# **Disposition: Remembering Roots**

## **Lesson:** Two

### Question/LO: What does Pesach (Passover) remember?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views | Recap on the commemoration of the Shabbat from the previous lesson.  One of the elements used in the celebration of Shabbat is bread. Ask pupils if they can remember what this special bread was called and why it was important.  Tell the story of Pesach. This story is found in the book of Exodus which is the second book of the Hebrew Torah. The story in Exodus also appears in the Christian Bible.  The story is told in Chapters 7-12 although you may want to use a retelling of the story. The story tells of the people of Israel as slaves of the Pharaoh in Egypt. The Pharaoh would not let the people go and be free. In response God sent ten plagues on the people of Egypt to encourage the Pharaoh to free the slaves. The final plague to strike the land was the death of the first born, but the houses of the slaves or Hebrews were safe and were ‘passed over’. Hence the festival is called the Passover or Pesach in Hebrew.  Recap the story with pupils. Be sure that the following is included:  - The Hebrews were slaves in Egypt  - Moses as a boy escaped death  - Moses asks Pharaoh to let people go and be freed  - God sends nine plagues on the Egyptians  - The tenth plague is the killing of the first-born son – Hebrews or slaves were safe  - The slaves were freed  - Escape through the parting of the Red/Reed sea  Ask pupils to recreate their own storyboard to retell five or six main events of the story.  Reintroduce the concept of special days, symbols or objects to remember past events. For example, birthdays, the poppy as a symbol for Remembrance day or wearing a Pudsey badge for Children in Need.  Clarify with pupils - What does the festival of Pesach remember? | Let My People Go 9781851752102  (also Big Book 9781851752096)  Festivals  Jean Gilbert  ISBN 0193212854  My Jewish Faith  Anne Clarke  ISBN 023751897-X |