

# Why is This Night Different?

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Child and his grandfather have a Q&A on why this night is different from all other nights:

Child: On all other nights we eat leavened products and matzah, and on this night only matzah?

Saba: Matzah reminds us that when our ancestors left Egypt they had no time to let their bread rise, so they baked their bread with no leaven.

Child: On all other nights we eat all vegetables, and on this night only bitter herbs?

Saba: The maror (bitter herbs) reminds us of the bitter and cruel way that Pharaoh treated our ancestors as slaves in Egypt.

Child: On all other nights, we don't dip our food even once, and on this night we dip twice?

Saba: We dip our herbs in charoset to remind us of the bitterness of our slavery, the charoset reminds us of the clay our ancestors used to make bricks for Pharaoh's buildings. We dip parsley in salt water to remind us of the tears of our captivity.

Child: On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining, and on this night we only recline?

Saba: We eat comfortably to remind us that we are no longer slaves but a free and redeemed people.