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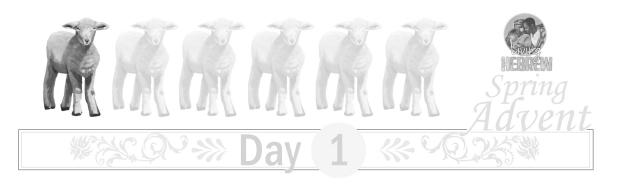
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### Introduction

As a scattered nation coming out of winter, all practicing Hebrew Israelite families are looking forward to the re-birth of the coming spring season. As we mark our calendars for this very important convocation time, the first of the year, we are in the process of removing physical leaven from our hearts and homes and doing some spiritual spring cleaning of our own.

- 1. Make a symbol for your doorpost (See instructions below).
- Print a physical copy of this 7-day countdown activity along with the current Hebrew Calendar found on the website, which can be downloaded for free.
- 3. On each of the following days, up to the evening of Passover, get your child(ren) involved in clearing your dwelling place of all physical leaven, along with helping you shop for and prepare the lamb and unleavened bread for Passover (a quick and easy recipe for these can also be found on the website in

- the Living Hebrew section. You'll find it in Keepin' It Kosha.
- 4. Actively get your child(ren) engaged in the spring feast. Depending on their reading level, have them read the Scripture verses or the activities. Or have them help in gathering the supplies for the activity, all while conversing about the Passover and the other pure convocations. Discuss what it meant to the Israelites to observe these convocations and how they were fulfilled in Yeshua.
- 5. As you use this booklet as a guide to teach our future generations to memorialize the importance of Yeshua's sacrifice for the nation of Israel, especially to the younger ones in your family, remind them that Yah the father and Yeshua the son love us beyond human comprehension, and it is only through the nation of Israel, his set apart people doing righteousness, that all the other nations will be redeemed.



### Scriptures! Rehearsal, Memorialize, Remembrance

<sup>24</sup> "Remember, these instructions are a permanent law that you and your descendants must observe forever. <sup>25</sup> When you enter the land YAH has promised to give you, you will continue to observe this ceremony. <sup>26</sup> Then your children will ask, 'What does this ceremony mean?' <sup>27</sup> And you will reply, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to YAH, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. And though he struck the Egyptians, he spared our families.'" When Moses had finished speaking, all the people bowed down to the ground and worshiped. <sup>28</sup> So the people of Israel did just as YAH had commanded through Moses and Aaron.

—Exodus 12:24 – 28

Introduce your household to the Scriptures and the story about the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, as part of reclaiming your heritage, if you are native-born Israelites, or a foreigner (one joined unto Israel by practicing the laws and statues contained in the Torah). This is just a sample of how you can engage your children and entire household in the upcoming spring feasts (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Wave Sheaf, and Feast of Weeks).

#### **Decorate your doorpost**

With red construction paper or cardboard, create three long strips to be taped onto your doorpost come the evening of Passover.

You can cut out hand prints and have the children write their names on each. Then decorate and glue the hand prints and the red strips together as a family, while explaining—especially to the younger children—when

it will be mounted or taped on the entrance door, as well as why and what it represents in Scripture (see Exodus 12).

If a child's favorite color is green, blue, yellow, etc., go ahead and have them trace and cut out their hand prints (and even foot prints) in that color, but the three long strips themselves should be red to symbolize the color of blood.

#### Older children or none in the household

Using a red table runner (you can buy these at the dollar store), embroider or cross-stitch each household member's name. Do it in a large font size when sewing free hand. You can also use yarn instead of cotton floss to go quicker.

Are you blessed with the time and creativity of a hobbyist? Go ahead and stitch using a machine instead. You could even add a Scripture verse to it!

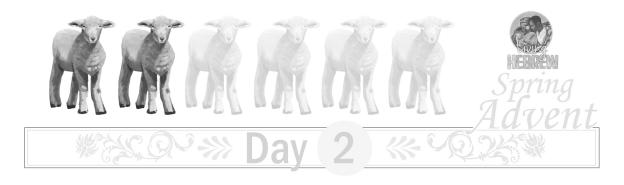
Once completed, set this project aside until the evening of Passover, when you will hang it on or over your main entrance door. It should be wherever you will be eating the Passover meal, to memorialize when our ancestors were given these instructions:

<sup>7</sup> They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal.

