



Abridged Passover Seder

Using the Abridged Passover Seder.

Various parts downloaded from www.scriptureunion.org.uk/substance and adapted for use by P. Burdett

RESOURCES.

You will need:

Bibles

Table and chairs

Candles and matches

Wine glasses

Non-alcoholic wine (Red grape juice)

A bowl of water and towels for hand washing

A bowl of saltwater

Parsley

Matzoh (unleavened bread)

Horseradish

Bitter herbs (Romaine lettuce)

Lamb (a soft toy will do, unless you want to roast a joint)

You will also need to print out the pages on the Resource sheet double sided and make into an A5 sized booklet to give to each person:

http://www.wordlive.org/uploads/wordlight/resources/SUBstance_Vol7_CP3_CrossForesheadows_PassoverSeder.pdf

- Download the 'Passover Seder' web resource. This contains everything you need to know to have an abridged Passover Seder meal with your group. Before the session, familiarise yourself with what is involved; gather together everything you'll need and print out a copy of the Seder for everyone in the group.
- Set up the room before the young people arrive and decide who will take the parts of the mother and father.
- As each person arrives, welcome them and guide them to their seats. When everyone is there explain that this is an abridged version of the Seder meal, but



hopefully it will give them an idea of the various elements that make up a Jewish Seder.

- When you come to the end of the Seder, talk about how the Old Testament is full of references to the cross and that they will be looking in particular at these with regard to Passover. Ask the young people to help tidy everything away before continuing with the session.

Read the following together: Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:7-20

Ask:

- What links was Jesus trying to emphasise in these passages? (Links between the Passover story and his death)
- Discuss together the differences between the Old and New Covenants.
- Read the story of the Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35. Discuss the emotions that the 2 disciples must have felt as they went on this journey.
- At what point did they recognise Jesus? Why? What was their response?
- Break into small groups to discuss why Eucharist/Communion is so important to Christians and why is this celebration carried out in community?
- Feedback.
- What should our preparation for and response be to taking part in Eucharist?
- Arrange for the group to attend a Eucharist service allowing time for questions and discussion afterwards, perhaps at someone's home over a meal.