Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 15, Bible Truth 6

The Case of the Remembered Rescue Exodus 12; Luke 22; Isaiah 25:6-9

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

- 1. The LORD had sent many sadnesses on Pharaoh and his people, but Pharaoh still wouldn't let the people of Israel go. So, the LORD would send one last sadness. "I'm going to send a terrible punishment into Egypt tonight," He told the people of Israel. "After this, the Egyptians will free you."
- 2. "This punishment will come on you, too, unless you take the blood of a lamb and put it around the door to your home," the LORD told them through Moses. "If you do this, the punishment will pass over you, and you will go free."
- 3. "So, hurry up! Pack your things. Make your last bread. Don't even wait for it to rise. Bake it flat. You leave Egypt tomorrow morning," the LORD said. "Celebrate tonight. Eat the lamb whose blood was shed and the flat bread. Do this to remember what I'm doing for you."
- 4. Late that night, the terrible punishment came upon every Egyptian family. But the punishment passed over the people of Israel, thanks to the blood of the lamb. The next morning, the people of Israel praised the LORD and left Egypt. They were free!
- 5. Year after year, the people of Israel celebrated the Passover. They drank red wine to remember the blood of the Passover lamb. They ate flat bread to remember how quickly they left Egypt. God had rescued them from their biggest enemy and made His biggest punishment pass over them. 17.5
- 6. But there is a bigger enemy and punishment that not just the people of Israel but the whole world face. The enemy is sin. The punishment is death —separated from God forever. And it would take the blood of God's Son, Jesus, to pass over this punishment and rescue us from this enemy. 17.5
- 7. On the night before Jesus died, Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples. Only this time, Jesus used the wine and the flat bread to tell them what He was about to do for God's people.
- 8. Jesus took the flat bread, and said, "This is My body broken for you. Tomorrow, I will give My body as the perfect sacrifice for you and all of God's people when I suffer and die on the cross. Take it and eat it; and remember Me when you do!"
- 9. Then, Jesus picked up the cup of red wine, and said, "This is My blood poured out for you. Tomorrow, I will pay for the sins of God's people with My blood when I die on the cross," Jesus said. "Take it and drink it; and remember Me when you do."
- 10. "My life is making a new, covenant promise between God and His people. All who turn from their sins and trust in Me, will be saved. From now on, use this little meal to remember what I've done for you, until I come back as King, and put an end to sin and death forever," Jesus told them.
- 11. The next day, Jesus died on the cross, giving His life for the sins of God's people. He was buried in a cave-grave by friends, but on Day Three, He rose from the dead. Jesus had really paid for the sins of God's people. He had beaten sin and death for them!
- 12. God's people will keep gathering together to eat "The Lord's Supper." They will keep remembering how Jesus gave His life that God's punishment would pass over them, until Jesus comes back and takes them all home to heaven.
- 13. Then, God's people will have a NEW meal, called the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. They will celebrate being joined together forever with their Passover Lamb, Jesus, who suffered and died to save them. That will be the best day ever!