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Exodus 11-12

Early Childhood

1EXO04EC

God's Special Passover Night

Materials I Need:

Memory Verse:

I will take you as My own people, and I will be your God. Exodus 6:7

Attribute of God emphasized in this lesson: God keeps His promises.

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. Did Moses tell Pharaoh to let God's people go? (Yes)
2. Did Pharaoh say, "No," to God? (Yes. Pharaoh said, "No," nine times.)
3. Did the Israelites obey God and put red blood around their doors? (Yes)
4. Did God take care of His own people in their houses? (Yes. God's people were safe in their houses.)
5. Who took the Israelites safely out of Egypt? (God. Say the memory verse.)

Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:

1. What instructions did God give Moses for the Israelites to do on their last night in Egypt? (God told the Israelites to kill and roast a lamb, put the blood around their doors, and stay in their houses.)
2. What was the name of the special night when God took His people out of Egypt? (Passover)
3. What happened at midnight on the night of Passover? (God sent the tenth plague to Egypt. All the firstborn children of the families in Egypt who did not have blood on around their doors died at midnight. Pharaoh told the Israelites to leave Egypt quickly.)
4. Why did the Israelites eat their Passover meal with their coats on? (They were obeying God so that they would be ready to leave Egypt quickly.)
5. Why did God keep the Israelites safe in their houses? (Say the memory verse.)

Key for symbols:



This box symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please



Hook:



Lesson Review: Look over last week's Look section and use one or more activities for review during today's Hook time. Incorporate last week's pictures to remind the children what they have been learning in the book of Exodus.



Branch Painting Center: Provide a large piece of construction or butcher paper, a painting shirt, red tempera paint and a short branch or dried weed for each participant. Put the paint in a pie tin in the center of the table. Have the children dip their branches into the paint and sweep them across the

paper to make different designs. In today's Bible Adventure, God's people, the Israelites, painted their door frames red just as God had told them to do.

Treasure Box Review: Sing the treasure box song of your choice and pull out items to review the book of Exodus so far.

Counting the Plagues: (Last week's 1EXO03ECGF12 pictures) Place nine copies of last week's GF12 plague pictures in the center of the table. Ask a child to choose one and try to find eight others so that they have nine in all. When the child is done, all the pictures go to the center of the table. Another child chooses a different one. Older children could see who could find all nine first. Talk about how God had to cause plagues on the Egyptians and Pharaoh because he wouldn't let the Israelites leave. Today we will hear about the last plague.

Cooking Center: Provide pans and canned and boxed foods, and pretend to be preparing a meal. Ask children to wear their coats because they are going to hear about the Israelites eating with their coats on. They will have to wait and find out why the Israelites might do this funny thing!

② **Playdough Center:** Make different bread and roll shapes with the play dough and pretend to bake and eat them. Today's Bible Adventure tells that when the Israelites were finally allowed to leave Egypt, they took their bread dough with them so they would have food for their long journey.

② **Packing Center:** Provide small suitcases with some clothes and have the children pack their toys and clothes. Ask them what they have packed and where they are going. In today's Bible Adventure, the Israelites stayed in their houses as Moses had told them and packed their belongings so they would be ready to leave Egypt.

④ **Magazine Search:** Provide magazines, pieces of construction paper, and glue sticks, instructing the children to find as many pictures of doors as they can. God is going to instruct the Israelites to paint something around their doors to protect them from the last plague.

④ **Protection Discussion:** Use puppets if desired and talk about "protection." Baby ducks could tell how their moms protect them by swimming near them and scaring off anything that might harm them. The same could be discussed regarding kittens and puppies. Talk about God being our protector and giving us moms and dads to protect us from harm. God is going to protect the Israelites in a special way. God wants his people to leave Egypt so that they can worship Him.

④ **Find Hidden Pictures:** Hide pictures that show something the children will hear about in the Bible Adventure today. Some papers will have words on them that the teacher will need to read. Include the following: Israelite slave, Pharaoh, No, the plagues, lamb, fire, doorframe, blood, person praying (kneel and worship God), palace, calf, sad face, crying, suitcase, Israelite walking.

