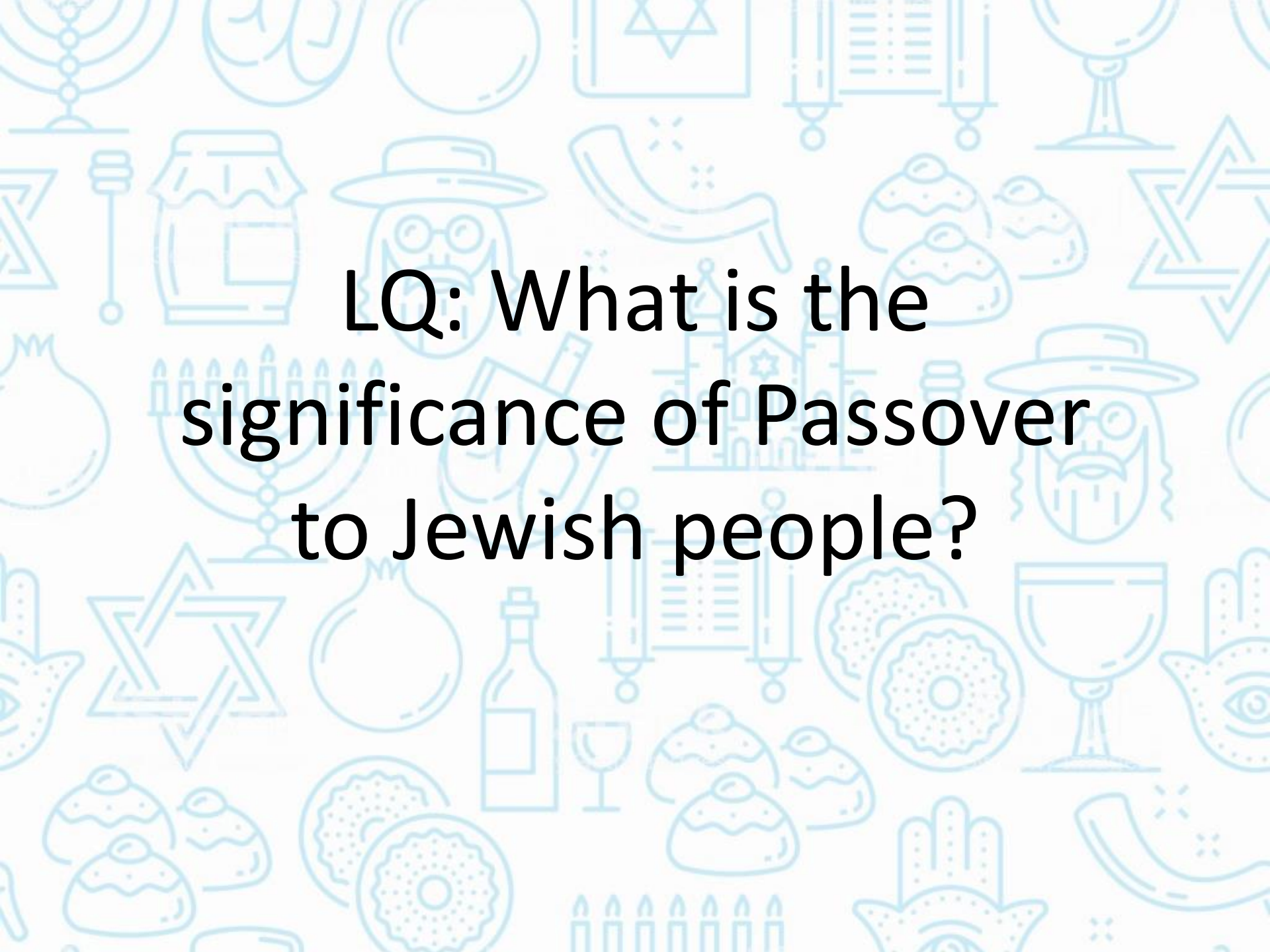




# Big Question

What does it mean to be  
a Jew?



