

Paint the Doorposts Relay

Materials

- ☐ Permanent markers
- ☐ Bucket or clean paint cans
- ☐ Large paintbrushes
- ☐ Large boxes
- ☐ Optional: water if playing outdoors

Instructions

Before class, determine how many teams will play. Use one large box for each team. Draw a door with large doorposts and a lintel on each box.

Divide the class into teams. Set one box with door drawing, one bucket (or paint can), and one paintbrush for each team at one end of the room. Have teams line up across from their “door box.” Explain that when you say “Go!” the students at the front of the line must run to their team’s box, dip the paintbrush into the (empty) bucket and pretend to paint blood on the door drawing by swiping the brush along the two doorposts and the lintel at the top. They must put the brush in the bucket before running back and tagging the next person in line. The team that finishes first wins.

For a smaller class, have students race against a timer to finish their line before time runs out.

Optional: if you want to play outdoors, add a small amount of water to the buckets.

Suggested Discussion

God was about to send the last plague on Egypt, but he promised to keep the Israelites safe as long as they obeyed his instructions. Families had to choose a perfect lamb, kill it, and spread the blood on the doorposts and lintel of their doors. The lamb’s blood protected the people inside the house. During the last plague, when God saw the blood, he passed over that house.

The Passover is also a picture of what Jesus did many years later. Just as the lambs were sacrificed to save the Israelites, Jesus sacrificed himself when he died on the cross to save sinners.