④ **Packing Relay:** Using two suitcases and a few items to pack in them, let two teams compete and see who can fill their suitcase, empty it, and run back with it for the next person to do the same. Talk about the Israelites getting ready to pack to leave Egypt.

④ **Egg Carton Counting Exercises:** Use the egg cartons from last week, only emphasize the ten for the ten plagues.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

Treasure Box Object: The object for the Treasure Box for this lesson is a tongue depressor "door frame" with red painted on it. Sing the review verses of one of the two songs that tell the story of Exodus. (See the Song section.) After the Bible Adventure, take the door frame out of the Treasure Box and sing the new verse of the song.

Color and mount the **1EXO04ECGF1** and **1EXO04ECGF2** pictures on construction paper. Show them as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save the pictures for review in the coming weeks as we study Exodus.

④ Wear your coat today as though you are ready to leave quickly. Develop a sense of anticipation among the children about leaving at any minute. You could have the children sit with their coats under their chairs so that they can be ready to leave at your signal.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show last week's 1EXO03ECGF1 picture.) In the Bible Adventure last week, we learned that Pharaoh kept saying to Moses, "No, no, they can't go!" but it was time for God to say, "Yes, yes, they will go."

God said to Moses, "It is time for the Israelites to leave Egypt. Tonight will be a very special night for My people."

(Show the GF1 picture.) God said to Moses, "Tonight, each Israelite man must roast a lamb for his own family to eat. Tell each man to dip a branch into the lamb's blood and brush the blood of the lamb on the top of the door frame and on the sides of the door. *(Make a sign with your arm as though following a door frame up one side, across the top, and down the other side.)* Tell My people not to leave their houses all night. Tell them to stay inside their houses."

Moses called the Israelite elders together and said, "It is time for God to take us out of Egypt. God wants each of you to cook a lamb for your own family to eat. Dip a branch into the lamb's blood and brush the blood of the lamb around the door. *(Make a sign with your arm as though following a door frame up one side, across the top, and down the other side.)* Don't leave your house all night. You will be safe if you stay in your houses as God has said."

Each Israelite man obeyed God and did exactly as God said. The Israelites all cooked their meat on the fire and ate it. They brushed the lambs' blood all around their doors. All the Israelites stayed in their own homes that night and waited for God to take them out of Egypt.

(Turn out the light and pretend that it is night. Give each child a little blanket as though it is bedtime.) At midnight, when everyone was in bed, the oldest boy in each Egyptian family died because the Egyptians did not obey God and put red blood around their doors. The Egyptian mummies and daddies were very sad in their houses. The Egyptians cried loudly in their houses.

Everything was quiet in the Israelite houses. No one was sad. God had kept His people safe in their houses because they obeyed and put blood around their doors.

Pharaoh was sad, too. Pharaoh called Moses and said, "Go! Take your people out of Egypt--now! Go quickly!"

(Show the GF2 picture of the Israelites leaving with their kneading troughs carried on their shoulders.) The Israelites were ready to go. They had already packed their clothes and food. The Egyptians gave the Israelites gifts of gold and silver to take with them. They wanted the Israelites to leave as fast as they could.

The Israelites walked and walked, away from Egypt. They were happy to be going back to their promised land of Canaan. The Israelites would always remember how God had kept them safe in their houses. They would tell their children and grandchildren about how God was their God and they were His people.

Prayer: Dear God, You showed Your power over all things to the Egyptians and to Your people, the Israelites. You are a mighty God. Thank You, in Jesus' name, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-

(Show last week's 1EXO03ECGF1 picture.) In the Bible Adventure last week, we learned that Pharaoh kept saying to Moses, "No, no, they can't go!" but it was time for God to say, "Yes, yes, now they go."

God said to Moses, "Tonight is the night for My people to leave Egypt. I will punish the Egyptians who did not listen to Me, but I will take My own people back to their own land. I am their God and tonight is a very special night."

