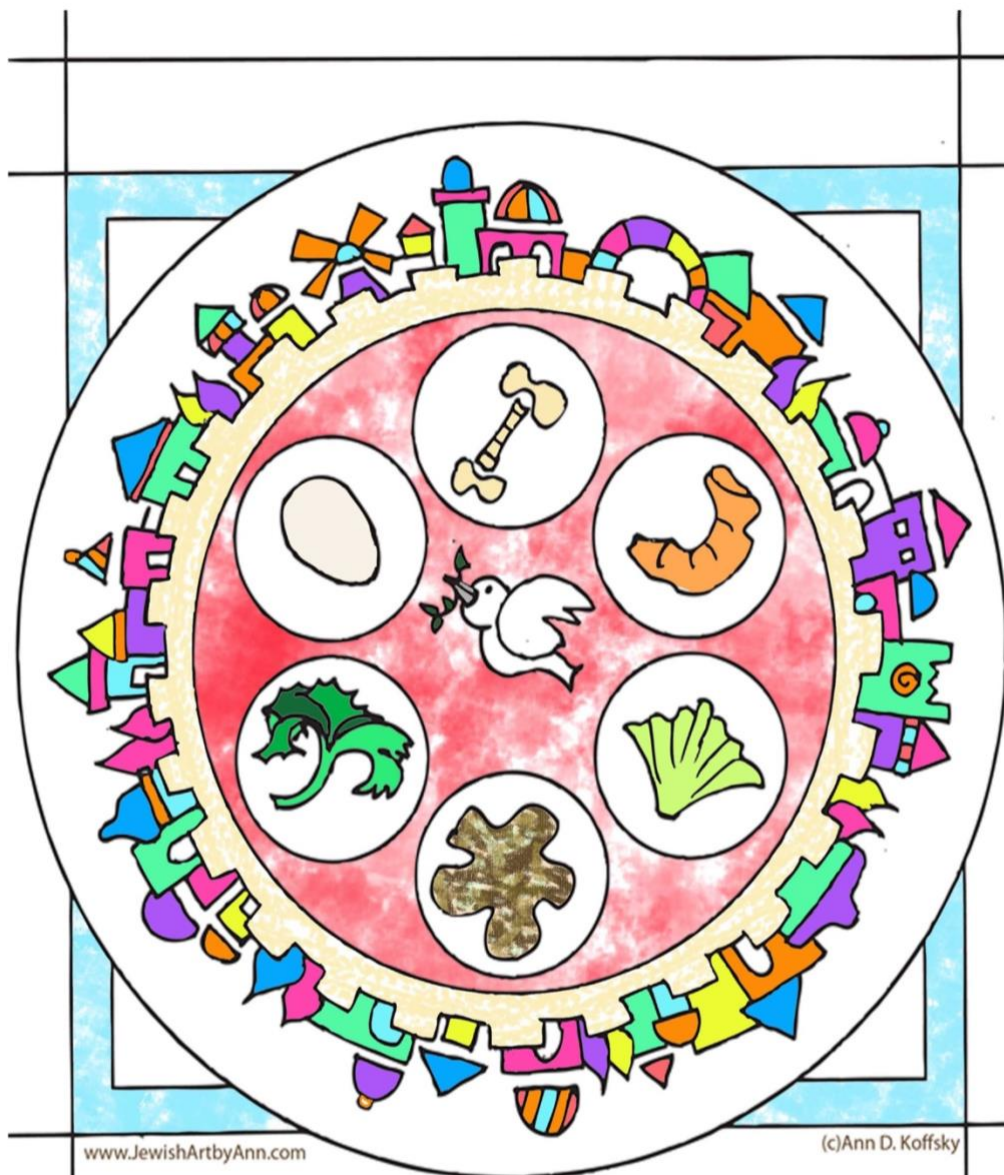




MEGA PESACH ACTIVITY BOOK



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Dear PJ Library Parents,

Pesach is almost here and while the story we tell has not changed, how we celebrate this year is going to look very different from other years - especially when the only guest we can welcome into our homes is the invisible Eliyahu!

We at PJ Library are always ready for a challenge and so we have brought together a range of ideas that your family can make and use in the lead up to and on Pesach.

We know gathering resources right now is a little tricky, so we have provided lots of different examples of things you can use from around your house to upcycle.

Remember it's the process where the learning takes place and not the end product. Most of all, we hope you have fun, we could all do with some right now!

How to use this activity book.

The activities have been divided into three age groups, to best cater to each stage of development – Toddler, Preschool and K-2. Please note, this is only a guide – feel free to use any of the activities.

The below icons correspond to these age groups: -

- Toddler



- Preschool



- K-2

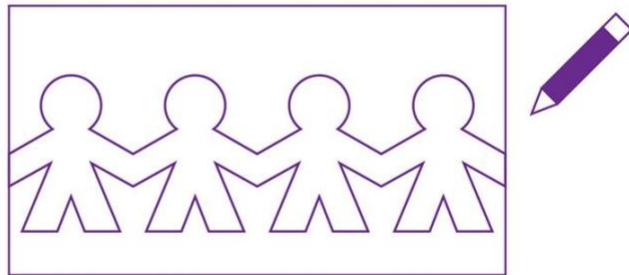


Wishing you and your children hours of Pesach fun!

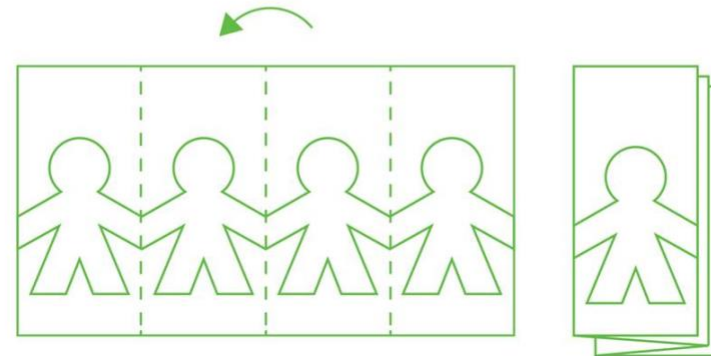
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No one wants to feel alone at Pesach. Fill your home with these Pesach Paper People – even better, put them in the window or on your front door so that others know you are celebrating.

