

Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE

**Topic: Unit 4 - Judaism;
Christianity; Freedom;
Passover; Last Supper**

Year 3

**Does Easter make sense
without Passover?**

Knowledge

In Judaism, Passover commemorates the story of the Israelites' departure from ancient Egypt.

The key events surrounding the Passover meal in Holy Week are washing the feet, sharing the bread and wine; the symbols as Jesus explains them and the outcome of the meal: the betrayal by Judas, the arrest in Gethsemane, trial, crucifixion and resurrection.

Passover was celebrated in Jesus' day and is still celebrated by Jews today.

The events of the Exodus story are the plagues, the role of Moses, the death of the firstborn and the actual passing over of the Angel of Death.

Bible passages link Easter and Passover.

Vocabulary

- **Crucifixion** – the killing of Jesus Christ on the cross
- **Easter** – the most important festival of the Christian Church
- **Exodus** – second book of the Bible that tells the story of Moses
- **Hebrew** – the language of the Jewish people
- **Holy Week** – the week before Easter
- **Judaism** – religion based on belief in one God and on the laws contained in the Torah and Talmud
- **Passover** (or **Pesach** in Hebrew) – is one of the most sacred Jewish holidays
- **Resurrection** – Jesus rising from the dead

Activities

- Plan a meal for a special occasion. Would the foods have any special meaning? Would it make a difference what the meal was for?
- Read the story of the Last Supper, putting it into the context of Holy Week. Read more than one version; it is in all 4 Gospels.
- Explore the story behind the Passover celebration, looking for any similarities to the Last Supper.
- Explore the current Jewish practice of Passover, focusing particularly on the symbolism.
- Complete a “Thought bubble” activity on Passover/Easter, especially the last supper.
- Act out the Last Supper explaining the links to Passover and freeze frame characters' thoughts.



Skills

- Retell the story of Passover/Easter
- Identify why that story is important to believers
- Show awareness of the similarities between Passover and Easter
- Suggest two things that matter to a Jew about Passover and two things that matter to a Christian about Easter
- Talk about the meanings of Easter and Passover foods