

Passover Seder Steps

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15. Nirtzah
Complete Seder

14. Hallel
Sing songs of praise

13. Barch
After-meal blessing

12. Tzafun
Eat Afikomen

11. Shulchan Orech
Eat dinner

10. Korech
Eat matzah/bitter herb sandwich

9. Maror
Dip bitter herbs in charoset

8. Matzah
Bless matzah

7. Motzi
Bless bread

6. Rachtzah
Wash hands

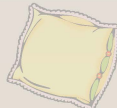
4. Yachatz
Break middle matzah

5. Maggid
Tell Passover story

3. Karpas
Dip vegetable

2. Ur'chatz
Wash hands

1. Kaddesh
Say Kiddush



PASSOVER SEDER STEPS INSTRUCTIONS

There are many ways to use the Passover Seder Steps—as a follow-along game during the Seder, a teaching tool before or during Passover, or an inspiration for art or further discovery. You can tailor all the ideas here to work with your family, your Sunday school class, or your Seder guests (young and old!). We're so glad you're embracing this new way to bring your Seder to life.

BEFORE THE SEDER

Get ready. Use the Passover Seder Steps game board to help your child prepare for what to expect at the Seder by “walking” through the steps together ahead of time.

Learn the Seder symbols. The pictures on the game board represent different parts of the Seder. You can go through them beforehand and then help your little ones “re-find” those images during the Seder. Can you find Moses as a baby? A pair of candlesticks? A frog?

Make connections. Invite your kids to write a step number and its name (in English, Hebrew, or both) on 4 x 6 cards or half sheets of construction paper. Depending on their ages and interests, they may also want to decorate them with pictures that represent that Seder step.

DURING THE SEDER

Move from stepping stone to stepping stone. For game pieces, use anything that will fit well in the spaces, such as dice, plastic game pawns or shelled walnuts. As the Seder progresses, you move your game piece accordingly.

Add sound to your Seder. Assign someone at the table to make a “sound” when it's time to move to the next step. Some ideas: a tambourine, triangle, maraca, or the bell of a kitchen timer. Or just clink a glass with a fork!

Showcase the Haggadah journey. If you do the art activity (#3 above), you can recreate a visual journey through the Haggadah in your dining room or classroom. As you start each section, ask a volunteer to tape that step on the wall – or hang the steps with clothes pins from a string you suspend ahead of time.