1 Decorate your people



2 Fold the paper



3 Cut out the person

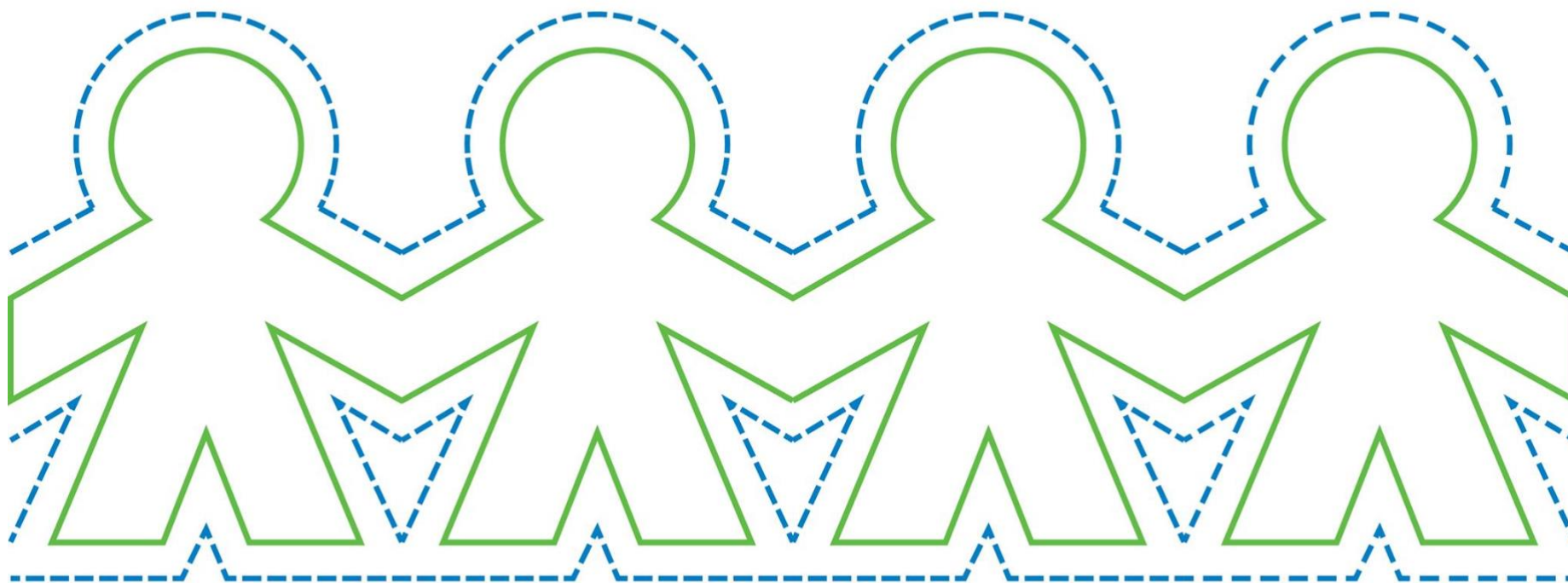


4 Unfold the paper



5 Display in your window or on your front door.

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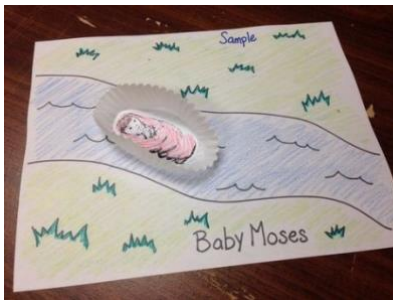
Reimagine Baby Moses in the Basket

When Moses was born, the Jewish people were slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh ordered for all first-born Jewish boys to be taken from their parents. To save Moses, his mother, Yocheved, placed him in a basket and hid him amongst the reeds by the side of the river Nile. Miriam, Moses sister, watched over until Pharaoh's daughter came down to wash. There she found baby Moses and took him in as if he were her own son.

There are lots of fun ways you can re-create your own Baby Moses in a basket.



Draw a picture on paper or even a paper plate using coloured pens, pencils or crayons. If you have patty case and glue, they make for a good basket or you could use an egg carton.





Head into your garden and see if you can use grass and leaves to make a basket.



Try tracing around your hands and cutting out to make the reeds.



There are lots of different materials you can use for the reeds besides paper – tissue paper, pipe cleaners, plasticine,





Make your own basket by weaving with wool or string. Remember to do your decorating first! There are lots of different designs you could use or try drawing baby Moses and the basket yourself.



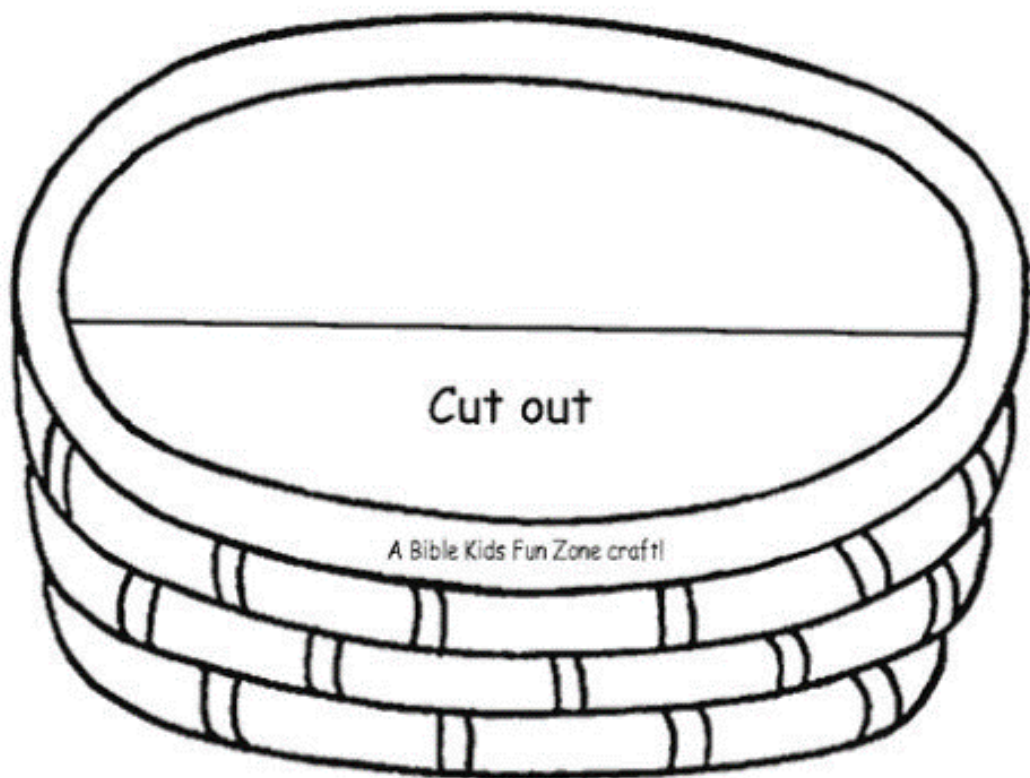
Take a paper or polystyrene cup and cut it down to size. Then glue paddle pop sticks or sticks from the garden around the outside of the cup. Allow the glue to dry and paint the basket. Once dried, take wool or string and weave it around the sticks.