---Exodus 12:7

<sup>13</sup> But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

—Exodus 12:13



### Scriptures! Words Have Power

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. <sup>2</sup> He existed in the beginning with Elohim. <sup>3</sup> Elohim created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. <sup>4</sup> The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

—John 1:1 − 5

In the beginning, Yah used Yeshua as his mouthpiece to bring forth all that was created, including us! That is one of the reasons why Yeshua is called the Word, and while Yeshua has several different names and titles, as we'll discuss over the coming days, let's reflect on how important one's "words" are.

Even though you nor I can tell a mountain to get up and walk, nor speak to have the blind see, our words can still be translated to the person listening as being helpful or hurtful.

And while we cannot create anything by just speaking it into existence (only Yah has the power to do that), we need to be mindful of how we use our words on a daily basis.

#### **Activity**

Read the Scriptures together, or aloud to your child, or if an older child can read well, have them read aloud to other siblings. Take the time to go over each sentence with patience, until they understand. Ask them if they have any questions, or what they see when hearing the words. Basically, discuss it with them in an unhurried manner.

Ask each child what they have power over, such as choosing to either be kind or mean to others with their words and actions; thoughtful or negligent of others' feelings; vengeful or forgiving, etc. Ask them to let you know one way they plan on using their powers this week. Will they choose to be compassionate and merciful just like Yeshua was to us?

#### **Bonus Activity:**

Check out our audio supplements in the Yeshua Heals series at: www.kingdompreppers.org/stories/lkp-story-collections



# Scriptures! Yah, the Ultimate Prepper.

<sup>5</sup> "The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects.
<sup>6</sup> "Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight."

—Exodus 12:5 – 6

Our ancestors were instructed to "prepare" for the Passover, two weeks in advance. They were to select the best!

Now imagine taking special care of an animal. That means, day and night, you had to make sure it did not get into any type of trouble, like hurting its hoof, getting lost, or worse, being eaten by jackals. Remember the doorpost banner? how it was made but has been put aside for later?

Well, that is what Yah himself did, by setting Yeshua (our lamb) aside to be sacrificed for us from the very beginning.

<sup>20</sup> Elohim chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days.

—1 Peter 1:20

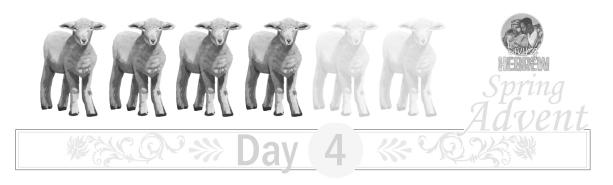
#### **Activity**

See cutouts on pages 8 and 9 for a shepherd's crook, jackal, goat, and lamb.

Print, color, and decorate the images, then cut them out. Glue the cutouts onto card stock. As the child is doing the activity, talk about how Yeshua is our good shepherd, keeping us safe day and night. Give personal examples of recent events in your life. When done, have the child add the crook to the doorpost banner for later, as part of "preparing" and "setting aside" for Passover.

#### **Bonus Activity**

Check out **LKP Printables 001**, which is another cutout craft called *Cotton Ball Sheep*. Find it at www.kingdompreppers.org/lkp-printables/



## Scriptures! The Word is Born

<sup>1</sup> Yeshua was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup> "Where is the newborn king of the Judahites? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup> King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of Torah and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"

<sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: <sup>6</sup> 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'

—Matthew 2:1 — 6 (Younger children)

Older children can read Matthew 2:1 — 12

Yeshua our shepherd, is the Word who was there at the beginning of creation. He was born in a physical form, with all its restrictions, except for one thing: he was *perfect*, and free from defects, just like the male sheep or goat our ancestors were instructed to set aside for

Passover evening. Yeshua was born in physical and spiritual perfection.

That's not to say he could not sin like me or you, or that he was sin-proof (like sin would bounce off him like falling hail on a metal roof). No, growing up as a child and even into his adult years, he chose righteousness at all times. He thought, spoke, and did only good things, even when there were no parents or grown-ups watching!

