

## Toddlers Pesach Service

**Hag Sameach Song** (shaking hands and welcoming people to our service)

### Waking Up Song

I open one eye  
I open two eyes  
I say Modeh Ani  
which means Thank You.  
I wash my hands six times that's true  
That's what every  
Jewish boy and girl should do

### Modeh Ani

Modeh Ani lefanecha  
Melech chai vechayam  
Shehechezarta bi nishmarti  
Bechemlah, raba e-munatecha

### Pesach Quiz

- Why do we eat Matzah on Passover? To remind us of the dough that didn't have time to rise as our forefathers were rushed out of Egypt.
- Name the Four Sons? The wise, the wicked, the simple, and the one who doesn't know how to ask.

### A funny poem about the 4 Sons

To our [seder](#) last year came a strange-looking man with [four sons](#):  
*Smarty*, *Nasty*, and *Simple*, and *Sam*.  
Now *Smarty* was smart--yes, so clever and wise,  
he could do the whole [seder](#) while closing his eyes.  
From beginning to end,  
from the end to the start, he recited it over and over by heart.  
In Hebrew and Hindu, in Snufic and Roman, from the first [Ha Lachma](#)  
to the last [Afikoman](#).  
But *Nasty* refused to take part in the [seder](#).  
He just sat there and smiled with his pet alligator  
as he pulled people's hair and he poked people's eyes  
and sprinkled their [matzah](#) with beetles and flies.  
What he needs is a thwack on the back of the hands,  
or a slap in the face or a kick in the pants.  
Away in the corner sits sweet sister *Simple*.  
Whenever she smiles her face breaks out in dimples.

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She only asks about simple facts like "What's a [matzah](#)?"  
and "Tell me how tall is a Gloogasaurus Zax?"

And *Sam* doesn't even know what to say.

He just sits in his box till the end of the day,  
till his Dad packs him up and takes him away.

### **Pesach Quiz**

- How many cups of wine do we drink at the Seder? Four.
- What things connected with Seder night are associated with the number four?  
Four sons, four cups of wine, four questions.
- Why four cups of wine? To celebrate our freedom.
- What is the second plague? Frogs.

### **The Frog Song**

One morning when Pharaoh woke up in his bed,  
There were frogs on his pillow and frogs on his bed.  
Frogs on his nose and frogs on his toes.  
Frogs here, frogs there,  
Frogs were jumping everywhere.

### **Pesach Quiz**

- Why do we dip in the Charoset? The Charoset represents the cement that the Jews used to cement the bricks together in their slavery. Today we dip as a sign of freedom.

### **The Slave Song**

Bang bang bang, bang your hammers low  
Bang bang bang, give a heavy blow  
Cos it's work work work every day and every night  
Cos it's work work work in the dark and in the light.

Dig , Dig , dig dig your shovels deep  
Dig dig dig there's no time to sleep  
Cos it's work work work everyday and everynight  
Cos it's work work work in the dark and in the light!

### **Slave Song (2)**

Listen, Oh listen, oh listen king pharoh  
Listen, Oh listen, please let my people go  
We work so hard all day, we want to go away,  
Pharoh Oh Pharoh, Oh what do you say?  
**'No no no I will not let them go'**  
**No no no I will not let them go'**

## **Pesach Quiz**

- What does the shank bone remind us of? The Passover lamb that our forefathers sacrificed to God when they came out of Egypt.
- Can you say all ten plagues in order? Blood, frogs, vermin, wild beasts, pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, plague of the firstborn.
- Can you say the ten plagues backwards? Plague of the firstborn, darkness, locusts, hail, boils, pestilence, wild beasts, vermin, frogs, blood.

## **Torah, Torah**

Torah, Torah, Torah, Torah, Torah, Torah  
Torah tzivah lanu Moshe (repeat)  
Morashah Kehilat Ya'akov  
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Torah tzivah lanu Moshe

## **Shema**

### **Curtains on the Ark (to the tune of the Wheels on the Bus)**

The curtains on the Ark go open and shut, open and shut, open and shut  
The curtains on the Ark go open and shut, all through the Shul

The people in the Shul stand up, sit down, stand up sit down, stand up sit down  
The people in the Shul stand up, sit down, all through the Shul

The bells on the torah go ting a ling a ling, etc  
All through the Shul

The people in the shul go doven doven doven.....

