

THE STORY

- ◆ Slavery in Egypt (see Exodus chapter 1 verses 2-22)
- ◆ The freedom struggle and the plagues (see Exodus chapter 12 verses 1-42)
- ◆ Crossing the Red Sea (see Exodus chapter 14 verses 21-31)

THE CUSTOMS

- ◆ Physical and spiritual preparation of self and home
- ◆ **Cleaning the home and searching for leaven**
- ◆ **Fast of the First Born**
- ◆ **Seder meal including symbolic foods**
- ◆ **Reciting Psalms 113-118**
- ◆ **Worship in the synagogue**
- ◆ **Sharing the story from the scriptures**

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THE BELIEFS

- ◆ God as saviour and guide
- ◆ The birth of the Jewish nation
- ◆ Freedom – from slavery and to worship God
- ◆ New beginnings
- ◆ Feeding the hungry and caring for strangers

THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

- ◆ Freedom - past, present and future
- ◆ Reinforcing Jewish identity and community / belonging / passing on the faith
- ◆ Anticipation of the Messianic Age
- ◆ Commemoration and celebration as one lives out the story