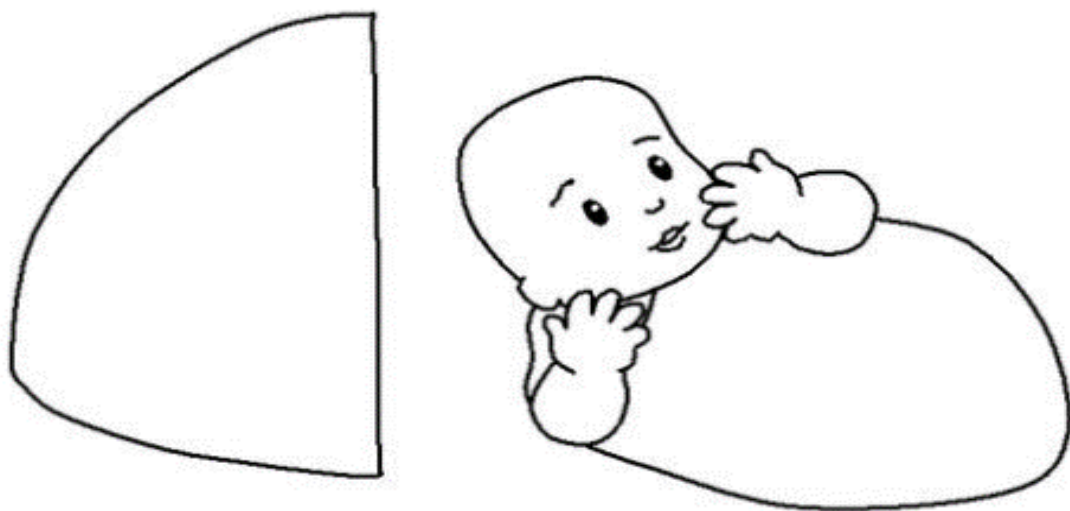


Try weaving a basket with strips of paper. For full instructions, head over to this tutorial

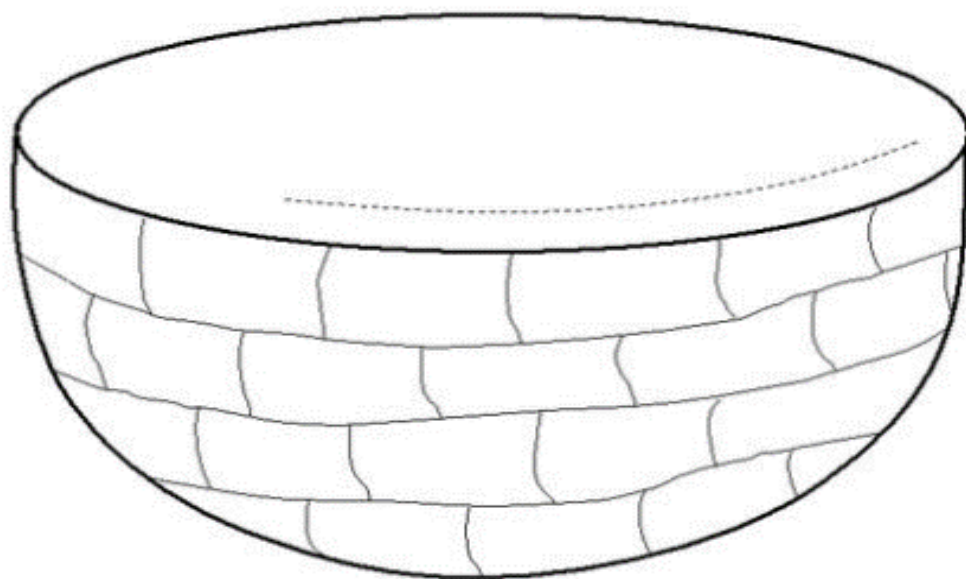
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Cut along dotted line and slide baby Moses into the basket.
Add the basket top so it just covers the baby's head.



Make a moving baby Moses.



Baby Moses in a Basket Puppet/Craft:

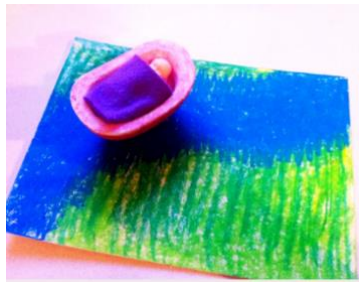
1. Fold a piece of brown construction paper, and cut out a basket shape with the fold along the bottom. Use a brown marker to add detail to the basket.
2. Staple sides of basket together and cut a small slit (big enough for a craft stick to fit through) in the middle of the bottom edge.
3. Cut out grass from green cardstock. Glue to bottom of basket.
4. Print or draw baby face, cut out, and glue or tape to the end of a craft stick.
5. Push craft stick through the slit at the bottom of the basket (from the top) so that you can control your baby Moses puppet. Pull him inside the basket to hide him from Pharaoh!

There are so many other materials you could use to make baby Moses: felt, brown paper wrapped around cardboard, a little box or container, cellophane, crepe paper or tissue paper.



Does your baby Moses float or sink?

For a quick science experiment, gather some objects you have lying around at home. Fill a bowl with water and test what floats and sinks.



Try this: apply a magnet to the base of your basket and using another magnet under your paper, move the basket along the river.

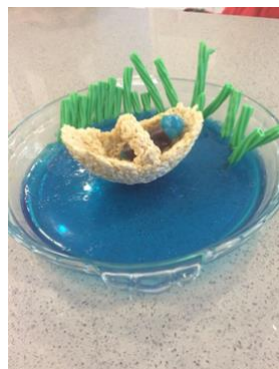
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In the Kitchen

(Note: Ingredients are not necessarily KLP and therefore we encouraged you to make these before Pesach as a fun activity).

