

**Unit 6.3a: Why is the Exodus such a significant event in Jewish and Christian History?**

**Christian Concepts: People of God:**

(Those people who believe in, follow and belong to God.)

**Key Questions:**

- Why did God choose Moses?
- Why is the Exodus such a significant event in Jewish and Christian history?
- What is freedom?
- Why is freedom important?
- What does it mean to be free?
- Why is it important to remember?

**Christian Values:**

Faith, Hope,  
Justice and Peace



**Key Vocabulary:**

**Exodus:** The departure of the Israelites from Egypt.

**Freedom:** Not being imprisoned; able to think and act as we wish.

**Israel:** A country in the Middle East; the name given to Jacob by God and then given as a name for God's people - Israelites.

**Moses:** The Hebrew prophet who led God's people out of slavery in Egypt.

**Passover:** Jewish festival which commemorates the delivery of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, when the Angel of Death 'passed over' them.

**Seder:** The special meal celebrated on the first evening of the festival of Passover.

**Slavery:** Being a slave; working hard without proper pay or appreciation; having freedom restricted.

**Key Bible Passages:**

**Exodus 12**

God instructed the Israelites to choose a perfect lamb and sacrifice and eat the lamb with their families. They had to dawb some of the blood around their doorposts.

*'<sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.'*

The Plague of the Firstborn struck in every Egyptian household. Pharaoh summoned Moses:

*'<sup>31</sup> During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested.'*

Over 600,000 Israelites left Egypt.

The Gospels record Jesus eating the Passover with his disciples at the Last Supper.

Christians believe Jesus is the perfect Passover lamb who was crucified and died to rescue them from being slaves to sin and fear of death.



**The Seder plate (Ka'arah) has special sections that hold special Seder food.**

**Zeroah** is a roasted lamb bone. (Offerings)

**Charoset** is a paste of chopped apples, walnuts and wine. (Mortar in Egypt)

**Maror** is a very bitter herb made from horseradish. (Suffering)

**Chazeret** is another bitter herb, usually romaine lettuce. (Suffering)

**Karpas** is a small slice of a vegetable which is dipped in salt water. (Tears)

**Beitzah** is a hard-boiled egg. (Offerings)