

## **LC: Why is the story of Exodus such an important event in Jewish and Christian faith?**

**TASK 1** – share **some significant events** that you know have affected many people in the world over recent years – what is it that makes them ‘significant’? Try to think of positive events first! (You could also use fictional events from stories you know)

**Example:** the 2012 London Olympics was massively successful for the UK and inspired a generation of new athletes and helped to launch the UK as a global sporting presence.

**Example:** when Harry Potter defeated Voldemort at Hogwarts, he made sure that good magic won over evil for all time to come.

**\*\*\* WRITE 2 EXAMPLES OF THESE EVENTS IN YOUR R.E. BOOK AND SAY WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT \*\***

**HOOK** - WATCH THIS VIDEO CLIP (THE TEN COMMANDMENTS 1956):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OT0eX7FZXv4>

**TASK 2:** watch the video: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zbsb9j6> about the story of the plagues of Egypt and why God sent them.

List them in your RE book in the correct order and be sure to say why the FINAL PLAGUE was so significant for the Israelites and also how it affected the Egyptians.

**TASK 3:** find the bible reference where Moses leads his people out of Egypt and commands the waters of the Red Sea to part. Exodus 14 & 15 – read the events.

**Q: What happened to the Israelites? What happened to Pharaoh’s army?**

**TASK 4: COPY:**

### **How does Exodus ‘make a difference’ in today’s world?**

The events of the Exodus are meant to have happened over 3000 years ago, yet Jews and Christians celebrate the event each year and remember it at Passover - just before Easter each year.

Even though the events were so long ago, believers recognise what God did to help save the oppressed all that time ago. They feel they want to acknowledge what their ancestors went through, so that they could become free from slavery all those years ago. They want to give thanks to God for helping Moses and Aaron to set the people free.

At Passover, a special meal is prepared (lamb and bread) to re-enact the meal that the Israelites ate on the night that God sent the final terrible plague to kill the first-born sons of Egypt, whilst saving the Israelites.

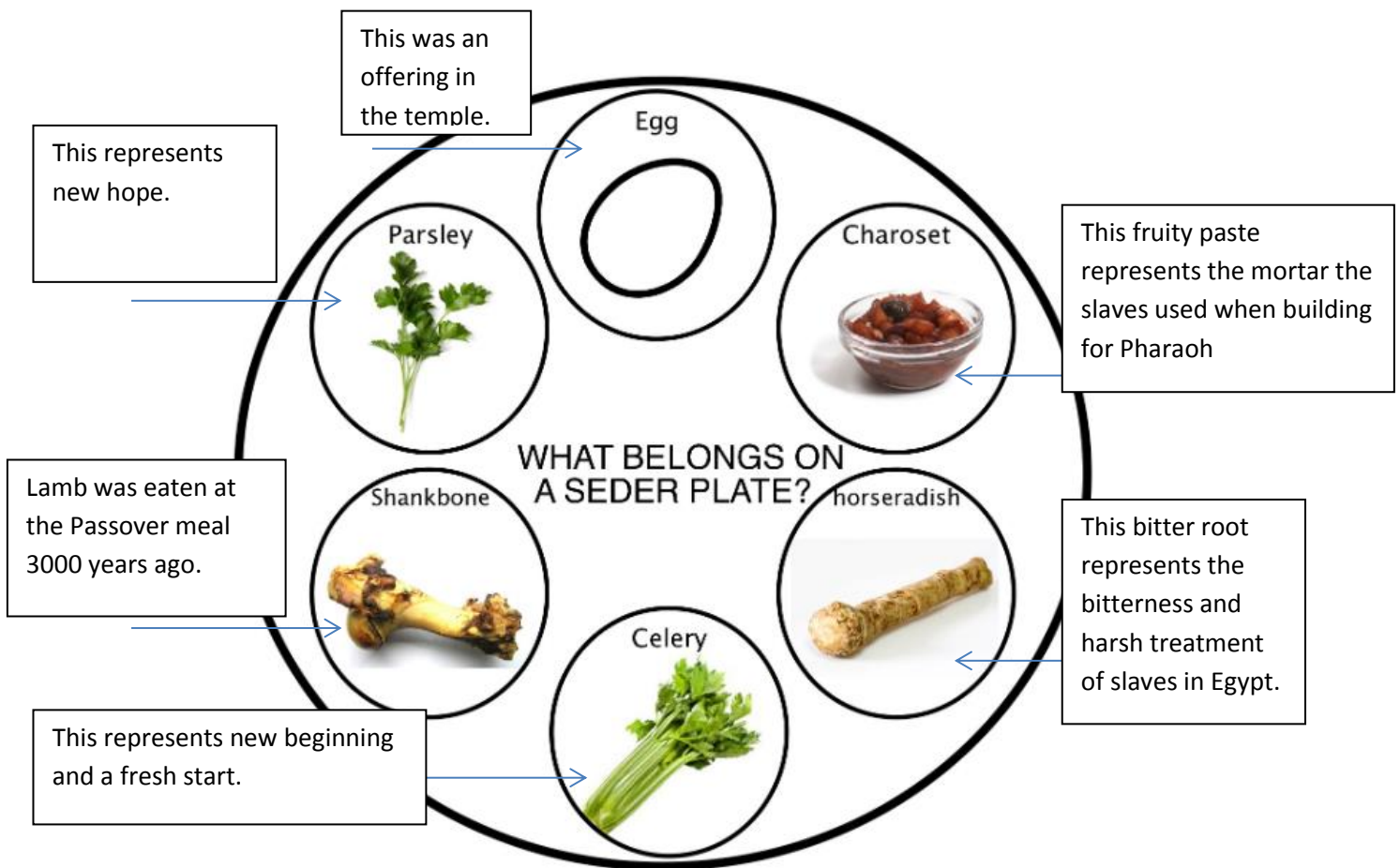
**TASK 5:**

**COPY THE IMAGE OF THE JEWISH SEDAR PLATE (OVER THE PAGE) AND LABEL IT AS SHOWN.**

**THINK ABOUT WHAT EACH TYPE OF FOOD REPRESENTS AS YOU LABEL IT.**

**\*\*\*NOW THINK OF SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE WITH A SPECIAL PLATE OF FOOD. EITHER DRAW, OR LIST THE FOODS YOU WOULD CHOOSE AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT AND WHAT THEY MIGHT REPRESENT.**

**The Sedar Plate – a focus for Jewish people on the two evenings before Passover each year.**



So – design your own ‘Sedar Plate’ or think of foods that might represent important happy events in your life.

(The event needs to be a happy one that was memorable – like a holiday, special birthday or perhaps a great day at school you want to give thanks for. The foods you choose are less important and don’t worry if you cannot easily explain why you chose them – but give it a try!)

EG: **The day I learned to ride a bike**

- A lemon to represent a fresh way to travel.
- A chocolate to give as thanks for the gift.
- 2 oranges to represent the wheels of the bike
- Fish – because I rode around a lakeside path that day.
- Runner beans to represent a speedy way to travel.

**At the heart of this festival is the celebration of freedom.**

What is freedom?

There are people who are not free, they are oppressed and suffer persecution. Is this right? Why? Why not?  
People can be trapped by poverty and war.

Why is freedom, the freedom to choose, so important?

EXAMPLES:

- The people of North Korea are not allowed freedom of travel – most of them will never leave their own country whilst there is a dictatorship.
- In China, the secret police allegedly arrest people who criticise the political leadership – often they are thrown into jail without a trial and are never seen again.