**LQ: What is the  
significance of Passover  
to Jewish people?**



**What do we already know  
about the Jewish faith?  
What do promises mean?**



Some celebrations include...

**Rosh Hashanah** is the Jewish New Year festival which usually takes place in September or October.

**Yom Kippur** is the Day of Atonement during which Jewish people fast, pray, and atone for their sins, asking God for forgiveness. This happens ten days after Rosh Hashanah.

**Passover** is in the Spring and marks the liberation of the Jews from slavery in Egypt, the giving of the ten commandments and the journey to Israel.

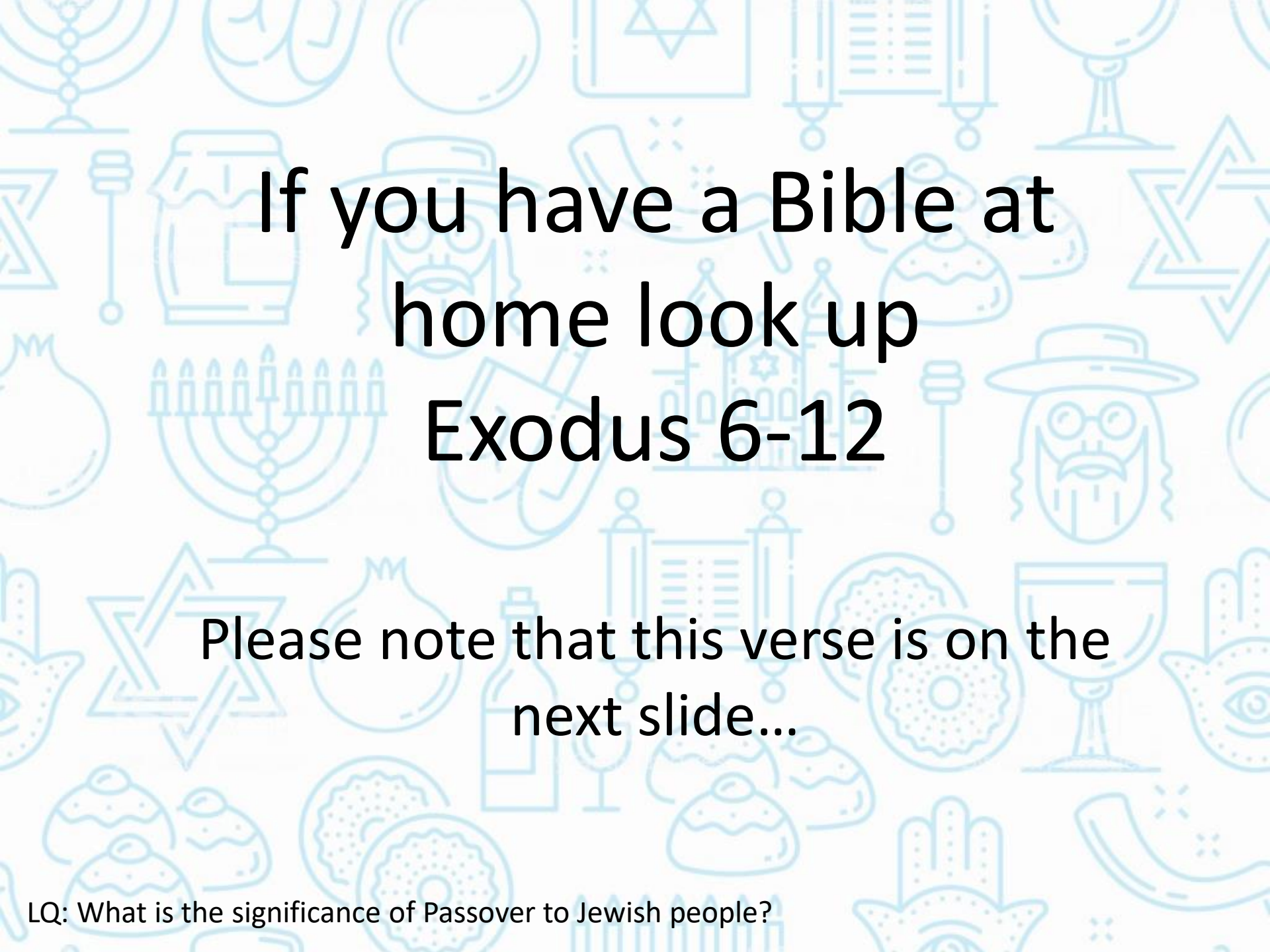
**Hanukkah** is the festival of lights. It is held in late November or December. When the temple was rededicated after a period of persecution, the eternal light was rekindled but there was only enough oil for a few days.