(Show the GF1 picture.) God said to Moses, "This is what I am going to do. I am going to bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt so that Pharaoh will send you away from Egypt. He will send you away--tonight!" *(Build anticipation in your voice.)*

God said, "This is what I want you to do. Tell each Israelite man to kill a lamb for his own family to eat. Each man must dip a branch into the lamb's blood and brush the blood of the lamb on the top of the door frame and on the sides of the door. *(Make a sign with your arm as though following a door frame up one side, across the top, and down the other side.)* Tell My people not to leave their houses the whole night. They must stay inside their houses."

Moses called the Israelite elders together and told them what God had said. He said, "Tonight is the night for God to take us out of Egypt. God wants each of you to kill a lamb and roast it on a fire for your own family to eat. Eat the lamb with your coats on, with your shoes on, and with your staffs in your hands. Eat quickly because it is the Lord's Passover." *(Make a sign with your arm as though following a door frame up one side, across the top, and down the other side.)*

All the Israelite elders bowed down and worshipped the Lord. They thanked God for this special night. They got up and obeyed God; they did exactly as He said.

The Israelite men killed their lambs, roasted the meat over a fire, and ate it quickly, knowing that they would soon leave their homes. They ate with their coats on, with their shoes on, and with their staffs in their hands. They dipped their hyssop branches in the lambs' blood and put it around their doors. *(Make a sign with your arm as though passing over the door.)*

All the Israelites stayed in their own houses that night and waited for God to take them out of Egypt. It was the special night of the Lord's Passover. *(Make a sign with your arm as though following a door frame up one side, across the top, and down the other side.)*

(Turn out the light and pretend that it is night. Keep your coats ready, or wear them.) At midnight, when everyone was in bed, the Egyptians found out about the last plague that God said would happen. The oldest boy in each Egyptian family died at midnight and each of the firstborn animals of the Egyptians died, just as God had said. The Egyptians were very sad in their houses and cried loudly. Throughout Egypt, loud wailing and crying was heard, but not even a dog was barking in Goshen where the Israelites lived. God's people were safe in their houses just as God had promised. God passed over the houses that had blood around the doors and no Israelite children died. *(Make a sign with your arm as though passing over the door.)*

Pharaoh called Moses to the palace and said, "Go! Take your people out of Egypt! Leave! Now!" *(Show the GF2 picture of the Israelites leaving with their kneading troughs carried on their shoulders.)* The Israelites were ready to go. They had already packed their clothes and food. The Egyptians gave the Israelites gifts of gold and silver to take with them. They wanted the Israelites to leave as fast as they could before any more plagues came to Egypt.

The Israelites walked and walked, away from Egypt. They were happy to be going back to their promised land of Canaan.

God told Moses to help the Israelites remember what God did for them on the Passover night. God said, "Each year during the first month of Abib, the Israelites must celebrate the Passover for one week. During the Passover week, the Israelites may only eat unleavened bread, flat bread, because that is what the Israelites ate the night they left Egypt."

God wanted the Israelites and their children to remember how He passed over their houses when He saw the blood around their doors. Each year, the Israelites would tell their children and grandchildren about how God had taken them out of Egypt.

Prayer: Dear God, You showed Your power over all things to the Egyptians and to Your people, the Israelites. You are a mighty God. Thank You, in Jesus' name, amen.



Look:

Exodus 6:7, Memory Verse Song: Give each child a picture (cut from magazines with double sided tape on the back) of things the Israelites might have packed to leave Egypt. Pictures of food, clothing, and jewelry could be included. Tape a large piece of paper on the wall and as the memory verse song is being sung, have a leader send two children up at a time to stick their pictures onto the paper to make a collage. Talk about all the things the Israelites were allowed to take with them when they left Egypt. Repeat the song as many times as needed.

