

Props for the סדר

1. Wear a majestic looking “Bekashe” and a Egyptian looking crown to dress up as פרעה
2. Large cardboard tube (like for mailing posters) can be the Staff of משה, and you can put fake snakes (or the cardboard from the inside of a paper towel, and connect them with fishing string) inside. משה stick can “swallow up” the other sticks
3. Wear a “muscle shirt” (you can get this from Party City), to be a mean Egyptian, (later on in the סדר he can get boils on his body).
4. Party City also sells a plastic knife with blood on the end of it, you can tell your children that this is Jewish Blood.
5. To show what it was like to build on quick sand and basically build for nothing, you can have the children make piles of the pillows, and as soon as they finish change your mind, knock it down, and decide to have them build it on the other side of the room. You can also have them drag heavy bags around the room for with absolutely no purpose or destination. (There is also a story of a person who was sentenced to 20 years of hard labor; his job was to turn a heavy mill all day. His one consolation after all the hard work was that at least he was creating wheat on the other side. At the end of the 20 years, he asked to be able to see the other side of the room. When he got there, he was horrified to see that it was an empty room. All his work was for absolutely nothing. He was able to withstand all the hard work, but when he came to the realization that he was doing hard work for nothing, that caused him to go crazy.)
6. The מצרים used to use Jewish babies as bricks. To relive that, build a tower out of pillows. In the middle of the tower, put a young child lying down on the pillows and then place more pillows on top of them.
7. Slave Walk- Pack a sack of heavy items for each child and have them walk around with them, hunched over.
8. More Slave Walking-Divide up everyone into 2 lines. Each person got up from the table and had to stack several couch pillow cushions on their heads and walk through the line, one at a time, without dropping them.

9. To “hit” the Jews you can buy a “noodle” that are used in pools.
10. At some point in the סדר (We do it right after דיינו) announce that we are ready to leave מצרים. Everyone has to grab a מצה, that is all we have time to grab, and then chase everyone “our of מצרים” and go through the ים סוף.
11. Cover a bowl with water and have a child sprinkle black pepper all over it. Ask an “מצרי” to put their finger in the peppered water. Nothing will happen. Then, secretly put dish soap on a “Jewish” child’s finger and ask him/her to put their finger in the peppered water. The waters have split, just like when God separated the waters for the Jews to pass through.
12. For קריעת ים סוף, we bought two blue blankets (you can also order online a background paper that looks like water), and put a tree on both of them. On the trees there were little bags with fruit in them, and put them on chairs (there were two rows of parallel chairs) and moved the chairs apart and the children went through and took fruit and when they got to the end, the “מצרים” (which was me dressed up as a מצרי) were following and the blankets came down on them, and there was fake money and jewelry at the end.
13. Glow in the dark teeth for the Rasha who had his teeth knocked out.
14. Hold up a piece of paper (You might want to laminate it) that says “HLM” on it. Ask a child, what does this stand for? If they respond, Hashem Loves Me, they get a reward.
15. The mother can put 6 dolls in her shirt (or big sweatshirt), and then take one out at a time, to show what it was like when the Jews gave birth to 6 children at a time
16. Get a fake white beard, this can be used to show how Rebbe Eliezer grew a white beard overnight. This can also be used if you have someone pretend that they are Eliyah hanavi at the end fo the סדר.
17. Grab bag-Put lots of interesting stuff in a bag. Specifically older kids like the creative nature of choosing unique items. Every once in a while in מגיד we would pass the bag around and pull one out and say how the item was connected to Pesach. This can work out well, because after

the person answered, the original person who picked the items would say why they thought it was connected, often not the same answer! Then other people gave their reason and it generated good conversation. We had things like a sneaker (leaving Egypt in the middle of the night), teddy bear (Arove), stuffed dog (the dogs didn't bark), fruit, toy sheep, gold/silver/jewelry, red item, band-aid, plastic cow (דבר), keys on a ring (can't remember :-), etc...

מכות

- 1 You can pour a little wine into a cup, and then hold the bottom of the cup so you can't see that there is wine, and then have your spouse pour water in, this will show that if the מצרים would take our water, when they pour it, it turned into blood.
- 2 You can buy fake money (or print it from this website, under the category of "things to print for the סדר"), and give someone money, and then have them pour water into your cup and you see regular water coming out. You can also get fake fish, and have them floating in your cups.
- 3 The מדרש says that the blood penetrated everything, so you can have a "Jew" cut open an orange, and then get a blood orange, and have a "מצרי" cut it open and see how the blood penetrated the fruit
- 4 You can buy a split cup (on this website under "things to buy"), that you can use to demonstrate the מכת דם. You can put red liquid in one side and clear in another side. This will show how a Jew and a מצרי can drink out of the same cup, and for the Jew it will be water and for the מצרי, it will be blood.
- 5 Empty a pineapple. Put a piece of tin (for example from a 9/13 pan) down the middle, and put red jello on one side, and clear jello on the other, reconnect it (you can use tooth picks), make straws on opposite sides to show how in the fruit there was blood for the מצרים and it did not affect the Jews
- 6 You can get a big frog from this website (Under things to buy)

- 7 The kids can come to whoever is dressed up as פרעה and put the frogs on him (or whoever is dressed up like a מצרי) (maybe wear pajamas).
- 8 Tell everyone at the table that on the count of three, that they should all scream RIBIT!
- 9 For ברד, to show fire and water you can do one of two things: Put a red dot on a cotton ball. Or you can make ice cubes with red and orange gummies, to show water and fire (take a plastic cup, put 1 inch of water and put the gummies in, it only takes about an hour to freeze. This should be done before יו"ט. On the second night, if you do this at the beginning of the סדר, it should be ready on time.)
- 10 For ברד, you might be able to get marshmallow that look like a swirl (representing fire and water)
- 11 For boils, cut marshmallows in half and stick to body.
- 12 For boils, you can get Mega button candies.
- 13 For Choshech, you can take sunglasses, and take black nail polish or put tape on the front and paint it black
- 14 For Choshech, you can play the "mannequin challenge" with a twist. Before the סדר you should hide a few bags of candy and fake jewelry. During Choshech, everyone stands up, and someone calls mannequin challenge. Everyone freezes in their position, and one person (a child) walks around until they find a candy bag. Do this many times over.