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**If you have a Bible at  
home look up  
Exodus 6-12**

**Please note that this verse is on the  
next slide...**

<sup>6</sup> “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup> And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

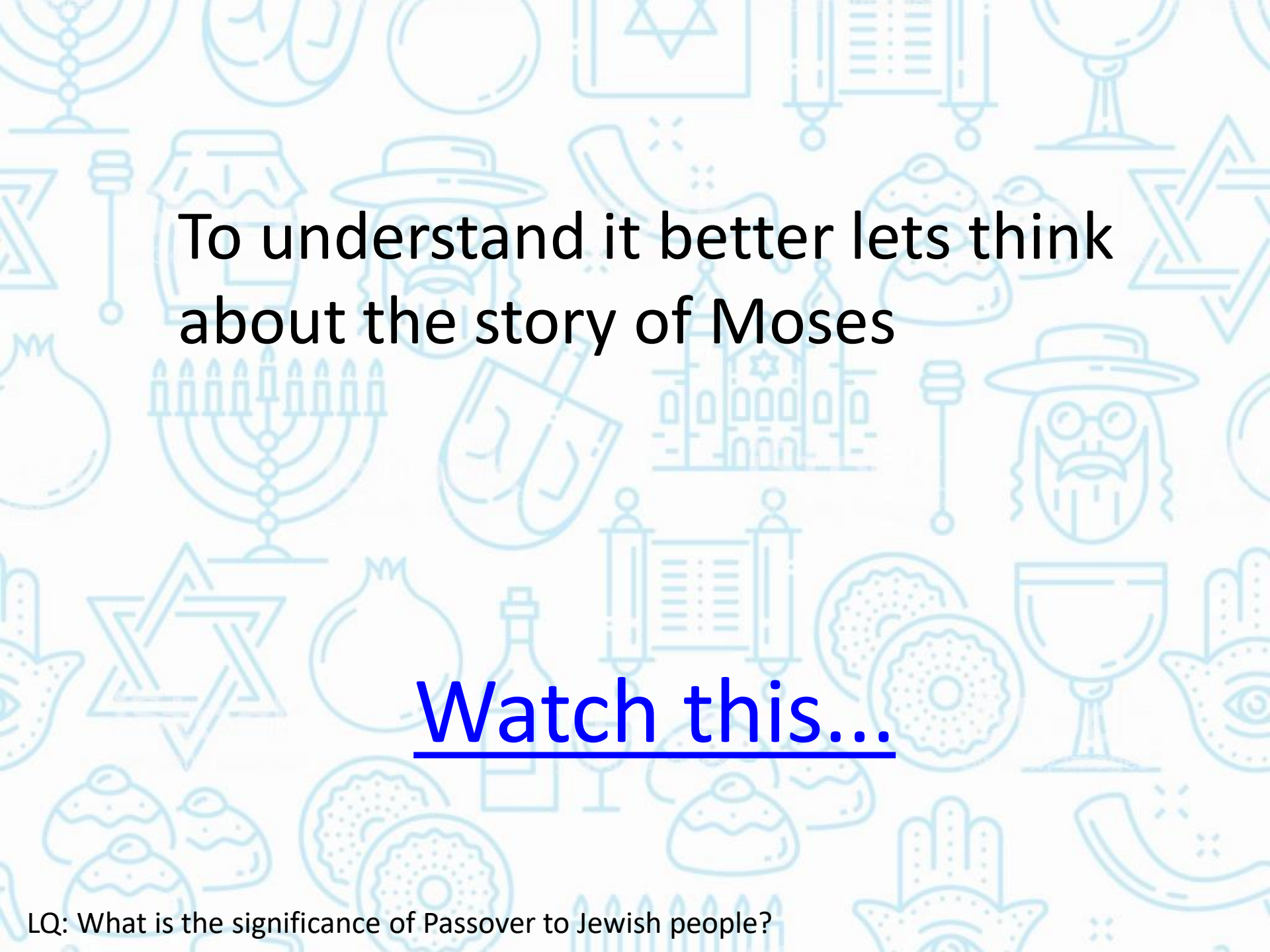
<sup>9</sup> Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor.

