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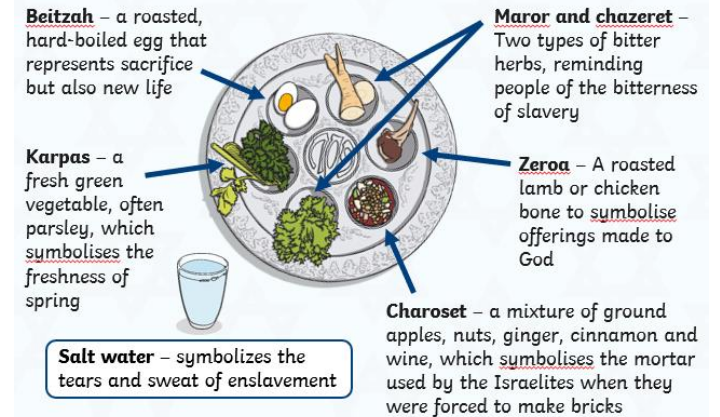
Spring 1

How special is the relationship Jews have with God?



The Seder meal.

This is a special **kosher** meal that Jewish families have once a year at the Festival of Passover. All the foods on the plate represent something from the story of Passover.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
charoset	A sweet relish made from apples and walnuts. Represents the mortar used to make bricks that the slaves used to build for the Pharaoh
beitzah	An egg. This represents spring and the circle of life
karpas	Greens or parsley. Represents the Spring.
kosher	Food that has been cooked, prepared and eaten according to Jewish law.
maror	A bitter herb, often horseradish or romaine lettuce. Represents the bitterness of slavery
matzah/matzo cracker	Represents the flatbread the Israelites took with them on their journey.
salt water	represents the tears of slavery/new life and water as the mother of all life.
zeroah	A lamb bone. Represents the sacrifice of animals at the temple so that people can be cleansed from sin.

Pesach

Passover is also known as **Pesach**. It remembers the time in Egypt when the angel of death passed over each house to save the firstborn. Passover is celebrated for seven or eight days.

Passover and the Seder meal are one of the ways Jews remember their special relationship with God. They do as He asked and celebrate Passover to remember the Exodus.

Passover

Passover is an important date in the Jewish calendar. It is a time when Jews remember a special story from a long time ago.

Over 3000 years ago a group of people called the Israelites were being kept slaves by the Pharaoh, rulers of Egypt. Moses asked him to set the people free many times, but he refused. So, God made terrible things called plagues happen, for example the water turned to blood, frogs and animals ran wild, bails of hail fell from the sky and bugs called locusts ate all the Egyptian food.

Jewish people believe it was God who allowed the Israelites to be freed from slavery and escape these plagues. God asked them to follow His instructions in order to survive and to remember the night forever. It was important that the Israelites followed God's instructions as it allowed the plagues to 'passover' them.