

in a hurry! If we ask what they are doing, they would tell us that they are obeying God. "What are you eating?" "A lamb roasted, with bitter herbs and unleavened bread" (like thin, hard biscuit). "Why are you in such haste?" "Where are you going?" They would tell you that God had sent a message that that night they should go out of Egypt free, no longer slaves. "God told Moses to tell us that when midnight comes, He will go through all Egypt and cause the eldest child in every Egyptian home to die, and then Pharaoh will be afraid of God and will let us go free."

A Difference—"Are you not afraid that God will come and take your eldest child?" "Oh no! He will pass over all the homes of the children of Israel." "How will He know their homes?" "Did you see the blood spots on the sides and tops of the door of our house? When God sees the mark, He will spare us and pass over to the houses where no marks are." (Explain God's command.)

Midnight Scene—It is midnight. (Show a time-piece or draw a clock-face.) Let us look into Pharaoh's house, where no blood is on the doorway. Listen to the cries! Everybody is rushing about in distress!

They had been wakened from sleep. Just at midnight Pharaoh awoke to find his eldest child lying dead. People came weeping from other homes telling the same sad story. Then Pharaoh remembered Moses' warning.

Freedom—What is Pharaoh's command? (Verses 31-33.) Are the children of Israel ready to go? Yes! we saw that they believed and obeyed God's word, and are dressed and ready for the journey—safe, and thankful.

Feast of the Passover—Speak of holidays we keep in memory of some event, King's Birthday, Dominion Day, etc. Tell God's command about the Passover Feast.

Golden Text—Why do we not kill a lamb and have the Passover Feast now? Are we disobeying God? No! God has given us another way to be saved and another "Memory Day." Tell of Jesus, the Lamb of God, slain for us.

The Lord's Supper—We keep Jesus' death in memory, by the feast of the Lord's Supper. (Explain.)

His Mark—We must each one have His mark on us if we are to be safe. God will pass over our sins because of Jesus' blood shed for us!

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

THE Lamb Slain
Blood Sprinkled
People Saved

How much depends often on little things. A single mistake has frequently led to death; a single slight turn has led away from the path of danger into the path of safety. The ceremonies of that memorable night in Egypt seemed trivial—all the household gathered about one little lamb, the slaughter of it, just according to the rules laid down, the sprinkling of the blood just in the place prescribed, etc. *But it was a question of life or death.* Because the lamb was slain, and the blood was sprinkled, the people were saved. It was therefore no unimportant observance, but of the very centre and soul of things. *So is the Cross of Calvary.* Dwell earnestly and insistently on the great fact that "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin," 1 John 1: 7. See such Hymns as 546, 157, 116, Book of Praise.