Passover Activity Pages: (1EXO04ECGF1, 1EXO04ECGF2, & 1EXO04ECGF3) Choose either the GF1 or GF2 picture for the children to color. Copy the GF3 page onto 1" x 2 5/8" laser labels. There will be two lambs per sticker. Talk about the Aim Questions and what is happening in the picture you choose. Let the children stick the lamb stickers on their pictures in the background, several stickers per child. The Israelites were told to eat the roasted lamb and put the lamb's blood around the doors of their houses. If you choose the GF2 picture, the lambs can be leaving Egypt with the Israelites.

"This is the Way We..." Review and Memory Verse: Sing this song with actions that represent the children's daily routines: getting up, stretching, washing face, combing hair, putting on shoes, giving thanks and eating food. ("This is the way we wash our face. . .") Practice saying the verse before beginning this activity. Add several verses from the Bible Adventure story today like the following: This is the way God spoke to Moses, spoke to Moses, spoke to Moses. *(Hands cupped around mouth.)* This is the way God spoke to Moses; "My people get to go!" *(Lift thumb and point behind you.)*

This is the way the people ate, people ate, people ate.

This is the way the people ate the meat that they had roasted. *(Pretend to take a bite from a fork.)*

This is the way they brushed the door, brushed the door, brushed the door. (*Hand motion, up, over, and down.*)

This is the way they brushed the door the way that God had said.

This is the way they walked away, walked away, walked away. (*Walk in place.*)

This is the way they walked away when God said to go.

This is the way we say our verse, say our verse, say our verse.

This is the way we say our verse; listen to us now.

Get the Wiggles Out: The Israelites were ready to walk out of Egypt. They were packed and ready. People of all sizes were happy to be walking away from the Pharaoh who worked them very hard.

This is the way my daddy walks, big feet, tip, tap. (*big heavy feet*)

This is the way my mommy walks, light feet, click, clack. (*small, light steps*)

This is the way my brother walks, hurry feet, lippety, lippety. (*quick, small steps*)

This is the way my sister walks, happy feet, skippety, skippety. (*skip*)

This is the way my baby walks, tip-a-tip-a-tip-a-toe. (*on tiptoe*)

This is the way I walk, stepping high. (*knees high*)

Passover Night Snack: Serve crackers, jerky, parsley, and unleavened bread. Be sure to wear coats while eating the snack today. Be ready to leave quickly, just as the Israelites did on the night of the Passover.

Traveling Snack: Bring a large bowl of trail mix and let the children spoon some into their own paper sack that they have decorated for the trip. Pretend to be leaving Egypt as the Israelites did.

Duck, Duck, Goose: Play this game the same only say, "Plague, Plague, Go!" Or the children could count to nine and then say, "Go!"

Permanent Chalk Pictures: Provide a premoistened baby wipe for each child along with some colored chalk. Be sure to include a red chalk at each table. Instruct the children to draw a doorframe and paint the red over it. Set the pictures aside to dry. The chalk won't smear or rub off when dry. Expect it to be a little more difficult than drawing on paper.

Parachute (or Sheet) Fun: Tape a picture of each of the plagues on small foam balls and place the balls in the center of a sheet. With half of the children being the Israelites on one side and half the children being Egyptians on the other side, try to get the plagues to go off the sheet on the other side. When one does, let the children call out which plague they got and place it in the center again.

② **Parachute:** Use a queen-sized sheet, place it on the floor, and have the class sit on the floor around it. Some of the activities that could be presented: (1) Everyone extend his legs under the sheet and kick his feet. (2) Hold the sheet at waist level, shoulder level, eye level, over the head, and look under sheet at others in the group. (3) On a signal from the leader, shake the sheet. (4) Assign one person to crawl around on top of the sheet while the rest of the group is still shaking it. (5) Place some soft balls or objects on top of the sheet and shake the sheet, trying to get the balls to bounce off the sheet. (6) When everyone is tired of shaking, have the children lie down under the sheet and tuck it up under their chins and say, "Good night." The Israelites in today's Bible Adventure used large pieces of material similar to the sheet for tents, clothing, bedding, and to carry their food.

