



Now that you and your child  
have read the story, enjoy one or  
more of the following activities. Remember,  
it's also OK to read the story again and again!

## The Matzah That Papa Brought Home

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### Activities

- Explain to your child that a Passover Seder involves a plate that contains some special food to celebrate Passover. Make a Seder plate using a paper plate. Cut out pictures of a bone (symbolizing the lamb the Jews ate before fleeing Egypt), chopped apples (symbolizing mortar used to build pyramids), bitter herb (symbolizing the bitterness of slavery), a roasted egg (symbolizing ancient sacrifices), and a green vegetable (symbolizing new life). Explain the meaning of each food while your child is pasting the pictures around the plate, leaving some space in the center. Help your child write "Passover Plate" in that space.
- Wrap a favorite cracker/wafer/cookie and hide it. Write a form of reward on the wrapper (e.g., fun stickers). Have your child play "find the afikomen," just like in the story. After finding the afikomen, let your child read the reward on the wrapper.
- In the story, the youngest child in the family asks questions about the family feast. Play a question-and-answer game. Together with your child, write four simple questions about the Passover feast on small pieces of paper. Fold the pieces of paper and put them in a container. Take turns picking out questions, reading them aloud, and answering them. If your child doesn't know the answer to a question, find it in the book or give her or him some clues.

### Read More About It!

If you and your child enjoyed this book, look for these related titles at your local library or bookstore: *A Jewish Holiday ABC* by Malka Drucker, *My First Passover* by Tomie de Paola, *Happy Passover, Rosie* by Jane Breskin, *I Love Passover* by Marilyn Hirsh, and *Rugrats: Let My Babies Go* by Sarah Wilson.

