



God took care of the Israelites in Egypt. God led the people out into the wilderness. And God brought the people to the Promised Land.

At the Passover the people remember what God did for them. The Passover is in late April.

The first Passover was kept on the night before the Israelites left Egypt. A lamb was killed that first Passover night. Part of it was offered to God. The blood was put on the doorposts of their houses. Part of the lamb was eaten by the family. That very night the people of God were set free. For a long time they had been slaves in Egypt. But that night they were allowed to leave the land.

God told the Israelites to remember this day. God gave them many commands about what they were to do on this day. Every year after that, the Jewish people remembered by keeping the Passover feast. Each year they did many of the same things. They killed a lamb. They offered part of it to God. They roasted and ate the rest of the lamb. The children would ask -

Why do we do this?

And the fathers would tell them how God had saved them all out of Egypt. This was a very special day. This was the Passover.

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~~Every year Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem at the~~  
time for the Passover. No matter how far away they lived,  
good Jews came to Jerusalem for the Passover. They walked  
if they could. But some rode camels and donkeys. Some  
even came by ship.

Did Jesus ever keep a Passover?

1. When Jesus was 12 years old, He came to Jerusalem for the Passover. Read about it in Luke 2:41-50.
2. Soon after Jesus first started to preach, He went to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. Here is a list of what happened when Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover.
  - (1) Jesus chased out of the temple -
    - the men selling animals
    - the sheep
    - the oxen
    - the men changing money
  - (2) Many people believed in Jesus.
  - (3) Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night.  
Read about it in John 2:13-25 and John 3.
3. When Jesus was crucified, He had come to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. (Mark 14:1-2)