



God Across Cultures: Judaism, Our Jewish Friends



We share a history with people who have loved and followed God. Our Christian roots intertwine with Jewish roots. We share stories and beliefs of the Old Testament. This also known as the Hebrew Bible.

Welcome: This is the Day

Leader: This is the day

All: This is the day

Leader: That the Lord has made

All: That the Lord has made

Leader: Let us rejoice

All: Let us rejoice

Leader: And be glad in it

All: And be glad in it

All: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. REPEAT



Greeting: Hello or Peace

Hallo “Ha low” (German) _____

Kamusta “Ka moose tah” (Filipino) _____

CIAO “Chow” (Italian) _____

Shalom! “Sha lome” (Hebrew) _____

Hello (English) _____

Salvete! “Sal veh tay” (Latin) _____

Ni háo “Nee how” (Chinese) _____

Habari “Ha bar ee” (Swahili) _____

Hola “Oh la” (Spanish) _____

American Sign Language see above _____

Boozhoo “Boo ZHOO” (Ojibwe) _____



Scripture:

Exodus 12:17 You will observe the festival of unraised bread. On this day I took you out of the land of Egypt.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-25 Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread. When he gave thanks, he broke it. He said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this to remember me. He took the cup. He said, “Do this. As you drink it, remember me.”

- **Explore:** Watch “Go Down Moses” or sing Hymn 448 “Go Down Moses”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vf6jBP4YXwo>



Discuss: The Old Testament or Hebrew Bible, has stories about God and Jewish people. They **were slaves in Egypt. God sent a plague. It killed many people. It passed over homes of Jewish people. God told Moses how to escape. Jewish people remember God saved them. They celebrate Passover with a Seder (“SAY-der”) meal. At Jesus’ Last Supper, He celebrated Seder with friends. He said remember Him with wine and bread. We remember Jesus, His death and resurrection at Communion.**

- We have customs that started with Jewish people. The Christian Sabbath is Sunday. We go to church. What else do you do on Sunday? The Jewish Sabbath is Saturday. They go to a synagogue (“SIN-a-gog”). What else do they do? *[Meals, pray, rest]*
- Christian holidays include Christmas and Easter. Jewish holidays include Passover *[Zoom: show your colored coaster]*, Yom Kippur, and Hanukkah.
- At Christmas, we go to church. We pray, sing and give gifts. What do Jewish people do at Hanukkah? *[Light Menorah candles, pray, sing and give gifts]*.
- At Yom Kippur, people wear prayer shawls. They ask God and others to forgive them. We ask for forgiveness in the Lord’s Prayer on Sundays.
- When we have communion we ask God to forgive our sins. When did you make a mistake and ask someone to forgive you?



Pray:

Oh God of all Peoples,

We come with love and gratitude in our hearts.

We thank you for the wideness of your world.

We thank you for people with different cultures and languages.

We thank you for diversity.

Help us remember we are all Your family. Amen

Until Next Time: Remember Jesus loves you. Remember to forgive yourself and other people too.



Song: Go Down Moses | United Methodist Hymn 448

Leader: When Israel was in Egypt's land
Oppressed so hard they could not stand

All: Let My people go!
All: Let My people go!

Go down, Moses
Way down in Egypt's land
Tell old Pharaoh

All: Let My people go!

No more shall they in bondage toil
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil

All: Let My people go!
All: Let My people go!

You need not always weep and mourn
And wear these slav'ry chains forlorn

All: Let My people go!
All: Let My people go!

Oh, let us all from bondage flee
And let us all in Christ be free

All: Let My people go!
All: Let My people go!

Activities:

Communion Materials: Matza bread or wafers, Grape Juice, Small Cups

Leader: Jesus and his disciples met to share the Last Supper.

All: We remember Jesus.

Leader: Jesus took the bread. He broke it and gave it to his friends.

All: We remember Jesus.

Leader: Jesus took a cup and blessed it and passed it to his friends.

All: We remember Jesus.

Leader: Jesus said, "When you eat this bread and drink this cup, remember me. Remember everything I have done and said."

All: We remember Jesus. Leader: We remember Jesus when we take Communion.

Coaster Materials: Crayons or Colored Pencils, Scissors, Clear Contact



Paper [Passover Seder Meal | See Exodus 12:1-20](#)

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