

## Games – Week of July 27th

**Bible Point:** God saves us, so...trust God!

**Bible Story:** Moses remembers Passover. (Exodus 12:1-30)

**Key Verse:** “‘For I am with you and will save you,’ says the Lord.” (Jeremiah 30:11)

Egypt was still reeling from nine severe plagues when God dealt the last and most convincing blow of all— the death of every firstborn son. From the poorest Egyptian slave to Pharaoh himself, no household would be spared. Except those of the Israelites.



God instructed the Israelites to carefully prepare for this event and to never forget it. Each household selected a lamb without blemish and sacrificed it to the Lord. The perfect lamb died in place of the firstborn child. This sacrifice became a symbol that the Israelites understood: An innocent life had to be taken to spare them from death. That night, death and grief filled every Egyptian house... but gratitude and renewed faith overflowed each Israelite home. Although they didn't understand it at the time, that sacrifice looked forward to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who shed his blood and died so that all who believe in him might be saved from spiritual death and eternity apart from God.

Our need for God's salvation is no less today. Without Jesus' death and resurrection, we're like the Egyptians—vulnerable, unprotected, and unforgiven. Under Jesus' sacrifice, we have the provision, protection, and promise of a merciful God. Today, explore the power of the Passover experience and connecting it to the way God saved us by sending his Son, Jesus, to be the sacrifice for our sins.

**Gather the following supplies:**

-Blanket or large beach towel

**Game: Wrap & Go**

1. **Say:** *All this packing and unpacking gets so tiring! I'll bet there's a better— more fun—way to get our tents and blankets across the desert.*
2. Have kids line up on opposite ends of the playing area. Be sure they have plenty of room between them.
3. Lay a blanket on the ground in front of one person. Demonstrate how to lie at one end of the blanket with your head off of the blanket. Then roll yourself up in the blanket...and keep rolling across the playing area to the other half of the group! When you reach the other end, shout “God saves us, so...” and direct the others to shout, “trust God! ”
4. The next person in line will unwrap you, and then it will be his or her turn to wrap up and go!
5. After demonstrating, say “Go!” and have kids take turns wrapping, rolling, and unwrapping each other, relay-sty.

