

Preassessment: Exodus *Jeopardy*

Enlarge the following questions, listing one per sheet, and post them in a *Jeopardy*-style arrangement (columns of questions) to a wall or board in your classroom. Make sure the three columns have the appropriate heading at the top. The three categories are People, Events, Worship and Ritual. (As an alternative you may choose to display the questions, one at a time, to the class in a PowerPoint presentation.) The students may work in teams or individually for this exercise.

Category: People

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| 1. A: After wrestling with an angel, his name was changed to <i>Israel</i> , meaning “one who wrestles with God.” | Q: Who is Jacob? |
| 2. A: As a result of his brothers’ trickery, this patriarch of Israel became a successful advisor to Pharaoh in Egypt. | Q: Who is Joseph? |
| 3. A: This is the number of tribes, or sons, of Jacob, believed to be the ancestors of all of the people of Israel. | Q: What is the number 12? |
| 4. A: His life was spared by his mother, who placed him in a reed basket in the Nile. He was raised as a royal prince of Egypt, although born an Israelite slave. | Q: Who is Moses (means “drawn out of the water”)? |
| 5. A: The brother of Moses, he was the head of the tribe of Levi, those who would become the rabbis and the religious teachers of Israel. | Q: Who is Aaron? |



Category: Events

1. **A:** Pharaoh was threatened by the immense size of the Israelite slave population in Egypt and ordered this to happen.

Q: What is the killing of all male children at birth?

2. **A:** God appeared to Moses on Mount Horeb in this miraculous form.

Q: What is the burning bush that was not consumed by fire?

3. **A:** God sent Moses to demand the release of the Israelites from Pharaoh's slavery, and illustrated God's might through these two things.

Q: What are the plagues and miracles?

4. **A:** For the final plague and miracle, God went through Egypt to strike down the firstborn of the Egyptians but spared the Israelites. This event is called, and observed today, as this.

Q: What is the Passover?

5. **A:** The Israelites are finally freed from Egypt by this famous border crossing.

Q: What is the parting of the Red Sea?



Category: Worship and Ritual

- A:** During the first Passover ritual, God commanded that this animal be sacrificed and its blood spread over the doorpost.

Q: What is a lamb?
- A:** Despite Moses' warning at Mount Sinai that the Israelites remain committed to the covenant, during his absence they fell into cultural idolatry by worshipping this animal.

Q: What is the Golden Calf?
- A:** God appeared to the Israelites and Moses at Mount Sinai and over the tabernacle in this form.

Q: What is a cloud?
- A:** Upon Moses' return with the tablets, the people built this to house the Ten Commandments.

Q: What is the ark of the Covenant?
- A:** The tablets included this number of commandments for the Israelites to follow.

Q: What is the number 10?