② **Hoops on Floor Activity:** Place several hula hoops on the floor around the room to represent people's homes. Have the children move about the room, but when the lights are turned off, everyone stands inside a hoop. Make sure everyone is standing in a hoop before turning the lights back on to repeat the sequence. Moses had told the Israelites to stay in their homes where they would be safe until God took them out of Egypt.

④ **Coloring and Reviewing Center:** Let the children color the Exodus story pictures that they have had in the three former Exodus lessons. Place the pictures on the floor in front of the children and let them place them in the order of occurrence. Talk about each picture.

④ **Bean Bag Review:** Using the colored pictures from the "Coloring and Reviewing" activity, place numbers on them to show the order that they occurred. Pass a bean bag around, giving each child a chance to toss the bag onto the next picture in numerical order and tell you about that picture.

- ④ **The Ten Commandments Movie:** Before class, preview the movie portions containing the plagues, Passover, and exodus from Egypt. Show appropriate parts of the movie as time allows to reinforce today's Bible Adventure.
- ④ **Painting Doorframes: (1EXO04ECGF4)** Let the children use marking pens or red colored pencils to color red around the sides and tops of the doors in the GF4 picture. Talk about God seeing the red blood around the door and passing over that house on the Passover night. Sing the memory verse song together.
- ④ **Bible Adventure Review:** Retell the story to the children in simplified form, adding some false statements. Tell the children to stand up if they hear you say something wrong.
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- ④ **Puppet Review:** Let children take turns telling a new puppet the Bible Adventure story in order.
- ④ **Snack:** Provide parsley, a dish of salt water, Matzo bread, and ground lamb (baby food) at each table. Today, when the Jewish people celebrate Passover, they dip a piece of parsley into a dish of salt water to help them remember the tears of the Israelites during their time of slavery in Egypt. Have a child (or a leader) ask the question, "What does this ceremony mean to you?" Read aloud from Exodus 12:27, "It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when He struck down the Egyptians." This question and answer could be presented at each table. The food items could be left in the center of each table and talked about while the regular snack was eaten or some children may want to taste the bread, parsley and lamb.

- ④ **Passover Finger Play:** *(to be read slowly and with emphasis)*

God said, "Let My people go!"	<i>(Hands upraised.)</i>
Pharaoh said, "They cannot go!"	<i>(Arms folded over chest.)</i>
God told Moses to get ready,	<i>(Cup ear.)</i>
He had one more plague, true and steady.	<i>(Hold up one finger.)</i>

To the Israelites Moses said,	<i>(Sweep arm across in front.)</i>
"Go, paint your door frame in blood red.	<i>(Sweep hand up, across, and down.)</i>
Then never leave your house all night.	<i>(Shake finger.)</i>
God says 'twill be a frightening sight."	<i>(Hold cheeks between hands.)</i>

In Egypt, every first born son,	<i>(Rock arms.)</i>
Was cried over when it was done,	<i>(Dab eyes.)</i>
God took the life of Pharaoh's first,	<i>(Put back of hand to forehead.)</i>
Pharaoh's stubbornness made him cursed.	

Each Israelite man obeyed God,	<i>(Nod head, "yes.")</i>
Each was ready, holding his rod,	<i>(Hold fist out in front.)</i>
The Israelites were set to go,	<i>(Walk feet in place.)</i>
God helped them get out of Egypt, you know!	<i>(Point up.)</i>

- ④ **Acting Plagues Review:** Direct the children in following you in acting out the plagues. After you do each action, ask what God did, and after each action, say, "And Pharaoh said, 'No!'" as you stomp your feet and hit your fist downward. Talk about how God is so powerful that he can make all these things happen. God did this to tell everyone that He was God and the Israelites were His people. Pharaoh kept saying, "No," so God kept showing them who He was. God wanted Pharaoh to let His people go. Pharaoh said, "No," so God sent ten plagues. Describe each and let the children follow their actions by saying together, "And Pharaoh said, 'No.'"

