad with garlic croutons, and cake for dessert.



#### **Menu #2**



Meat loaf made with bread crumbs, warm, buttered rolls, and cookies for dessert.

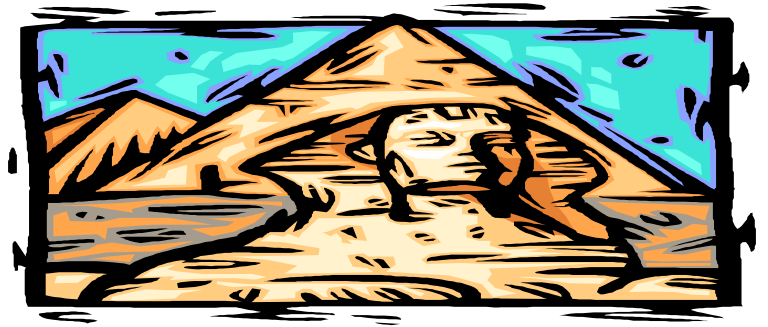
#### **Menu #3**

Broiled non-breaded Chicken, steamed rice, seasoned green beans, and ice cream for dessert.



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## HISTORY LESSON: Ancient Egypt

During the time that Moses lived, Egypt was a powerful empire ruled by the Pharaohs. The Egyptians worshiped many different deities and even considered Pharaoh himself a deity. But Yahweh showed ancient Egypt that they should not glory in their power. He also showed them that He was more powerful than any and all of the deities they put their trust in.

