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**What I have Learned Term 4 – November 17, 2024**

**Lesson 4 A Community Celebrates – 2 Kings 23:21-25 and 2 Chronicles 35**

<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>My Points</b>	<b>Questions</b>
5		1. What did King Josiah do to celebrate Passover? (2 Kings 23:21)
5		2. How did Josiah’s Passover celebration compare to previous ones? (2 Kings 22:11)
5		3. What did Josiah provide to ensure the Passover was celebrated correctly? (2 Chronicles 35:7)
5		4. Do you think Josiah did a great job being a king? Why? (2 Kings 23:24-25)

<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>My Points</b>	<b>Memory Verse</b>
10		Psalm 145:7 – “They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.”

<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>My Points</b>	<b>Home Connection</b>	<b>Parent/Guardian Signature</b>
5		<i>I have read the Scripture and story for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Teacher Use Only</b>
	Teacher’s Signature _____ Date _____



*Think about the best celebration you ever had, like a birthday or Christmas. What made it so special? King Josiah and the Israelites had a very special celebration too.*

Josiah had done many great things during his time as king. The Israelites had removed their idols, and they found the Book of the Law in the temple. After reading the Book of the Law, Josiah wanted to celebrate the people's choice to follow God. Since the Passover hadn't been celebrated for many years, he decided to organize a big community celebration.

Usually, people celebrated Passover with their families or neighbors. Josiah knew not everyone could afford to sacrifice an animal, so he provided 30,000 sheep and goats, and 3,000 cattle. Other leaders also helped by giving thousands of animals for Passover offerings.

Passover was a time to remember when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, wouldn't let them go, so God sent 10 terrible plagues to force him to let them leave. These plagues included water turning to blood, frogs everywhere, darkness, lice, and hailstones. The worst plague was the death of the firstborn son in every Egyptian family.

God told the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb and put its blood on their doorposts as a sign. When the angel saw the blood, he would pass over that house. If there was no blood, the firstborn son would die. The Israelites obeyed, and that night, the angel took the life of every Egyptian firstborn.

The Passover feast also showed how God would save people from sin. The lamb sacrificed during the feast represented Jesus, who would die for everyone's sins. During the Passover meal, people ate unleavened bread (bread without yeast) because there wasn't time for the bread to rise at the first Passover. Yeast also symbolized how sin can sneak into our lives. The lamb was roasted and eaten with bitter herbs to remind people of their tough times as slaves.

On Passover day, all the priests gathered to celebrate with the people. They divided everyone into family groups, sacrificed the animals, roasted them, and gave the meat to the people. No work was allowed, and everyone enjoyed the food and music. After Passover, they celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days, spending time celebrating God's goodness. God had saved His people, and they would always remember it.

### **Extra Activity For The Week:**

**RESEARCH:** Ask your parents for help!

Create a calendar with family birthdays and other important family celebrations. You can also add national holidays and celebrations to your list.

- Choose five of these holidays that interest you the most. Find out the story behind the celebration.

**Thank God for special days to celebrate His love.**