Make an edible Baby Moses in his basket -

- For the water, you can make blue jelly or a basic water icing with blue food colouring
- The reeds can be made from pretzels topped with green gummy lollies or green liquorice, sour strings
- Moses basket can be moulded using rice crispies with melted marshmallows or chocolate crackles.
- Baby Moses can be made using half a banana, a biscuit topped with a marshmallow or fruit strap as his blanket or you could even use a jelly baby



Pyramids

When the Jewish people were in Egypt, they were slaves under Pharaoh's rule and were made to work from sunrise to sunset. When reflecting on Egypt, we often associate Pyramids with this country and this serves as a great teaching tool to help create a visual image of the landscape for young children.

Although geometry sounds like an advanced topic for children, the concept of shapes around pyramids is a great talking point. An Egyptian pyramid has a square base and four triangular sides to ensure the pyramid is stable. They are built in layers using stones and each layer has less stones than the one below it, but has more stones than the layer above it.



Making pyramids with young children can be as simple as providing them with a two dimensional triangle to colour, paint, paste with small pieces of cellophane, scrunched up tissue paper, crepe paper, wrapping paper or even to just decorate with stickers.

To experiment with different mediums, you could try adding sand to the paint along with some craft glue to help it stick. This will also add texture to their artwork.

There are lots of construction toys and things you may have at home that could be used to build Pyramids:

Wooden Blocks



Nesting Block



Stacking Ring



Better Builders

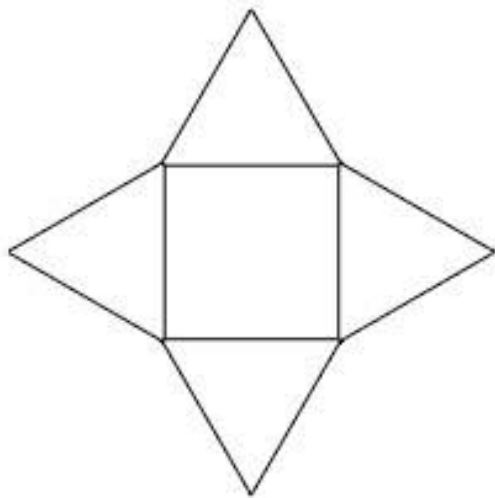




To extend the activity, encourage your child to cut each layer of their two-dimensional pyramid until they reach the top.



Or make a three-dimensional Pyramid from a box or cardboard and decorate the outer edges with coloured pens, sand, paint, glue and small paper squares.



Recycled boxes make for great Pyramid building. The sizes of the boxes can all be the same or different.



There are more fantastic construction toys that can be used to build pyramids. These include:

Wedgits



Magnetic Tiles



Betta Blocks



Making a 3D Pyramid can be done as a solo or collaborative project.

Involve your child/ren in the planning process – what material will you use? What size do you want to make it? How will you decorate it?



Create an archaeological dig by filling a container with sand and hiding objects on the sand for your child/ren to identify the objects. What tools do you think you might need? What do you expect to find?



Paper or Plastic cups make really cool Pyramids. They can be built independently or in teams, built big or small, high or low.

It will require teamwork, problem solving, planning and turn taking – especially if you time how long each child or team takes to build theirs.



And, of course, don't forget that Lego is a great resource to build pyramids!



Why not share your child's creations with friends and have a facetime pyramid building competition?

The Crossing of the Sea

The Crossing of the Red Sea is one of the miracles of Pesach.

When Pharaoh agreed to let the Israelites go, they had to leave in a hurry, with no time for their dough to rise. As Moses and the Israelites stood before the sea, a miracle occurred and Hashem created a parting, so that they could cross the sea and return to freedom.

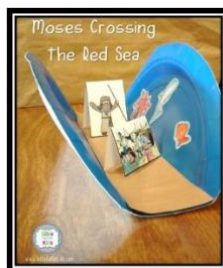
Pharaoh sent his army after the slaves but as they arrived at the sea, the part closed, and they were unable to follow Moses and the Israelites.



A fun way for young children to have a sensory experience is to fill a Ziploc with hair gel or you could try slime, playdough or oobleck (cornflour and water). Add some little beads, sequins or glitter and seal the bag closed. Let their little hand squish the sea to create their own part for the Israelites to follow.



There are many different artistic impressions that children can use to re-create the crossing of the sea. Experiment with plates, craft paper, paint, plasticine, stickers.





Use recycled materials from around your home to make a 3D model of Moses crossing the sea. You could use corks, bottle tops, scraps of fabric, old boxes.



Role Play allows children to act out the story of the exodus. Try using a large blue sheet as the Sea. Drape the sheets so that they re-create the sea and make a part.



With the whole family explore different movements with the children as they make their way across the sea. For example: swim, run, skip, jump, shuffle across.

Kids in the Kitchen

There are many different ways to make an edible crossing of the sea.

Spread blue icing either side of a sheet of matzah and spread some charoset down the middle. If you have jelly fish, you can place them in the sea or use cucumber peels as seaweed.



Make blue jelly and when partially set, add fish lollies or candies. When completely set, cut into thick slices and arrange down two sides of a plate. Crush biscuits and arrange them down the middle as a path.



Using two rectangular crackers, spread blue icing on the outer side, leaving the parting in the sea. Decorate with baby fish sprinkles.



Bake a cake – either round or rectangular and ice blue. Think of creative ways to create a parting in the sea. You could try icing, crumbs, chocolate sprinkles, liquorice, cachous or figurines.



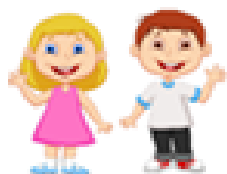
The Seder Plate

The Seder Plate is the centre piece of our table and each item of food on it reminds us of the primary theme of Pesach: the Jewish people's transition from slavery to freedom.

There is generally only a small, symbolic amount of food on the seder plate, with additional dishes of karpas, maror and charoset set out for people to eat from during the seder



Make a seder plate using a paper plate to colour and decorate with textas, crayons or coloured pencils. You can use magazine cut outs or a stencil for all the foods.



Use patty cases or pie tins to make a seder plate that can hold real food.



