

Everyday FAITH Family Page

Old Testament 2

Law/Gospel

As a sinner, I fear death. **In Christ, I look forward to eternal life; I no longer have to fear death.**

Bible Words

Fear not! Behold, your God will come . . . and save you.
Isaiah 35:4

In Remembrance, for Forgiveness of Sins

God told the Israelites to eat the Passover meal to remember that He brought them out of slavery in Egypt.

Jesus celebrated a last Passover meal with His disciples, right before His arrest. There, He instituted the Lord's Supper with new meaning in bread and wine.

Passing the bread, He said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me" (1 Corinthians 11:24).

Sharing the cup of wine, Jesus said, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:27–28).

The Passover

Exodus 11–12

God's love for the children of Israel culminated on the night of the Passover. Although God sent nine horrific plagues, Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites leave Egypt. Through Moses, the Lord warned He would kill all the firstborn of Egypt if Pharaoh did not relent.

Pharaoh hardened his heart. The Lord acted. Finally, Pharaoh *chased* the Israelites out of Egypt.

The Lord gave His people a remembrance dinner of lamb and other foods to recall Passover. Through it, God rescued His people from slavery, gave them new life, and set them on the road to the Promised Land.

Later, God gave His own Son as the Passover Lamb, sacrificed for the sins of the world. Jesus, the firstborn of the dead, rose from the dead three days later. Through His actions, Jesus rescued His people from slavery to sin and death, gave us new life, and set us on the road to the Promised Land of heaven.

Sing a Song

We refer to Jesus as the "Lamb of God" frequently in worship. Banners and altar cloths often feature lamb images. We sing the Agnus Dei (the Lamb of God) before the Lord's Supper: "Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us."

We sing "This Is the Feast," declaring "Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God." Other hymns and Christian songs teach about Jesus, the Lamb too.

Pick a favorite "Lamb of God" song and sing it at home this week. Learning to sing worship songs lets children participate in worship and learn important truths about Jesus too.

Prayer

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and empower us to serve You in joy and thankfulness. In Your name we pray. Amen.