### **Ting a Ling a Ling**

## **STORY**

Passover is a holiday of freedom from slavery. The Jewish people were slaves of the cruel Egyptians for over 200 years. Pharaoh, the King of the Egyptians, made the Jewish slaves so tired and confused that they didn't know what to do. Finally they realized that all they had to do was cry out to God and He would save them. He heard their cry, and sent ten awesome plagues to convince the Egyptians to let the Jews go. God even made a sea split in two so we could escape down the middle!

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We've been celebrating the great miracles that God did for us for over 3000 years! On Passover we remind ourselves of those great miracles and celebrate our freedom.

Why can we never forget what happened so long ago? For one reason, because we never want to give up our freedom. Even though nowadays physical slavery hardly exists, there are different forms of slavery. We have to fight to keep our minds and thoughts free from the slavery of doing foolish things, even when other people think it's a great thing to do.

*In our story today, a girl helps free her friend from a different kind of slavery.*

### **"The Freedom Trail"**

"Oww, ooh, don't walk so fast," pleaded Karen.

"What's wrong?" asked her friend Leslie, "You usually love to take nice brisk walks."

"I do," said Karen, but my feet don't. My shoes are killing me."

Leslie looked down at Karen's feet. She was wearing really tight looking shoes with very high heels.

"No wonder!" she cried. "Those shoes look like they came from a torture chamber. What are you wearing those for?"

"But they're the latest fashion," groaned Karen, trying her best to smile. "Everybody's wearing them."

"Well it must be that 'everybody' is standing in one place," said Leslie, "because it looks impossible to walk in those things."

"It sure is," admitted Karen

Leslie laughed. "C'mon Karen, I have an extra pair of sneakers in my bag. We're the same size. Put 'em on and give your feet a break."

Karen looked at her aching feet and thought about it. "But what'll all the girls say when they see I'm wearing sneakers instead of these 'in' shoes?"

Leslie smiled. "If they're smart, they'll say 'There goes a girl who freed her feet from the slavery of fashion.'"

The two friends laughed. Karen changed her shoes and felt great.

### **Questions**

#### **Age 3-5**

Q. How did Karen feel when Leslie first told her to change her shoes?

A. She wanted to wear the more comfortable sneakers, but she also didn't want to look out of fashion.

Q. Did she feel better when she took them off?

A. Yes, her feet didn't hurt and she saw she didn't have to wear them just because "everybody" did.

### **Elijah's Favorite Seder**

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Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berditchev, one of the great Hassidic teachers, looked forward to Seder night every year.

One year, after the Seder was over, Rabbi Levi Yitzhak went to sleep, content. He had conducted a great Seder with all his students round the table.

He fell into a deep sleep and dreamt a strange dream.

In the dream, the prophet Elijah is talking with the angels, giving them an account of the Seder he saw in Jewish homes. He describes the kids' excitement as their eyes are glued to the cup for Elijah to see if he came to visit them this year.

One of the angels asks, "But which was the most important Seder that you visited? Was it Rabbi Levi Yitzhak's?"

"Truth be told," Elijah answers, "Rabbi Levi Yitzhak's Seder was full of interesting discussions on the Haggadah, but it cannot be compared to the Seder of Chaim the water carrier."

At that Rabbi Levi Yitzhak woke up with a start and jumped out of bed. He had to speak to this water carrier named Chaim right away.

He shook awake one of his students who had fallen asleep at the table and sent him to seek out Chaim.

Eventually, the student found Chaim in a tumbledown hut at the edge of the town and brought him, dazed and barely awake, to Rabbi Levi Yitzhak's house.

Rabbi Levi Yitzhak welcomed the puzzled man, and offered him a chair opposite him.