For something more intricate, try cutting out all the foods from felt or modelling them out of plasticine



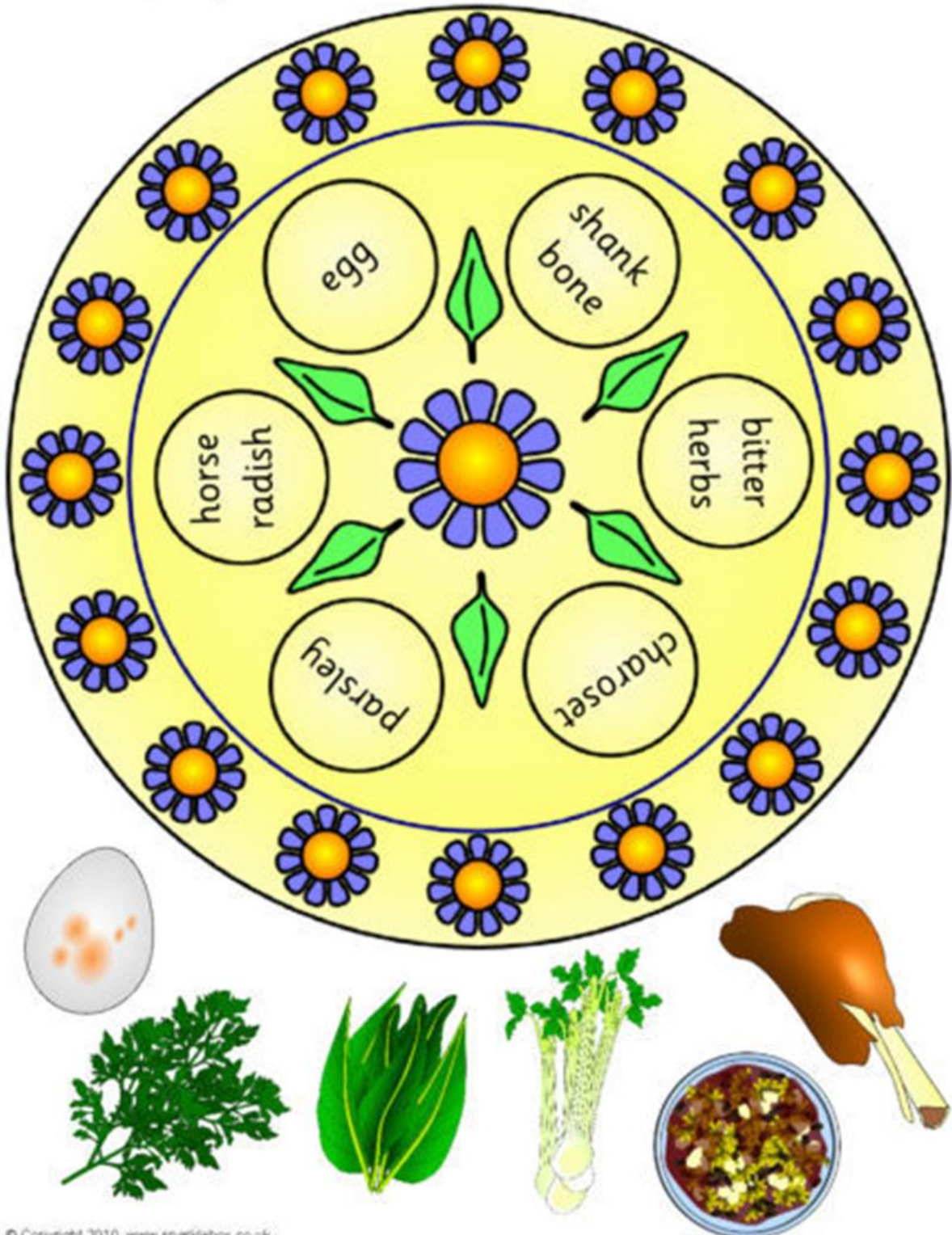


Use the templates below to make your own seder plate.