God caused the river to flow blood red. *(Make waves with hands and plug your nose.)*

God caused frogs to cover the land. *(Jump like a frog.)*

God sent gnats. *(Open fingers like star bursts all over and talk about small flying things.)*

God sent flies. *(Buzz around and make fingers land on someone.)*

Animals died. *(Pretend to be an animal and then fall dead.)*

God sent boils. *(Pinch your skin all over your body.)*


God sent hail. *(Cover your head and run undercover as if being hit by hail stones.)*

God sent grasshoppers. *(Make small wings with your hands, crawl, jump, and make clicking noises.)*


God sent darkness. *(Cover your eyes so you can't see anything and try to walk around.)*

God sent death for firstborn children. (*Pretend to hold a baby.*)
This time Pharaoh said, "Go!" Yeah!!

Songs:

 **Exodus 6:7, Memory Verse Song** (*tune: "When the Saints Go Marching In"*)

I'll take you as, my own people,
I'll take you as my own people.
A-and I will be your Go-od,
A-and I will be your God.

 **Exodus Song** (*tune: "Oh, Dear What Can the Matter Be"*)


Look, look, here in our treasure chest,
Look, look, here in our treasure chest,
Look, look, here in our treasure chest
And we'll learn more about God.

God heard the Israelites crying, oh,
God heard the Israelites crying, oh,
God heard the Israelites crying
And so the Lord answered their prayers.

God heard the Israelites crying, oh,
God heard the Israelites crying, oh,
God heard the Israelites crying
And so He sent Moses and Aaron.

God sent plagues to the Pharaoh, oh,
God sent plagues to the Pharaoh, oh,
God sent plagues to the Pharaoh
Because he did not obey God.

God passed over the Israelites,
God passed over the Israelites,
God passed over the Israelites
Who had obeyed His commands.

 **Treasure Box** (*tune: "Muffin Man"*)


We open up the treasure box, the treasure box, the treasure box.
We open up the treasure box to learn about the Lord.

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God heard the cries of the Israelites, the Israelites, the Israelites.
God heard the cries of the Israelites, and sent Moses to them.

God sent some plagues on the Pharaoh king, the Pharaoh king, the Pharaoh king.
God sent some plagues on the Pharaoh king because he disobeyed.

The Israelites were passed over, passed over, passed over.
The Israelites were passed over when they obeyed the Lord.

 **God said, "Go!"** (*tune: "Three Blind Mice"*)

God said, "Go! Let My people go!"
Now Pharaoh said, "Now it's time to go!"
God said, "I'll show the powers I do."
The last plague's the worst; it has come upon you,
With blood on the door, it will pass over you.
I am God, mighty, mighty God."



Took:

- Paper Plate Passover Lamb: (1EXO04ECGF5)** Cut the sheep from a paper plate. Fold on the dotted line. Add cotton balls to the body. Talk about the Aim Questions as the children work. Make sure that the children understand that it was obeying God and putting the lamb's blood on the doorframe that kept them safe in their houses.
- Coloring Sheet Puzzle: (1EXO04ECGF1 or 1EXO04ECGF2)** After the children color the picture and decorate an envelope to store it in, cut the picture into three to five shapes (depending on the age of the child) to make a puzzle. As the children put their puzzles together, talk about how God helped the Israelites so they could get away from the Pharaoh and go to the land God had promised for them.
- Milk Carton House:** Give each child a small milk carton and glue torn paper on the sides and top. Glue half popsicle sticks (cut in half with a good pair of scissors) for a doorframe and paint red around it. Glue the memory verse on the roof. Talk about the Bible Adventure story and sing the memory verse song together.