#### **Activity**

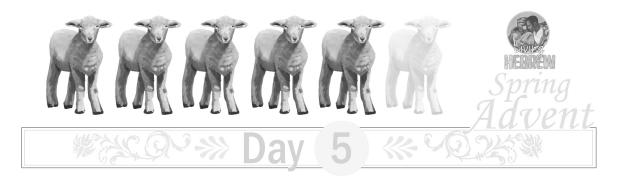
To become perfect as Yeshua is, he has given us a short list to start with, called the ten commandments. In this activity, we will cut out ideas found on page 10 to help put actions to commandment number five. This will also encourage you to do good unto others, which Yeshua did while living in the flesh on earth.

Cut the sentences into strips of paper and place the sentence strips in a clean jar. Have each family member pick one strip out, which must be completed for the week, or throughout the spring feasts. Be sure to discuss how your children can continue to live righteously by putting what they read into practice on a daily basis, starting with the ten commandments.

#### **Bonus Activity**

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Watch the LKP Scripture Reading video "*The Ten Commandments*."



### Scriptures! Blood of Protection

<sup>6</sup> "Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. 7 They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. 8 That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat any of the meat raw or boiled in water. The whole animal—including the head, legs, and internal organs—must be roasted over a fire. 10 Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning.

11 "These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is Yah's Passover. <sup>12</sup> On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the deities of Egypt, for I am Yah! <sup>13</sup> But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 "This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to Yah. This is a law for all time."

—Exodus 12:6 – 14

The slaughtered lamb was actually a means to protect and sustain the Israelites. The lamb's blood was used on the doorpost and its flesh was eaten for sustenance in preparation for a long journey into the wilderness. Spiritually, what we can draw from this is: Yeshua was sacrificed to redeem us, and through his blood we are spared ("protected") from eternal death. And when we eat the Word (the Scriptures) daily, it sustains us in this physical wilderness of lawlessness and unrighteousness. He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6), always guiding us on the right path as our perfect shepherd.

#### **Activity**

Younger children

(See lamb & goat cutout)

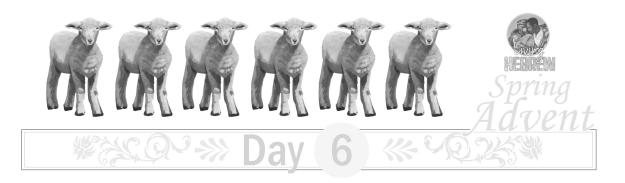
Use cotton balls or tissue paper for the wool or hair of the goat, then paint red dots on the cotton or tissue paper to represent it being slaughtered. If this activity was done for Day 3, then go ahead and add the red craft paint to it to symbolize it being slaughtered. After the paint dries, feel free to have your child add it to the doorpost banner that is set aside for Passover evening.

#### Older children

Read Matthew 27:11-44 or Matthew 27:45-56 to the family. Alternatively, you can read any other account of Yeshua's death from the Messianic Writings. Older children can also create and decorate a felt or fabric cutout lamb or goat to be added to the doorpost banner as well.

#### **Bonus Activity**

Listen to the Yeshua to the Rescue audio supplemental, "Exodus from Egypt."



# Scriptures! Native and Foreigners

<sup>48</sup> "If there are foreigners living among you who want to celebrate Yah's Passover, let all their males be circumcised. Only then may they celebrate the Passover with you like any nativeborn Israelite. But no uncircumcised male may ever eat the Passover meal. <sup>49</sup> This instruction applies to everyone, whether a native-born Israelite or a foreigner living among you."

<sup>50</sup> So all the people of Israel followed all Yah's commands to Moses and Aaron.

---Exodus 12:48 - 50

Even while Yeshua was here on earth in the flesh, his main purpose was to find and feed the lost sheep of his beloved flock "Israel." But being the good shepherd that he was, there were many other sheep and goats that saw how well he provided for his own flock, and they too followed him. His pure law gives eternal life to everyone who is obedient.

#### **Activity:**

Read Leviticus 24:22.