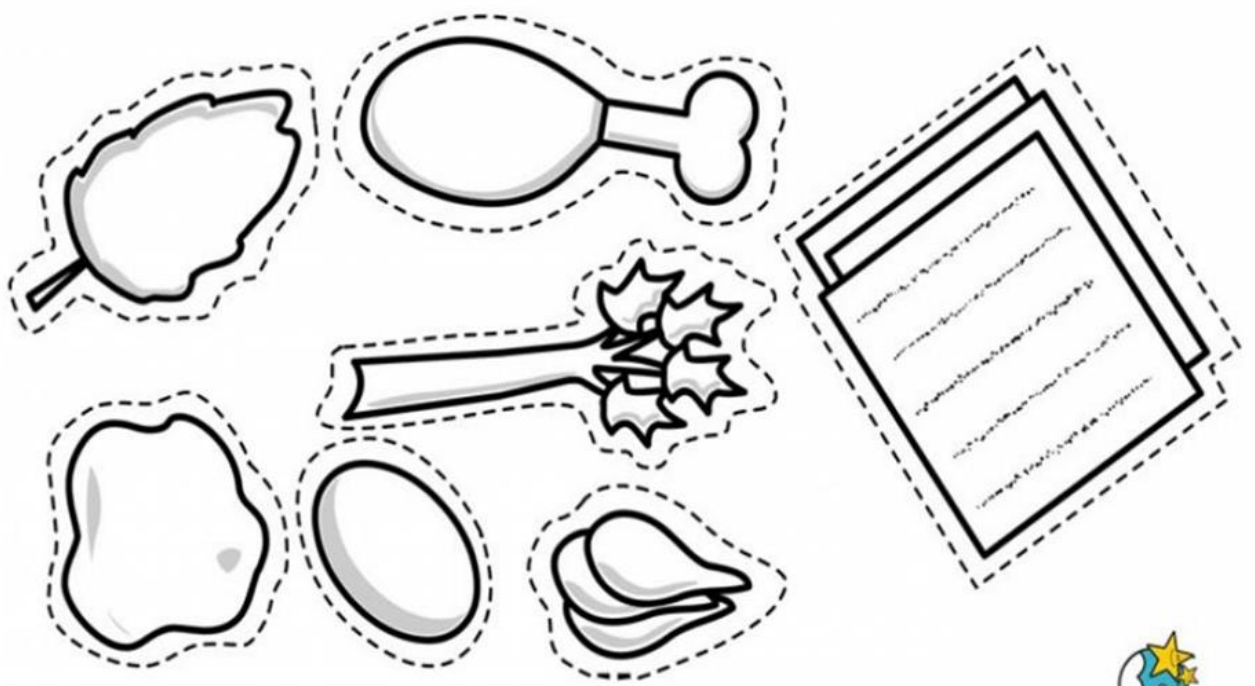
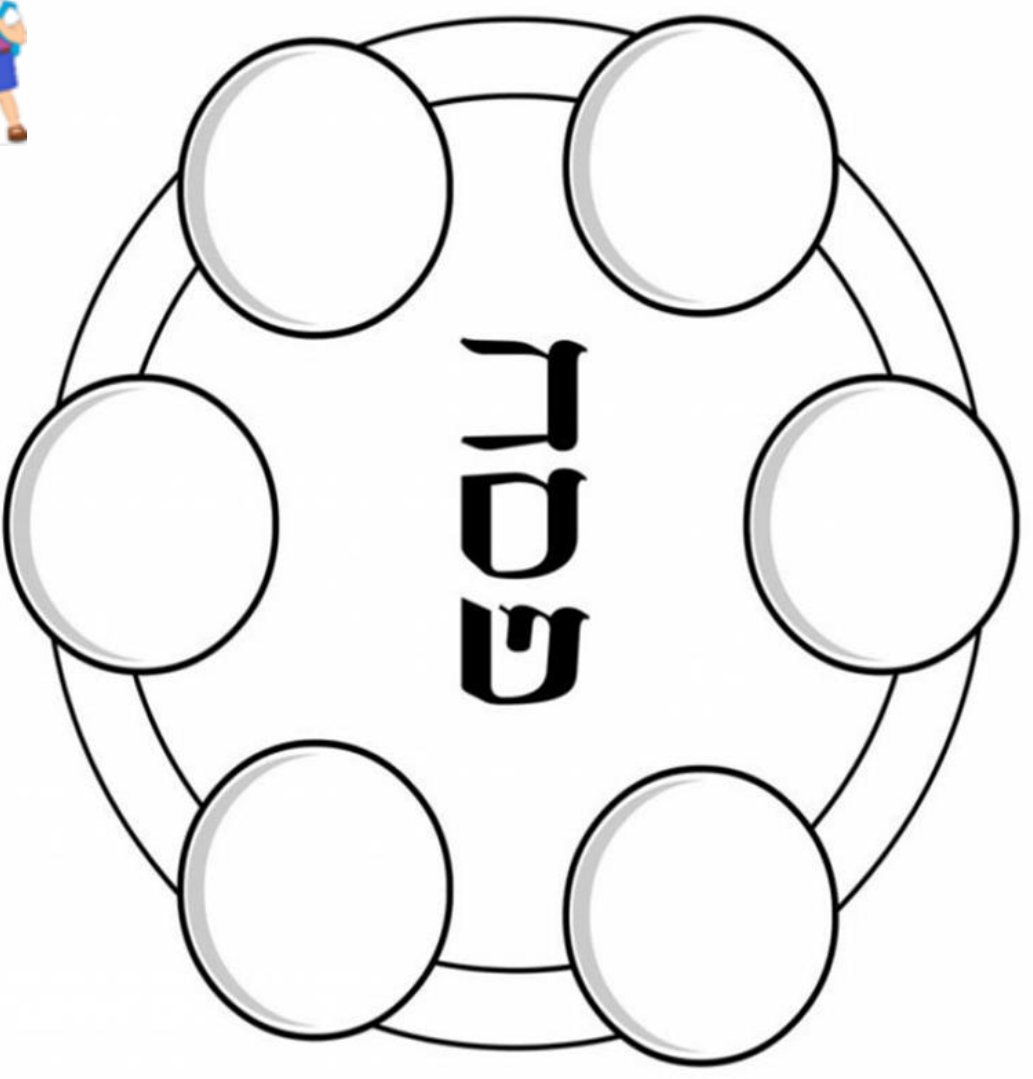
You will need to cut, paste and decorate.

Seder Plate Cut and Stick

Cut out the special foods and stick them onto their place on the Passover Seder Plate.



Celebrating Pesach... colouring!



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The Seder Table

Including children with setting the table is a great way for them to be involved. Encourage them to be creative and use their artwork as a way of enhancing your table. This year particularly will be more intimate and an opportunity to really acknowledge their artistic Pesach creations.

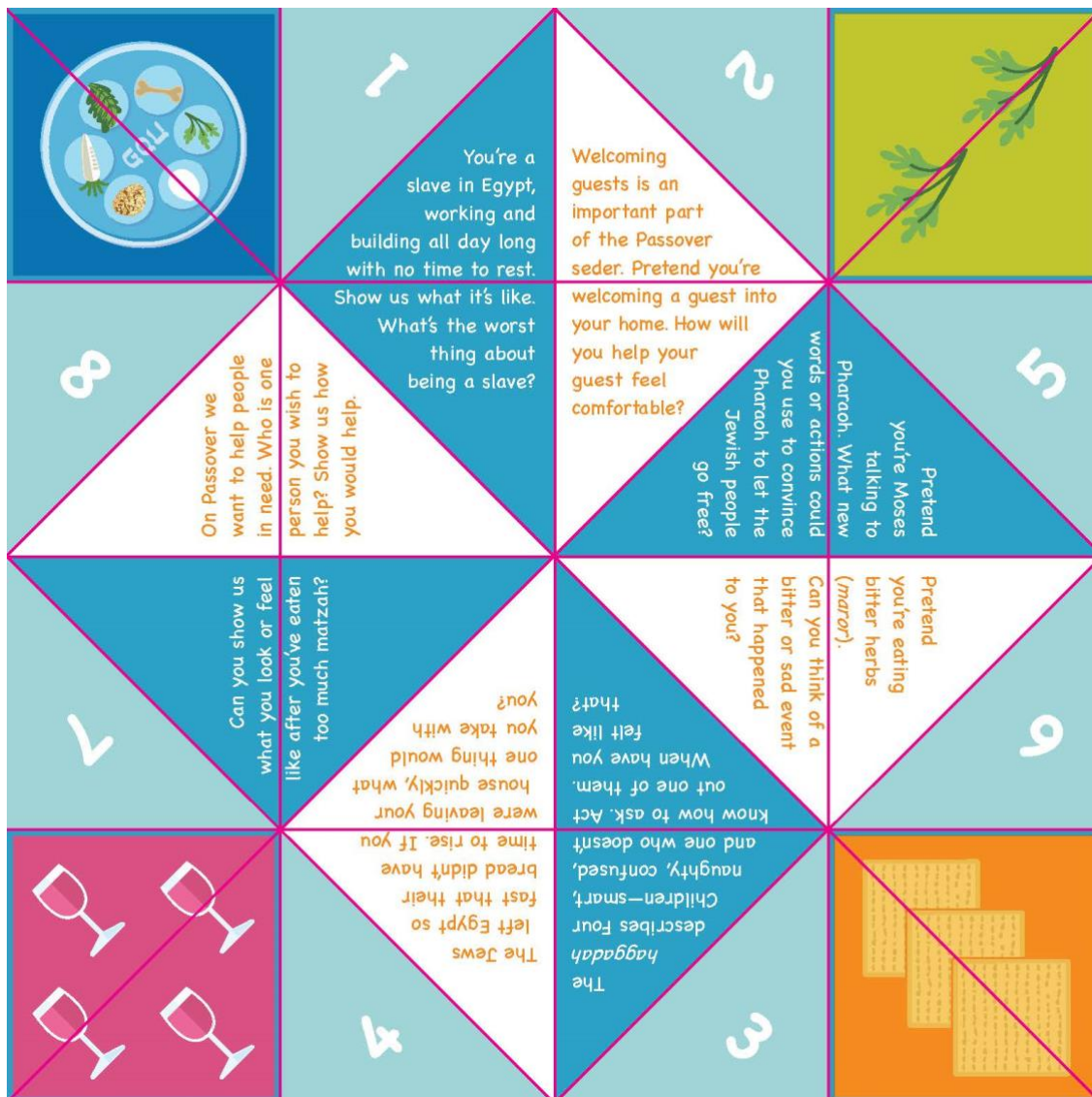
How will your table look? Will it be set in a special way?



