

Crossword Puzzle

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Across Clues

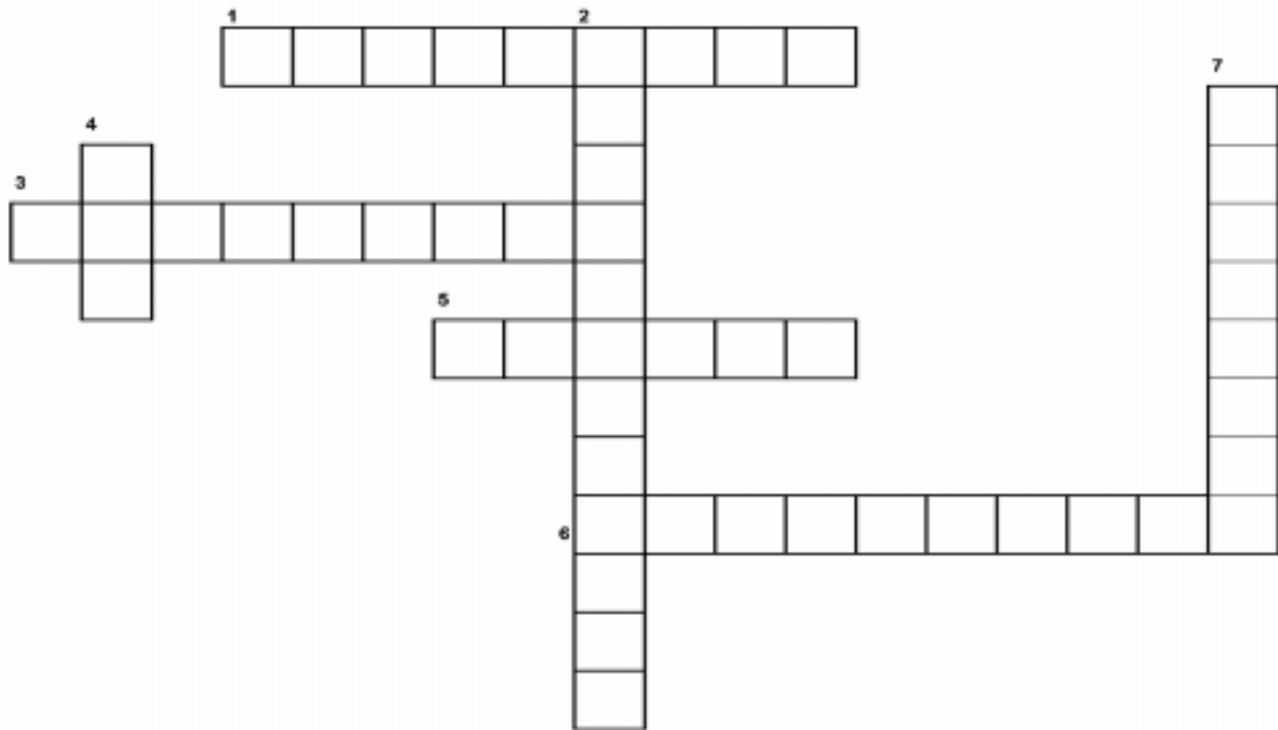
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Timeline of U.S. Holidays

Lesson 10

- New Year's Day
- Valentine's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- April Fool's Day
- Easter
- Mother's Day
- Memorial Day
- Father's Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Halloween
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Origin of Passover

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GROUP A

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Hundreds of years ago in Egypt.

2. **What was happening before the first Passover?**

At the time, the Jews were slaves in Egypt. Every year the Egyptian Pharaoh (the ruler or king of Egypt) became more and more cruel to the Jewish slaves. Moses asked the Pharaoh to let the slaves go free. Each time the Pharaoh said "No." Each time God sent a plague to Egypt (bad trouble for the whole country).

GROUP B

1. **What were these plagues? (in Exodus 7-12)**

- (1) Nile River water turned to blood
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- (3) Lice
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- (5) Disease in animals, horses, donkeys, camels, cattle, sheep
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Death of the firstborn male child or animal in every family

3. **Did the Jewish firstborn die also?**

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GROUP C

1. **What was God's plan to save the Jewish first-born males?**

God told the Jews to kill a perfect one-year-old male lamb, put some of its blood over the door of each Jewish home. He told them also to cook the lamb over a fire; make bread without yeast (no time to let the dough rise!); and eat these with bitter herbs. While the Jewish families ate that night, the death angel came to take the firstborn male child in every family. The death angel "passed over" the house (i.e., did not enter) if it had blood over the door of the home. The next day the Pharaoh let the Jewish people leave Egypt. They had been in Egypt for 400 years!

2. **How is Passover celebrated now?**

Every year the Passover celebration is on the 15th day of the first month and lasts for seven days. The Jewish families eat lamb, bread without yeast, and bitter herbs. These remind the families of God's work to free them from slavery.

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The Significance of Blood Sacrifice

Lesson 10

WHAT

Perfect lamb — male first-born — for shedding of life's blood.

"The Law says that ... sins are not forgiven unless blood is given." (Hebrews 9:22, NLV)

Perfect lamb — male first-born — for shedding blood

Perfect Lamb of God (Jesus) plus shedding blood

"See! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29, NLV)

"You know you were not bought and made free from sin by paying gold or silver which comes to an end. And you know you were not saved from the punishment of sin by the way of life that you were given from your early fathers ... The blood of Christ saved you ... Christ was given as a lamb without sin and without spot." (1 Peter 1:18-19, NLV)

WHEN

In the Old Way of Worship

"Once each year the head religious leader would go into the inside tent alone. He would not go in without blood. He gave this blood to God as a gift in worship for his own sins and for the sins of all the people who sinned without knowing it." (Hebrews 9:7, NLV)

At the Passover Celebration

At the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

"Jesus is holy and has no guilt. He has never sinned and is different from sinful men ... He gave one gift on the altar and that gift was Himself." (Hebrews 7:26-27, NLV)

"The blood of Jesus Christ ... makes our lives clean from all sin." (1 John 1:7, NLV)

"Christ never sinned but God put our sin on Him. Then we are made right with God because of what Christ has done for us." (2 Corinthians 5:21, NLV)

WHY

To deliver (make free) from the penalty of sin

"The fire that lasts forever." (Matthew 25:41, NLV)

"The life of the flesh is in the blood ... For the blood makes you free from sin because of the life in it." (Leviticus 17:11, NLV)

To remember the deliverance from slavery in Egypt and the first Passover when the death angel "passed over" Jewish homes and did not take the first-born male child.

To be the supreme — once for all time — sacrifice for the sins of the world

"He paid for our sins with His own blood. He did not pay for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2, NLV)

"He gave Himself as a gift to die on a cross for our sins so that God would not hold these sins against us any longer." (Hebrews 2:17, NLV)

"No more gifts on the altar in worship are needed when our sins are forgiven ... we can go into the Holiest Place of All because the blood of Jesus was given." (Hebrews 10:18-19, NLV)

"Because of the blood of Christ, we are bought and made free from the punishment of sin. And because of His blood, our sins are forgiven." (Ephesians 1:7, NLV)

"God sent Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life's blood, so that by faith in him we could come to God." (Romans 3:25 CEV)

"God makes anyone right with Himself who puts his trust in Jesus." (Romans 3:26, NLV)

God's Plan
God so loved the world that He gave His only Son
whoever puts his trust in God's Son
will not be lost but will have life that lasts forever.

*John 3:16
(NLT)*