<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>11</sup> “Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country.”

<sup>12</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, “If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?”







To understand it better lets think  
about the story of Moses

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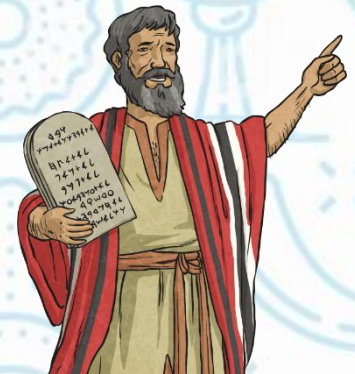
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# How does this link with Passover

Passover is celebrated by Jewish people in Spring. Christians celebrate Easter at a similar time.



Passover is a time when Jews remember the Israelites' freedom from slavery in Egypt. Moses, an important figure in the Jewish faith, led the Israelites to freedom over 3,000 years ago.



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According to the Torah, the Israelites were God's chosen people. They observed Jewish law and believed in one God. However, they were enslaved in Egypt, where they were forced to work in difficult conditions, building pyramids and other great buildings.



Moses had been born into a Jewish family at a time when Jewish baby boys were in danger. To save him, his mother put him in a basket and sent him down the river, with his sister watching close by. He was found by the Pharaoh's family and raised in the palace.

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As he grew older, Moses wanted to learn more about his Jewish heritage. He left the palace, and whilst tending sheep God spoke to him through a burning bush. God chose him to lead His people, the Israelites, to freedom.

It was a long and difficult struggle, but Moses succeeded and led the Israelites to freedom. God even made a miracle happen and parted a sea for His people to walk through!



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Moses and the Israelites spent many years travelling through the desert to reach the land God had promised them. Often, they had little to eat or drink. But the Torah says that God watched over them, provided for them and protected them.



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# Can you sequence the story of Passover using these pictures?



Moses lived in the land of Midian and worked as a shepherd for forty years. One day, in the desert, he heard the voice of God from a burning bush.

God asked Moses to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.



When Moses was born, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh was afraid that one day they would fight against him, so he ordered his soldiers to kill all the baby boys. To save Moses, his mother put him in a basket and floated him down the River Nile.



It was the tenth plague that finally made the Pharaoh let them go. The eldest son in every family, including the Pharaoh's, died. The Israelites marked their doorposts with lamb's blood so that they would be safe. The Israelites fled but soon after the Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army after them.



Moses grew up in the palace as a royal prince. One day he lost his temper and killed an Egyptian who had beaten an Israelite slave to death.

He had to flee to another land.



The Israelites were free but they still had nowhere to live. They were searching for a land called Canaan, which they had been promised by God.

