

# Year 2 Firecrests

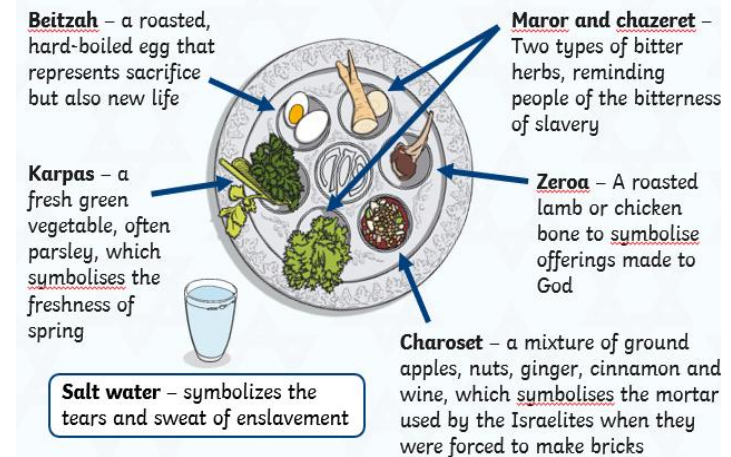
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How special is the relationship Jews have with God?

Key Vocabulary	Definition
<b>beitzah</b>	An egg. This represents spring and the circle of life
<b>charoset</b>	A sweet relish made from apples and walnuts. Represents the mortar used to make bricks that the slaves used to build for the Pharaoh
<b>Jew</b>	The name of a person who follows religion of Judaism.
<b>Judaism</b>	The name of the religion Jews follow.
<b>karpas</b>	Greens or parsley. Represents the Spring.
<b>kosher</b>	Food that has been cooked, prepared and eaten according to Jewish law.
<b>maror</b>	A bitter herb, often horseradish or romaine lettuce. Represents the bitterness of slavery
<b>matzah/matzo cracker</b>	Represents the flatbread the Israelites took with them on their journey.
<b>Moses</b>	An important prophet who led the Israelites out of slavery in ancient Egypt and is a key figure in Judaism.
<b>Passover/Pesach</b>	A celebration of the story of ancient Israelites escaping slavery in Egypt, led by Moses
<b>salt water</b>	represents the tears of slavery/new life and water as the mother of all life.
<b>Seder meal</b>	A special meal Jews make to celebrate Passover.
<b>zeroah</b>	A lamb bone. Represents the sacrifice of animals at the temple so that people can be cleansed from sin.

## 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.



## Painting blood

Blood was painted on the houses of the Jews so that the plagues would pass over them, leaving the occupants safe.



## Passover, or Pesach

Passover, or Pesach, 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 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.

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