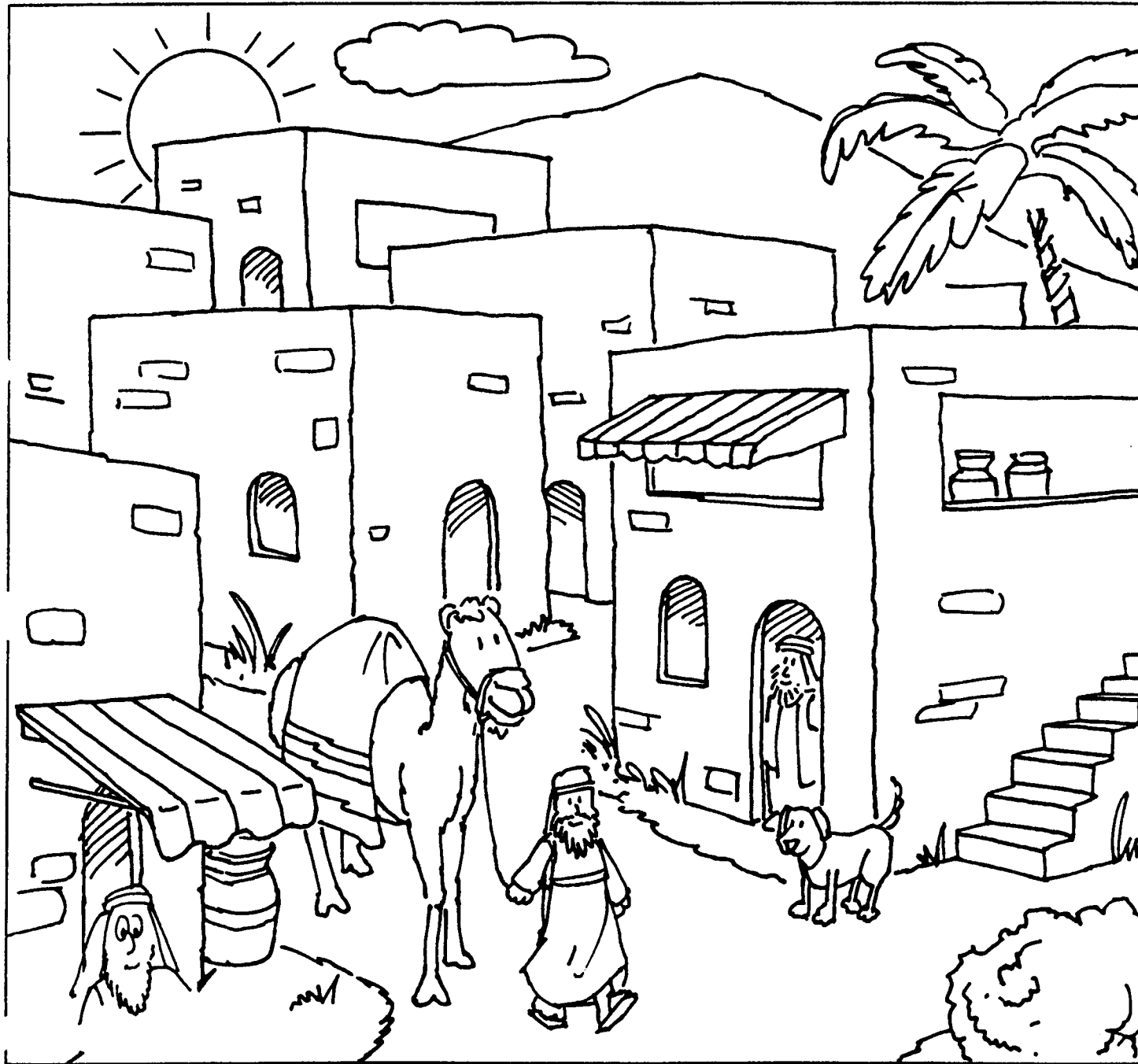


Moses and Aaron showed the Israelite elders how to put blood around the doors of their houses like God told them to do.



