



WORD GAMES

for ALL FOUR CHILDREN



בְּכָל־דּוֹר וָדּוֹר חַיִּיב אָדָם לִרְאוֹת אֶת־עַצְמוֹ כְּאִלוֹ הוּא יָצָא מִמִּצְרַיִם

In each and every generation, a person is obligated to see themselves as if they went free from Egypt.

This is one of the reasons that we are supposed to notice, ask questions, and discuss during the Seder. We not only have to see ourselves in the story, we must experience it as well. And why not have some fun as we do that?

We invite you to use these cards to play with family and friends during the Seder—or any other time during the holiday—as you learn about important ideas, symbols, and people connected to Pesah.

PREPARE IN ADVANCE:

Cut out these cards before Pesah (or just read them from the page). Add your own original ideas on the blank cards provided.

HOW TO PLAY:

The object of the game is to get other players to say the guessing word—but you can't say the forbidden words.

You can play the game in different ways, depending on which of the Four Children you want to be:

Four variations

IF YOU'RE THE WISE ONE

Play by all the rules! Divide into teams and use the cards as a Taboo-style game where each team gets one minute to correctly identify as many words as possible. The first player selects a card and gives their teammates clues without saying any of the forbidden words. The player continues with additional cards until the time is up, and the team counts their points. Then it is the next team's turn. Play as many rounds as you like, or until the cards run out. The team with the most points wins.

IF YOU'RE THE REBELLIOUS ONE



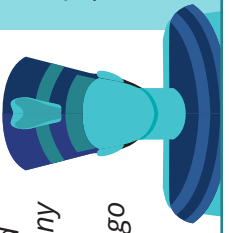
Use the blank cards to create your own guessing words to add to the game, or make up a brand new game with the cards.

IF YOU'RE THE SIMPLE ONE

Play the game according to the wise child rules, but choose only two or three of the words listed to be the forbidden words.

IF YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO ASK

Use the cards like a cooperative game of charades. A grownup can whisper the word to a child who will act it out for everyone else to guess, or children can act out words that the grownups must guess. Everyone wins!

<p>אָמֵץ HAMETZ</p> <p>Say goodbye to these foods on Pesah—anything made from wheat, barley, rye, oats, or spelt that has been allowed to rise.</p> 	<p>מַצָּה Bread Rise Leavened Hallah</p>
<p>אֶרְבֵּי SHANKBONE</p> <p>Literally meaning "arm," this symbolic food on the Seder plate reminds us of the pesah sacrifice described in the Torah.</p> 	<p>קֹרְבָן /sacrifice Roast Outstretched arm Seder plate Temple</p>
<p>פַּרְעֹה PHARAOH</p> <p>The King of Egypt who enslaved our ancestors, and changed his mind many times about letting them go free.</p> 	<p>King Mean Slavery Let my people go Ten plagues</p>

מָרֹר MAROR

Woah! Don't take too big a bite of this bitter herb!



Bitter
Herb
Lettuce
Tears
Horseradish
Slavery

צִמּוּת THE OMER

Beginning on the second night of Pesach, we count forty-nine days until Shavuot... who's ready for cheesecake?



Barley
49 days
7 weeks
Count
Shavuot

FOUR CHILDREN

The Haggadah gives us four different ways of explaining Pesach, based on who is asking the question.



Wicked
Wise
Simple
Ask
Teach

אֶפִּיקוֹמָן AFIKOMAN

The larger piece of the broken middle matzah, eaten towards the end of the Seder (sometimes after being hidden and found!).



Hide
Find
Dessert
Broken
Matzah

מָה נִשְׁתַּנָּה MAH NISHTANAH

Four questions? One question with four answers? These things make Seder nights different from other nights.



Song
Different
Questions
Ask
Youngest
Night

יְיָ יֵינוּ DAYEINU

Any one thing would have been enough, but we're grateful that God took us from Egypt, split the Sea, gave us manna, Shabbat, Torah, and so much more.



Enough
Miracles
Song
Gratitude
God

כּוֹרֵיךְ KOREIKH

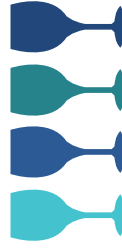
Right before the meal, we do as Hillel did and eat matzah and maror wrapped together.



Sandwich
Hillel
Maror
Haroset
Matzah

FOUR CUPS

To mark the four promises of freedom, we drink four cups of wine or grape juice.



Grape juice/
wine
Pour
Spill
Drink
Redemption

בְּדִיקַת חָמֵץ BEDIKAT HAMETZ

Before Pesach, we go on a final search for hametz, leavened food.



Candle
Search
Crumbs
Feather
Dark

חֲרוֹסֶת HAROSET

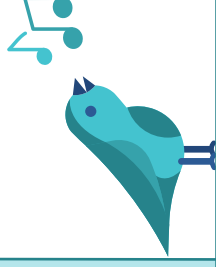
There are so many ways to make this symbolic food that reminds us of the mortar and bricks we used as slaves in Egypt.



- Sweet
- Mortar
- Apples
- Bricks
- Nuts

הַלֵּל HALLEL

So much fun to sing these songs from Psalms!



- Prayer
- Song
- Praise
- Thanks
- Gratitude

אֵלִיָּהוּ ELIYAHU

We pour a cup just for this prophet, whom we invite to visit every Seder.



- Prophet
- Cup
- Door
- Wine/grape juice
- Drink

מֹשֶׁה MOSHE

Although not a central character in the Haggadah, he plays a crucial role in leading our people out of slavery.



- Leader
- Aharon
- Miriam
- Staff
- Pharaoh

בֵּיצָה EGG

This symbolic Seder plate food reminds us of the special holiday sacrifice (hagigah).



- Round
- Meal
- Korban/sacrifice
- Roast
- Seder plate

מַגִּיד MAGGID

Once upon a time... this is when we tell the whole story of Pesah.



- Story
- Tell
- Egypt
- Slavery
- Freedom