RE

Tuesday 23rd February.

Oli: to explain the impact the Passover had on the life of Moses.

Read Exodus 13:3

Watch the video.

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The Israelites had been enslaved in Egypt for many years and their treatment at the hands of slave drivers got worse and worse, their boy babies were killed by Pharaoh and they were beaten. God saw their plight and had pity on them. He called Moses to be their leader and told him to ask Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. Pharaoh refused for a long time, then God sent some plagues on the Egyptians, the final one was the death of first-born children. God told the Israelites to smear the blood of a lamb they had sacrificed on the door posts of their houses. That way death would ‘pass over’ them. Finally, Pharaoh let the people go.

Ever since that time Jewish people have remembered the Passover when God saved them and lead them to freedom. In the Book of Exodus this is what Moses said to the people, *“Remember this day – the day on which you left Egypt, the place where you were slaves. This is the day the Lord brought you out by his great power. No leavened bread is to be eaten.”*

Exodus 13: 3

For the Jewish people, remembering the events at Passover (or Pesach, which is the Jewish word), every year is very important. It makes those events present to them. In a certain way they become real to them and have the effect of changing their lives.

**KEY QUESTIONS**

Please answer in your books:

* Why did the Israelites want to leave Egypt?
* How do you think Moses felt approaching Pharaoh?
* What do you think is meant by ‘the sacrifice of the lamb’?
* Why is the Jewish celebration of this event called Passover or Pesach?

Activity:

Imagine you are Moses. Explain what God has chosen you to do and the events surrounding Passover.

Include your feelings and inner thoughts.