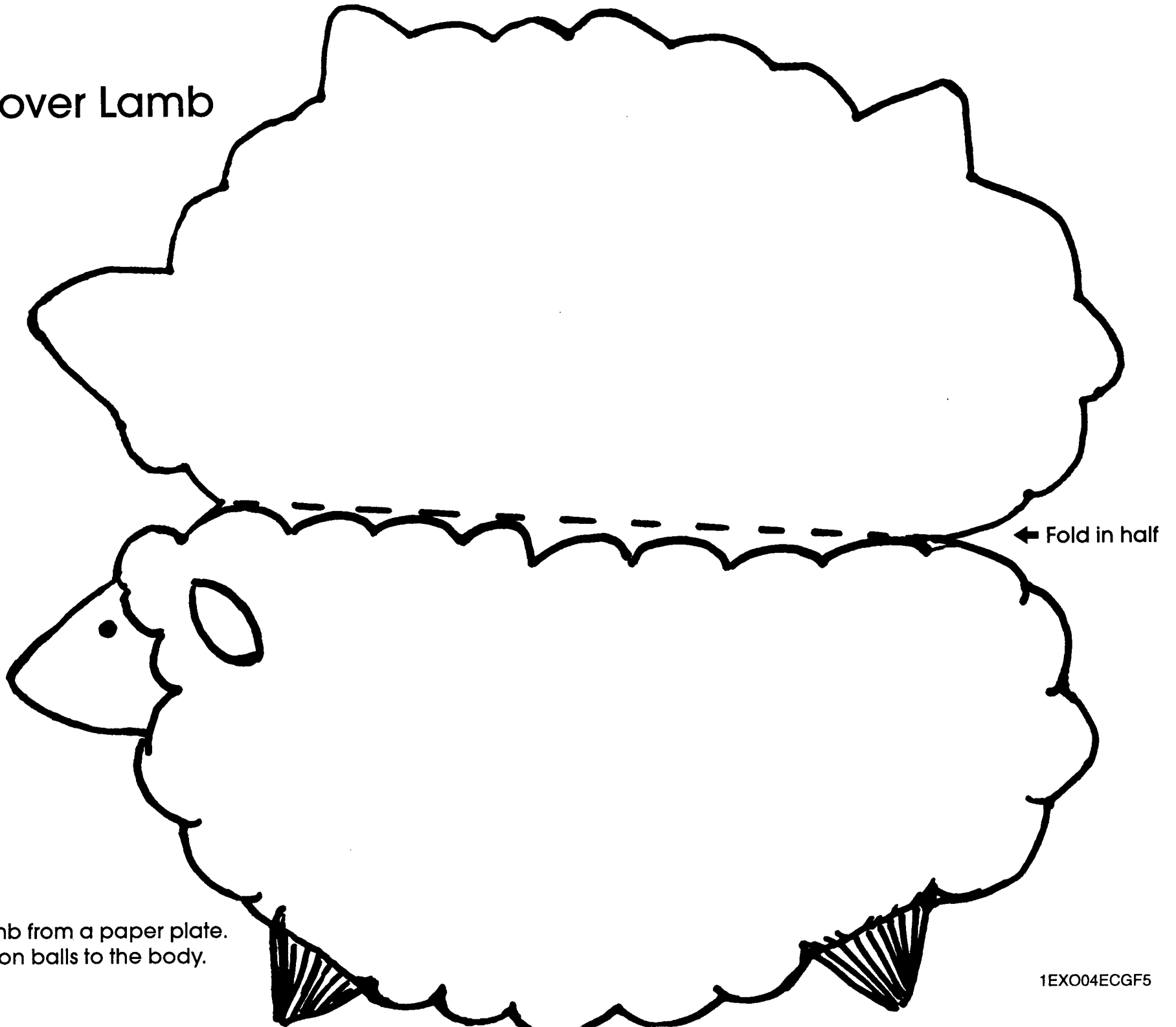
1EXO04ECGF2

The Israelites were ready to leave Egypt quickly, carrying their kneading troughs.



Draw red around the doors of the houses in Egypt.
The tenth plague would pass over the houses with red blood around the doors.

Passover Lamb



← Fold in half

Cut the lamb from a paper plate.
Add cotton balls to the body.