Take the time to triple check with your family that all forms of leaven have been removed from your dwelling place (for younger children, make a "seek and find" game. See the list below for a few common household items that are usually lurking in cabinets and pantries.

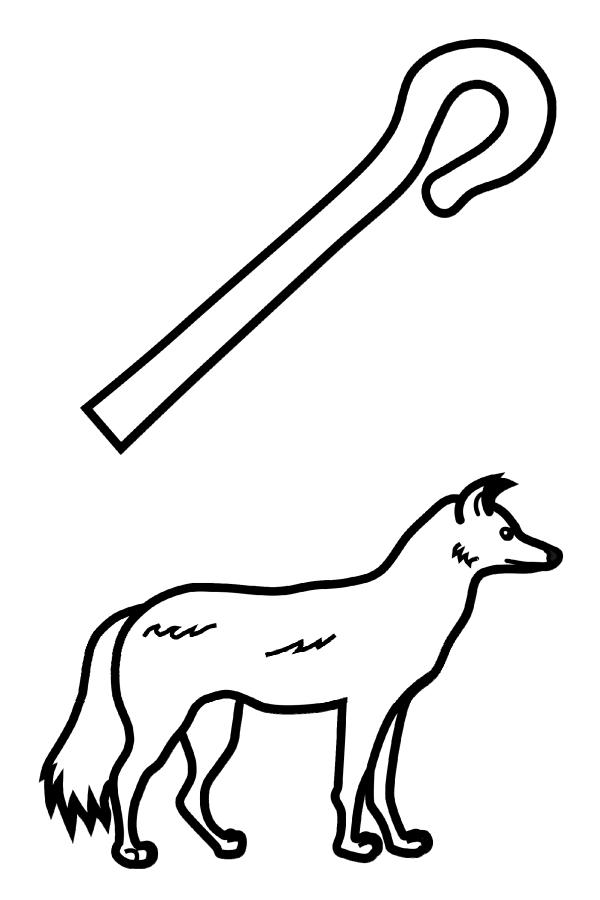
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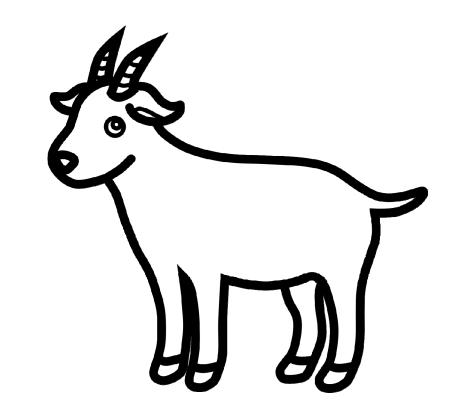
#### **Bonus Activity**

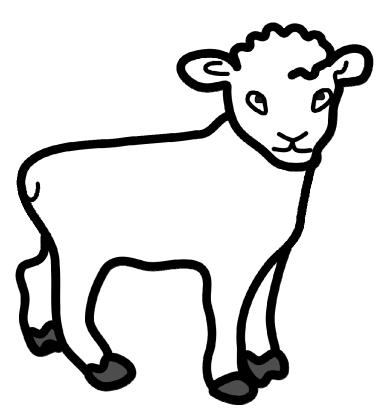
Check out Living Hebrew's "Keepin' It Kosha" for some recipe ideas for the spring feast.

Have a blessed Passover.

Shalom!







## Love Your Neighbor List

Use the list below to teach members of your household compassion and love, and the basic principle and law, "love your neighbor as yourself."

Make your sibling's bed. Tell your parents something good that you like about them. Do a friend or a sibling's chore. Say something nice to a stranger. Give someone your place in line. Pray for someone, other than your family. Do something helpful without being asked. Write a letter or draw a picture to tell your parents or children you love them. Help make dinner. Call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time and ask them how they are doing. Bake something special and give it away for others to enjoy! Read a chapter of Scripture to the family each night for a week.

These are just a few ideas to get you started, but encourage your family to do something good for someone else today. Then discuss those things over dinner. Make it a game for the children and teens. You can even incorporate other ideas, like a fund raiser for an animal shelter, weeding or shoveling the driveway for an elderly person, etc. The list is virtually endless.