Seder Games for Family Fun

Cut around the square of the chatterbox and fold along the pink lines to make a chatterbox to play during the Seder and have fun with your family!

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/march-2017/printable-pj-library-passover-question-catcher>



Pesach Tenpin Bowling



Tic Tac Toe



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The Ten Plagues

When Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go, Hashem sent punishments, known as plagues. There are 10 of them: water turning to blood, frogs, lice, flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and the killing (removal) of firstborn children.

The acknowledgement of the ten plagues brings the most delight to children. There are so many ways to present these to them. Here are just a few examples.



We recommend using puppets to retell the Pesach story. Ask your children to decorate the puppets before the Seder so they have some colour – or download the ones that are already colourful.

You can use [Ann Koffsky's](http://annkoffsky.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/passpup.pdf) version for older children: <http://annkoffsky.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/passpup.pdf>

Or this one from [Tori Avery](https://toriavey.com/home-garden/passover-finger-puppets-the-ten-plagues/): <https://toriavey.com/home-garden/passover-finger-puppets-the-ten-plagues/>



Or these quick posters from CreativeJewishMom -

<http://www.creativejewishmom.com/2011/04/ten-plagues-passover-craft-fun-placards-for-the-seder.html>

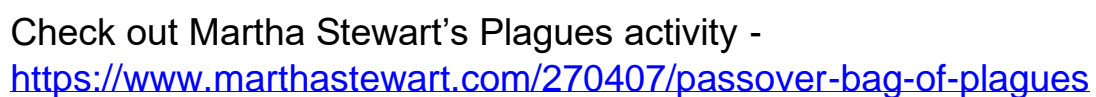
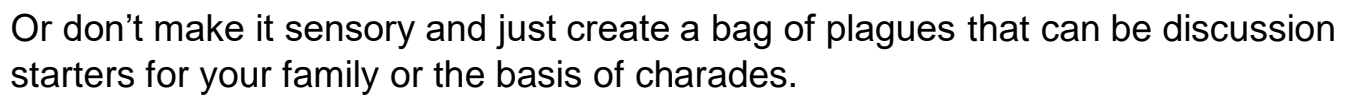
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Or try some origami:

<https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/origami-frogs-tutorial-origami-for-kids/>



This activity can be so much fun for everyone in the family. Grab any kind of bag and fill it with items that feel like the plagues ...



Kids in the Kitchen

There are lots of fun options to represent the plagues with edible ingredients.

Below we have selected just a few of our favourites:



The Afikomen

The Afikomen is a half-piece of matzah which is broken in two during the early stages of the Passover Seder and set aside to be eaten as a dessert after the meal. It is traditionally hidden by the leader during the seder and the children



Make an afikomen bag, by decorating a brown paper bag or even an envelope using stickers, washi tape, shiny jewels, coloured pens or drawing materials.



Wax Rubbing Matzah:

