

# FIVE Children

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Remember the importance of gearing answers to the questioning-style & learning-style of questioners.

**WISE ONE:** if asked: "What is the meaning of the laws God has commanded you?" then answer: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in the Narrow Places, but God brought **us** out of there with a mighty hand. Before **our** eyes, God sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Pharaoh and his whole household. But God brought **us** out from there to bring **us** in and give **us** the land promised to our ancestors." (Deuteronomy 6:20-23)

**WICKED ONE:** if asked: "What does this ceremony mean to **you**?" then answer: "It is the Passover sacrifice to God, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in the Narrow Places and spared our homes while those of others were struck down" (Exodus 12:26-27)

**SIMPLE ONE:** if asked: "What does this mean?" then answer: "With a mighty hand, God brought **us** out of the Narrow Places, out of the land of slavery." (Exodus 13:14)

**UNCERTAIN ONE:** does not know how to ask - then answer: "I do this because of what God did for me when I came out of the Narrow Places" (Exodus 13:8)

**ONE WHO IS NOT PRESENT:** seek them out, invite them in, and share this beautiful tradition with them *or remember with honor those whose lives were lost and cannot join the festival*