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Passover and Easter scavenger hunts

This activity is a scavenger hunt designed to increase children's knowledge of the celebrations of Passover (5 – 13 April 2023) and the Holy Week of Easter (2 – 8 April 2023).

Learning aims

- Understand different traditional celebrations
- Talk about significant events from their own experience
- Be physically active
- Recall information and use new vocabulary.



Resources

- Information or images linked to the celebrations of Passover and Easter
- Coloured card (two different colours)
- Glue
- Pen.

Activity outline

In preparation for the activity:

1. Collate information and images about the celebrations of Passover and Easter keeping this simple and relevant to the age of the children
2. Using one colour card for Passover and one colour card for Easter, create cut outs adding a piece of information or an image to each piece of card related to the celebration (up to 6 for each celebration), e.g. Seder plate, matzah, star of David, cross, eggs, pancakes
3. Hide the cards around your setting indoors and out.

The activity:

1. Working with a small group of children, explain how they will discover facts about the celebrations of Passover and Easter. Encourage children to share their own experiences of celebrations, in particular any celebrations of Passover or Easter
2. Highlight how celebrations of both Passover and Easter include children playing a game of looking for something that is hidden (unleavened bread for Passover and eggs for Easter). Today the children will follow this tradition by taking part in a scavenger hunt, discovering hidden cards with information about the celebrations

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3. Accompany children on the scavenger hunt. When a card is found spend time reading the information or discussing the image, helping children to develop their understanding of the celebration
4. Once all the cards have been found sort them into Passover and Easter. Re-visit with the children, providing opportunities to recall and engage further.

Extension ideas

- Provide recipes and ingredients for making matzah, unleavened bread traditionally made at Passover, or pancakes traditionally cooked and eaten on Shrove Tuesday, to use up all the rich ingredients prior to the period of fasting in Lent.

Support for this activity

- Live virtual classroom training: [Personal, social and emotional development](#)