Use a brown wax crayon and a piece of paper

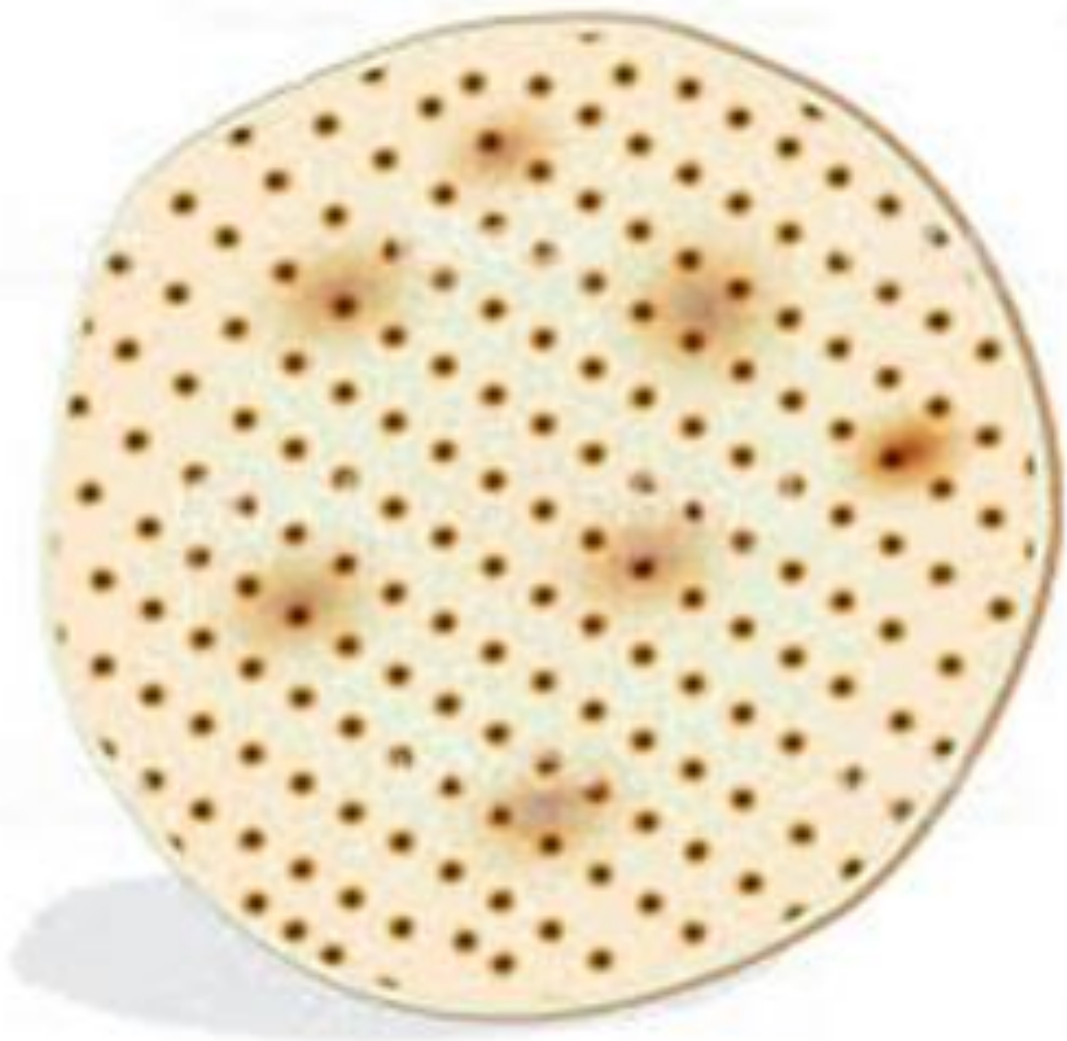
Place the paper onto your Lego board or outside on the driveway or patio tile

Rub the wax crayon over the paper and see the pattern that comes through..... it looks just like matzah!!!

Circle Cutting Matzah

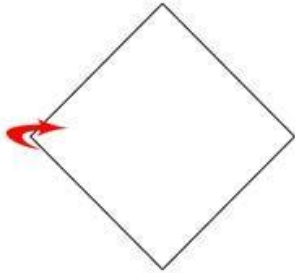
Cut the Afikomen outcarefully stay on the circle lines!!!

Now you can cut it in half and put one half into your Afikomen cover (the decorated envelope)

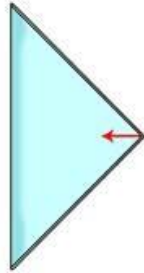


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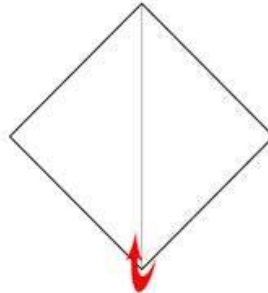
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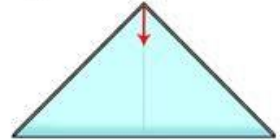
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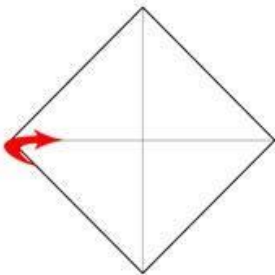
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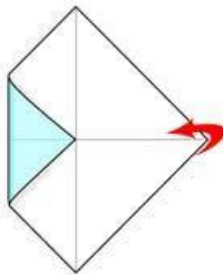
3. Fold the other half



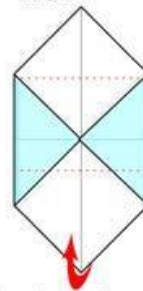
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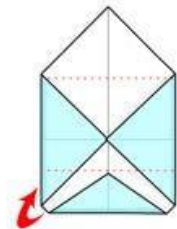
5. Fold the left corner to meet at the center



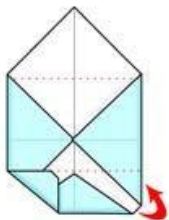
6. Repeat with the right corner



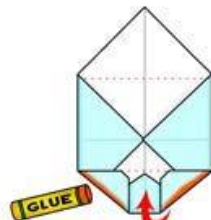
7. Fold the bottom corner up to the dotted line



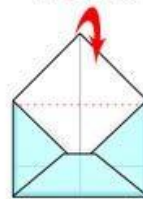
8. Fold the bottom left corner



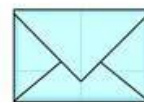
9. Repeat with the bottom right corner



10. Put glue and fold



11. Fold the triangular top



12. The envelope is complete

Elijah's Cup

At the conclusion of the seder, we set a cup of wine on the table for the Prophet Elijah, Eliyahu in Hebrew. We leave a door open as according to Jewish tradition he may enter our homes at any time as a guest.



A two-dimensional outline of a cup can be collaged with glitter, foam, mosaics, sequins or jewels.



A plastic wine cup can also be decorated with gems and jewels or even sharpie pens or use glue and coloured paper.



Clay or modelling dough can be used as a medium to sculpt, dry, paint and decorate into Elijah's cup.



Try covering a plastic glass in glue and then winding coloured wool from the top of the glass, down to the base. You can then decorate with jewels, so it is colourful and sparkly.



If you are up for a really big challenge, try building a matza house and decorating it. You can use melted chocolate or chocolate spread as the glue.



Some other ideas for creating an engaging Seder:

JOFA's excellent guide to creating an interactive Seder -

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/44883f_95bd769f56194b2b91533990e5c7620a.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1YTTa861zDGwRY6-ZRkUVHs6soxM2cE7nVHFmHgxcx9HoV9Dbwq-tWloY

Pardes' outstanding Seder Experience Guide -

https://elmad.pardes.org/2020/03/an-interactive-seder-experience-expanded-edition/?fbclid=IwAR2sQRLj1x_-KyNBMGBB0H0Nv8yiDMkh4pTXB822-i3cq-PVQzazuuWUETU

Just as we end the seder with “**Next Year in Jerusalem**”, we hope that next year we can all be “**Together**” to celebrate Pesach amongst family and friends.

