



Passover Poem

Direction Sheet: Leader

The poem has all of the instructions they will need to find the answers to the riddle contained therein.

The answers to the riddle are as follows:

- i. 3 matzahs in total for the Seder plate
- ii. 2 times ritually washing hands during the Seder
- iii. 6 plagues directly related to animals: frogs, lice, wild animals, cattle disease, locusts, death of the first born
- iv. 3 items (matzah, maror, charoset) in the Hillel sandwich

Here are some helpful hints that can be offered as participants work through the poem:

- b) Think about the number of matzahs that are on the table. Specifically, think about how many there are if you count the afikoman along with the matzahs that were with it.
- c) There are times that the Haggadah instructs people to wash their hands. Look in the Haggadah to find those times.
- d) Remember that the killing of the first born included first-born animals.
- e) What food do we eat that is directly connected to Hillel? We do eat matzah as part of that food. What else do we eat with it?

Materials Needed:

- Four digit lock
- Copy of the Passover poem

Prepare in advance:

- If possible, after downloading, print the Passover Poem using a color printer as there is "watermark" on the page.
- Set the four-digit lock to 3263



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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI TARFON TO HELP YOU UNLOCK THE BOX

Welcome to the Seder, a wonderful annual event
On this night, we celebrate from Egypt being sent

You may be familiar with the number 4
Children, wine, questions, and more

But there are 4 other numbers you will need
To open one of the locks slowly or with great speed

The first number focuses on your Passover bread
Count how many are part of your Seder plate to get ahead

Next, how many times do you wash hands tonight?
Figure it out to get the second number right.

For the third, remember that God sent plagues upon Egypt, amen.
How many are directly related to animals of the ten?

The fourth number you will discover later as you start to eat
It is the number of items in Hillel's traditional treat

There you have it. Four numbers to open a lock.

Did you figure it out? You're on the clock.