Then he asked, "Tell me, my good Chaim, what happened last night at your Seder?"

Ashamed, looking down at his shabby shoes, Chaim answered:

"What kind of a Seder could an ignorant, tired fellow like me have? Yesterday, the day before Passover was a very hard day. All the houses were being cleaned, and water was in great demand. I walked backwards and forwards all day, trying to supply everyone with enough water. I slaved away with not a moment's rest.

"At the end of the day, I arrived home, half dead from exhaustion. My wife Rachel was just lighting the candles for the festival and I asked her to let me rest a while, and I fell into a deep sleep. When I awoke it was nearly dawn.

"Of course, I quickly woke up Rachel. There was no time now to read the whole Haggadah, so we drank the four cups of wine, and ate the matzah and some maror, and with whatever time I had left, I pleaded with God: 'Almighty, please forgive a simple ignorant man. All I know is that you delivered us in the past from the cruel hands of the Egyptians -- you have led us out of slavery to freedom. And now we are all in exile again, and I ask you with all my heart to lead us again into freedom!'"

Having finished his story of woe, the water carrier waited, sure that the great Rabbi Levi Yitzhak would reprimand him for not making a proper Seder.

But instead, Rabbi Levi Yitzchok put his hand on Chaim's shoulder and turned to his students and said, "It is extremely important to follow the order of the Seder, but now we know why this man's Seder was the most pleasing to Elijah the Prophet."

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### Notes

Judaism teaches that "Every individual has to see himself as though he himself was redeemed from Egypt." Telling over the story of going out of Egypt is not enough -- we have to connect with it ourselves.

Chaim, a simple ignorant Jew, in his one sentence Seder, found favor in God's eyes, because of the depth of his sincerity and his commitment to do the best that he knew. "What comes out of the heart, goes into the heart."

### Discussion Questions

What did Chaim do at his Seder that made it more important than even Rabbi Yitzhak's Seder in the eyes of the Prophet Elijah?

What can we learn from this story?

### Suggested Answers

Chaim asked from a really sincere and honest place for God to give him freedom and did the best that he could. He honestly felt a personal going out of Egypt.

Our intentions are very important when we do a mitzvah. Only God can know what is in our hearts.

Even the wisest of men can learn from a simple person. In Ethics of the Fathers, the Sages teach: "Who is a wise man? Someone who learns from every person."

### Pesach Quiz

- Who am I? I am the last thing you eat before you bensch, say the blessing after the meal. There are often lots of fights over who hides me and who finds me. Who am I? The Afikoman.
- Who am I? I am one of the key figures in the story of the going out of Egypt. I lost my whole army and half my country in my stubbornness. Who am I? Pharaoh.

### Walking through the Red Sea

We were walking through the Red Sea and this is what we saw,

We saw a lot of ..... and then we saw some more

We looked to the left, we looked to the right and this is what we saw,

We saw a lot of ..... And then we saw some more

### Pesach Quiz

- Who am I? I am one of the plagues. I made the Egyptians itch like crazy all over. Who am I? Lice.
- Who am I? My name does not appear once in the Haggadah, but I went several times to Pharaoh with my brother to try and persuade him to let the Jewish people go. Who am I? Moses.
- Who do we fill a cup for on the Seder table and hope he comes and joins our Seder? Elijah.

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### Dayenu

Ilu ho-tsi, ho-tsi-a-nu,  
Ho-tsi-a-nu mi-Mitz-ra-yim,  
Ho-tsi-a-nu mi-Mitz-ra-yim,  
Da-ye-nu!

CHORUS: . Dai, da-ye-nu,  
Dai, da-ye-nu, Dai, da-ye-nu,  
Da-ye-nu, da-ye-nu, da-ye-nu!  
Dai, da-ye-nu, Dai, da-ye-nu,  
Dai, da-ye-nu, Da-ye-nu, da-ye-nu!

Ilu na-tan, na-tan la-nu,  
Na-tan la-nu et-ha-Sha-bat,  
Na-tan la-nu et-ha-Sha-bat,  
Da-ye-nu!

