

The Truth About Leaven

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Material Needed:

Computer or Apple TV for PowerPoint slides

Bible Journal Activity Book (pgs. 16-28)

- **Before Class** set up PowerPoint presentation. In class, move through slides as directed in the reading below.
- **At the beginning of Class**, have the children open their books, and you read it to them while they are following along.

When you have finished reading the Booklet to the class, then read the remaining lesson below. Begin slides as directed in the teaching.

Lesson to read:

In our last couple of lessons, we have seen that God promised Abraham many descendants; and showed him how his descendants would be *sojourners* and *eventually enslaved for 400 years*. (A sojourner is a person who is temporarily living in one country, but is really a citizen from another country.) The bible says that EXACTLY 400 years *to the day* that Isaac – Abraham's son of promise – was born, God led all of Abraham's descendants out of their enslavement in Egypt for the purpose of taking them into the Promised Land.

We have also seen that their release from slavery *was on the night of the First Passover*. And it was on this night that Abraham's descendants, the Children of Israel, were to begin a 7-day Feast of Unleavened Bread. That night, each household was to kill a perfect and spotless lamb and apply its blood to the door posts and lintel of their house. Then they were *to roast the lamb, and eat it* at their Passover meal, as they were dressed in a complete state of readiness to leave Egypt. God would lead them out of Egypt at exactly the right time that night. It was at this meal that they were to have bread with no leaven in it.

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As God was leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt, they were not to take any LEAVEN with them. They were to leave all the LEAVEN behind, in Egypt. (Do you remember that lump of leavened bread that they saved every day to day so they could make more leavened bread the next day? THAT was what they were to leave behind. That lump!)

Again, these events in the Bible are TYPES that point to something else. Do you remember learning that ***a type points to something else?*** Well, all of these events are types, all pointing to things that God wants us to learn! So, let's look to see what these events point to.

SLIDE ONE

Just as the Jews (the Children of Israel) were in slavery in Egypt, **so** were we in slavery to sin.

SLIDE TWO

And **just as** the death and the blood of the Passover lambs in Egypt and the application of the blood on the door posts and lintels to the houses saved the Jews from bondage and death...

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... **even so** the death of our Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ and our faith in His death, frees us from bondage to sin and saves us from death. And...

SLIDE FOUR

... **just as** they were to put all leaven out of their houses from the day of Passover through seven days – a complete period of time,

SLIDE FIVE

so are we to put sin and false teaching out of our lives for a complete period of time – the rest of our lives.

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That is what the whole picture of **Unleavened Bread** teaches us. Once we have put faith in Jesus' finished work on the cross as **Passover** we are made to be something NEW. We are a new creation in Christ! We are no longer the "old lump", but we are a "new lump" – unleavened.

God has made us new; He has given us a new nature. And now He wants us to feed our new nature! Now we are to always eat *the Bread that comes out of heaven*...we are to daily eat *the Bread of Life*, through studying God's Word *correctly*, without any false teaching.

SLIDE SIX

And that is the TRUTH ABOUT LEAVEN! *(You may want to ask the children questions or let them tell you what they have learned. This would be a good time to lead a discussion about these things.)*

(To the Teacher: Throughout the week allow the children to color in the Bible Journal Activity Book for the Leaven Booklet. Pages 16-28 accompany this lesson. It is suggested that you be familiar with the NT events connected with the pages and talk to you children about these biblical events.)