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After the Jews left Egypt, Pharaoh did change his mind. He liked having the Jews be his slaves and build his pyramids. Pharaoh sent his army to chase the Jews. The Jews ran away from Pharaoh's army until they came to the sea. But they could not cross the sea; they were stuck! Moses raised his arms, and God split the sea in two, with a path in the middle for the Jews to walk on safely. The Jews walked through the ocean. Then, God brought the sea back together again so the Egyptians could not chase them. The Jews were free, and they thanked God by singing and dancing.



Today on Passover we celebrate how the Jews were freed from being slaves. We celebrate by having a Seder. A Seder is a special meal where we say blessings, sing songs, and enjoy being with our families.



We read the Haggadah at the Seder. The Haggadah tells the story of how the Jews left Egypt. It also tells us which blessings to say.



And we celebrate that the Jews are free by eating matzah instead of bread for one week. This helps us to remember that the Jews in the Passover story ate matzah when they left Egypt.