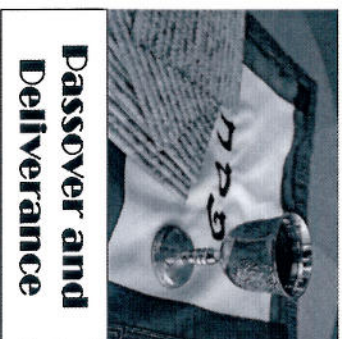


# GOD'S STORY OUR STORY

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## Passover and Deliverance

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

You have led your chosen people for generations, O God. Keep us mindful of your faithfulness and trusting in the next step you have in store for us. For the sake of Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Exodus 12:3-4*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

A secret command, a strange ritual, and an epic journey begins.

Could Israel have even imagined the adventure which lay ahead, their tour guide none other than the Almighty God?

**Consider:** Consider this theme for the week's text.

Some of God's grandest moments happen when the community comes together.

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Passover and Deliverance*, Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

Monday: *Pillars of Cloud and Fire*, Exodus 13:17-22

Tuesday: *Crossing the Red Sea*, Exodus 14:1-31

Wednesday: *Songs of Moses and Miriam*, Exodus 15:1-21

Thursday: *Manna and Quail*, Exodus 16:1-36

Friday: *Jethro Advises Moses Concerning Leadership*, Exodus 18:1-27

Saturday: *The Ten Commandments*, Exodus 20:1-21

**What did God do for the people of Israel? Where was God faithful? Where were the people faithful?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**How can you, like Moses, help set people free today from bondage, addiction, poverty, abuse, and more?**

**In what ways has God set you free? In what ways do you still feel bound?**

**Do:** By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Attend an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Listen to the stories of people who were in bondage to addiction. Pay attention to how they became freed from the daily horrors of addiction. How are they still struggling to stay sober? Share something about yourself in the meeting to let them know you are there to learn.

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God deliver you from bondage to sin and death. Amen.