

Freedom



Challenge



Can you escape from your coat?

Put on a coat, without zipping it up.

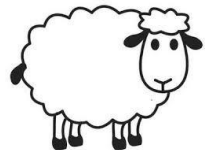
Put your hands together.

With your hands still together see if you can take your coat completely off.



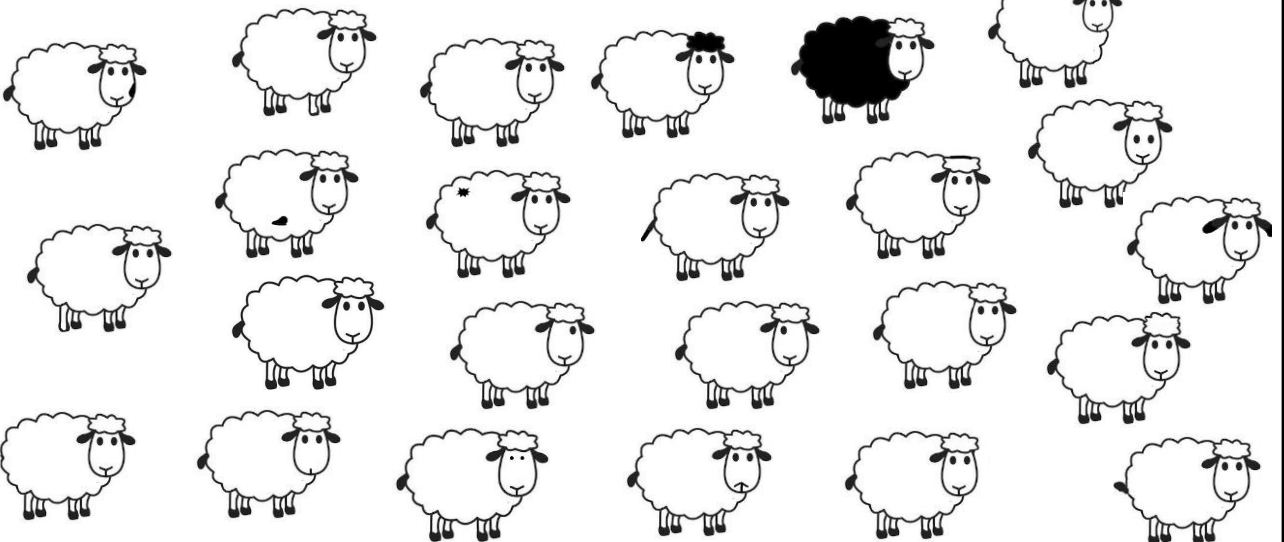
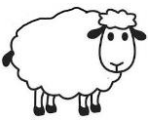
When you keep your hands together it is impossible to 'escape' from your coat – you just can't get free! For the Jewish people living in Egypt, it seemed impossible for them to escape from Egypt and to be free. Through Moses, God kept warning Pharaoh, saying that he must let them go. But Pharaoh didn't want to lose all the people that worked for him, so he said "No!". God warned Pharaoh that if he didn't, then something terrible would happen. How many times do your mum or dad warn you when you do something wrong? Maybe once or twice? Well, God warned Pharaoh nine times! Cruel Pharaoh refused to let the Jewish people go over and over again. Would they ever be free? God had a plan! God told Moses to give the Jewish people some special instructions. It can be hard to understand what happened next, but still for Jewish people today it is a very special story, a story that Jewish children hear told year after year when an important holiday called the Feast of the Passover is celebrated. And for Christians today what happened has a special hidden meaning.

The special instructions started with Moses telling each Jewish family to get their best lamb, one without any faults: no funny markings, or droopy ears or strange walks, one that looked a bit like this one.



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Can you find the above sheep in amongst the ones below?



Once they had chosen their lamb, they had to kill it and to put the blood on their doors. That may seem a strange thing to do, but it was all part of God's plan. The last and saddest warning for Pharaoh was that if he ignored God again, the oldest boy in their families would die. God promised that anyone who had followed his special instructions would be safe and no-one would die, because the lamb had died instead of their sons.

That night the eldest son in each of the Egyptians households died. If only Pharaoh had done what God had told him all along. Finally, Pharaoh called for Moses and told him to take God's people out of Egypt. Freedom at last! Can you imagine how happy they must have felt?

Craft

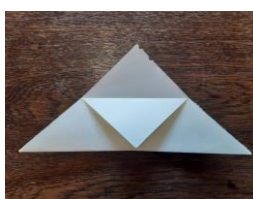
Happy Emoji Corner Bookmark Craft



You will need: 1 A5 sheet of paper (ideally yellow but it doesn't have to be), scissors



Step 1: Take your A5 sheet of paper and fold over one corner to create a triangle.



Step 6: Take only the top piece of the right-angled corner and fold down.



Step 2: Cut off the part that isn't the triangle.



Step 7: Fold one of the bottom corners to the right angle, as you did in step 3.



Step 3: Place your triangle so the right angle is at the top. Fold one of the bottom corners up to the right angle.



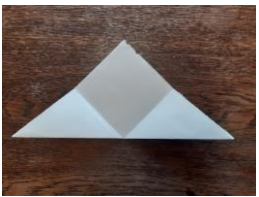
Step 8: Tuck the top half of this hold behind the fold you created in step 6.



Step 4: Repeat with the other corner. You should now have a square/diamond.



Step 9: Repeat steps 7 and 8 with the other corner. You should now have your bookmark.



Step 5: Unfold the two folds you just made so you have a triangle again.



Step 10: Decorate with your happy emoji face.

Do you remember we said that for Christians today there is a special hidden meaning to the story of what happened to the lamb? Well, here it is. Think back to what happened in Egypt. For the Jewish people to be safe and be free, a perfect lamb had to die. Many years later, God would once again rescue his people. Christians believe Jesus was like the lamb in the story. He never did anything wrong; can you imagine that! He lived a perfect life, died on the cross and came back to life so that we can be free and be God's friend for ever!