(CHORUS)

Ilu na-tan, na-tan la-nu,  
Na-tan la-nu et-ha-To-rah,  
Na-tan la-nu et-ha-To-rah,  
Da-ye-nu!  
Chorus

**(A singable English version:)**  
Had He brought all, brought all of us,  
brought all of us out from Egypt,  
then it would have been enough. Oh,  
Dayenu.

Chorus: Da-da-yeinu, da-da-yeinu  
da-da-yeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu.  
(repeat)

Had He given, given to us, given to us  
all the Sabbath,  
then it would have been enough. Oh,  
dayenu.

Chorus

Had He given, given to us, given to us  
all the Torah,  
then it would have been enough. Oh,  
dayenu. **Chorus**

Singing Dayenu is a joyous moment in the seder because as a group we declare, our many reasons for being thankful.

What is your personal dayenu? What makes you thankful to be living, today, in this particular place and time?

**Parents and Readers to Sing  
A Few of My Favorite Things  
(Sung to the tune of "These are a few  
of my favorite things")**

Cleaning and cooking and so many  
dishes  
Out with the chametz, no pasta, no  
knishes  
Fish that's gefillted, horseradish that  
stings  
These are a few of our passover things.

Matzoh and karpas and chopped up  
haroset  
Shankbones and kiddish and yiddish  
neuroses  
Tante who kvetches and uncle who  
sings  
These are a few of our Passover things.

**Just a Tad of Charoset  
(to the tune of "Just a spoon full of  
sugar")**

Chorus:  
Just a tad of charoset helps the bitter  
herbs go down,  
the bitter herbs go down, the bitter herbs  
go down.  
Just a tad of charoset helps the bitter  
herbs go down,  
In the most disguising way.

Oh, back in Egypt long ago, the Jews  
were slaves under Pharaoh.  
They sweat and toiled and labored  
through the day.  
So when we gather Pesach night, we do  
what we think right.  
Maror, we chew, to feel what they went  
through.

Motzi and maror and trouble with  
Pharaohs  
Famines and locusts and slaves with  
wheelbarrows  
Matzah balls floating and eggshell that  
cling  
These are a few of our Passover things.

When the plagues strike  
When the lice bite  
When we're feeling sad  
We simply remember our Passover  
things  
And then we don't feel so bad.

Chorus: Just a tad of charoset...

So after years of slavery, they saw no  
chance of being free.  
Their suffering was the only life they  
knew.  
But baby Moses grew up tall, and said  
he'd save them all.  
He did, and yet, we swear we won't  
forget. That.....

Chorus: Just a tad of charoset...

While the maror is being passed, we all  
refill our water glass,  
preparing for the taste that turns us red.  
Although maror seems full of minuses, it  
sure does clear our sinuses.  
But what's to do? It's hard to be a Jew!!!

Chorus: Just a tad of charoset

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### **Ma Tovv**

Ma Tovv  
Ohalecha Ya'acov  
Mishcanotecha  
Yisroel

### **Cock-a-doodle-do**

Cock-a-doodle-do  
We don't know what to do  
What do we do at Pesach  
Cock-a-doodle-do

Cock-a-doodle-do  
We know what to do  
We eat matzah at Pesach  
Cock-a-doodle-do

### **The Ten Commandments Song**

Hashem gave us the ten commandments  
The Ten commandments, ten commandments  
Hashem gave us the ten commandments  
And this is what they say:

Listen to your mum and dad and do what they say  
Have a nice rest on the Shabbat day  
Never take other people's things away  
It's all in the ten commandments.

Hashem gave us the ten commandments  
The Ten commandments, ten commandments  
Hashem gave us the ten commandments  
And this is what they say:

I am your G-d never worship any other  
Never tell lies about your sisters or your brothers  
Enjoy yourself never envy others  
Its all in the ten commandments

Ten- nine- eight-seven-six-five-four-three-two-one.

### **Adon Alom**