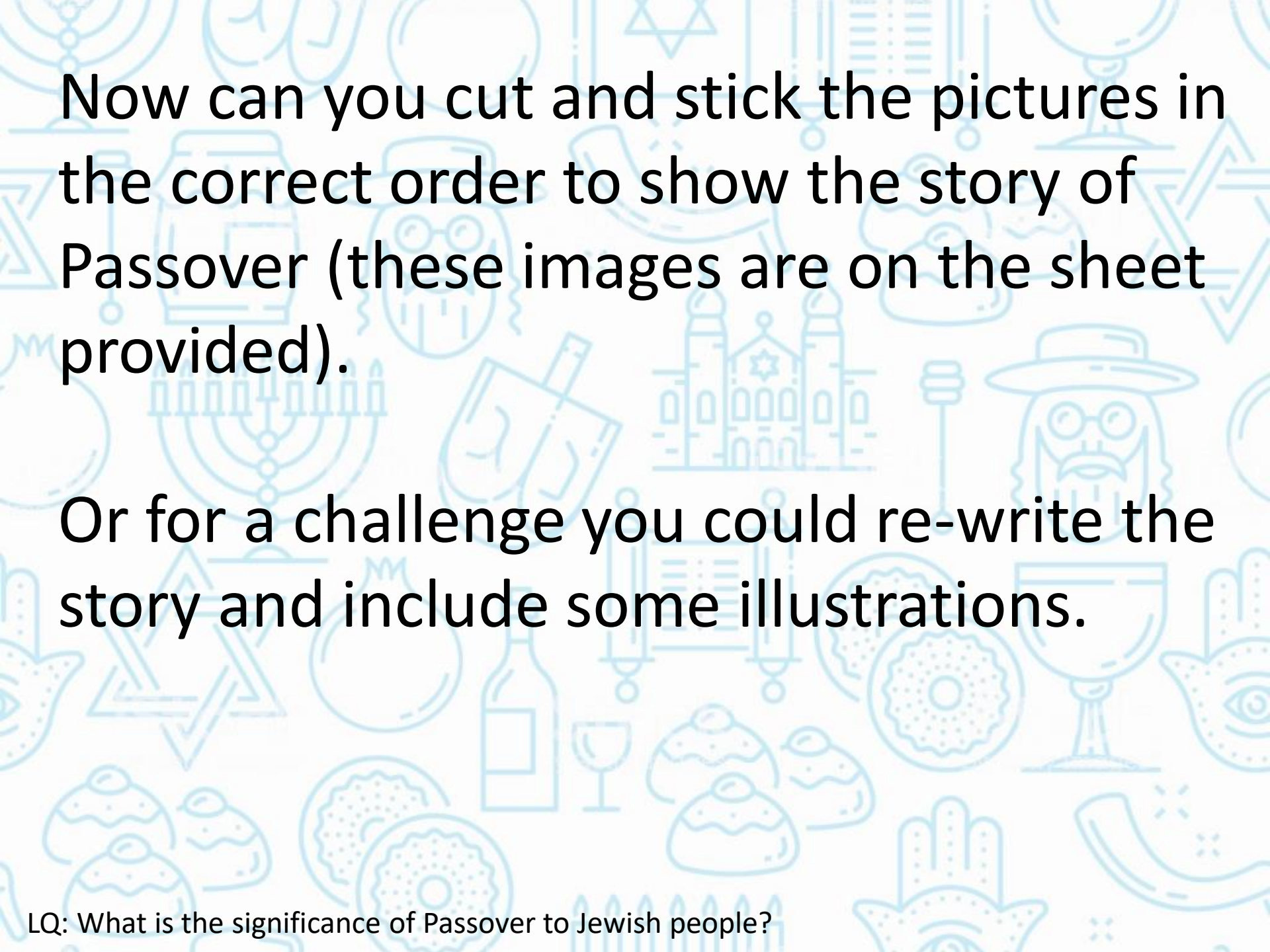
The journey was long and they were hungry. Moses promised that God would provide food.



Moses went back to Egypt and asked the Pharaoh to free his people. The Pharaoh did not want to lose his slaves so he refused.

God was angry and unleashed ten plagues on the Egyptians.

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Now can you cut and stick the pictures in the correct order to show the story of Passover (these images are on the sheet provided).

Or for a challenge you could re-write the story and include some illustrations.