



INSTRUCTION CARD

The Matzah has been stolen! There are a number of Pesach-themed personalities sitting around your Seder table, and also a sneaky Matzah thief. Over the course of the evening, you have to unmask the Matzah thief!

Every household member gets a coaster, with a Pesach personality. Make sure that one person gets the 'Matzah thief' coaster. The coasters show you some facts about this personality, as well as words you are not allowed to say. Of course, you also cannot say any part of the personality's name, as that would be a real give-away!

Over the course of the Seder, chat with the people around you, listen to what they are (and aren't!) saying, to reveal who they are, and ultimately, uncover who holds the 'Matzah thief' coaster.



YOU ARE

PHARAOH



FOUR FACTS ABOUT PHARAOH:

- 1 Pharaoh enslaved the Jewish people**
- 2 God hardened Pharaoh's heart**
- 3 Pharaoh fostered Moshe (Moses) from an early age**
- 4 Pharaoh's oldest son passed away in the last plague**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

RULER

LET MY PEOPLE GO

KING

LAWS

EGYPT

I WILL NOT LET YOU GO!

YOU ARE

MOSHE

(Moses)



FOUR FACTS ABOUT MOSHE:

- 1 Batya, the daughter of Pharaoh, gave Moshe his name after she drew him ('Meshitihu' in Hebrew) from the River Nile**
- 2 Moshe was referred to by ten different names**
- 3 Moshe underwent a traumatic event as a child in the palace which gave him a speech impediment**
- 4 Although he was treated as a prince, he insisted on helping the Jewish slaves**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

FREEDOM

STICK OR STAFF

PLAGUES

PALACE

LEADER

YOU ARE

AHARON



FOUR FACTS ABOUT AHARON:

- 1 Aharon was Moshe's (Moses') older brother**
- 2 Aharon was three years older than Moshe**
- 3 Aharon was the first to serve as a High Priest (Kohen Gadol) and wear the eight holy garments**
- 4 Aharon dedicated his life to settling arguments and achieving peace**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

EIGHT

PEACE OR SHALOM

MOSHE (MOSES)

BROTHER

MIKDASH OR TEMPLE

YOU ARE

YOCHEVED



FOUR FACTS ABOUT YOCHEVED:

- 1 Yocheved was the very first Jewish baby to be born in Egypt**
- 2 Yocheved was Moshe's (Moses') mother**
- 3 Yocheved placed baby Moshe in an ark on the River Nile**
- 4 Yocheved was a midwife who risked her life to deliver Jewish baby boys in hiding, together with her daughter, Miriam**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

NILE

RIVER

MIDWIFE

ARK

BABY

MUM OR MOTHER

YOU ARE

BATYA



FOUR FACTS ABOUT BATYA:

- 1 Batya was the daughter of Pharaoh**
- 2 Batya's arm miraculously stretched further and further when she drew Moshe (Moses) from the River Nile**
- 3 Batya converted to Judaism and married Kalev (Caleb), one of the two good spies**
- 4 Batya entered the land of Israel with the Jewish people**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

DAUGHTER

STRETCHED

ISRAEL

ARM

PHARAOH

YOU ARE

MIRIAM



FOUR FACTS ABOUT MIRIAM:

- 1 Miriam was Moshe (Moses) and Aharon's older sister**
- 2 Miriam led the singing and dancing for the women after the splitting of the Reed Sea**
- 3 Miriam was one of seven prophetesses: Sarah, Miriam, Devorah, Hannah, Avigail, Huldah and Esther**
- 4 For as long as Miriam was alive, the Children of Israel were accompanied by a water well in the desert**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

MUM OR MOTHER

SISTER

SING

DANCE

SEVEN

YOU ARE

THE SHEEP!



FOUR FACTS ABOUT THE SHEEP:

- 1 Egyptians worshipped sheep as a sacred animal**
- 2 Every Jewish family tied a sheep to a bed four days before they left Egypt**
- 3 The first Seder night in history took place 3336 years ago, using the sheep as the Korban Pesach (Pesach offering) on the night before we left Egypt**
- 4 Blood from the sheep was spread on the doorpost to protect Jewish firstborns during the 10th plague**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

BAA

TIE

BED

TEN

BLACK

DOOR

YOU ARE

FROGS!



FOUR FACTS ABOUT FROGS:

- 1 This was the second plague**
- 2 The frogs swarmed the Egyptian houses**
- 3 Frogs were considered holy in ancient Egypt**
- 4 Aharon stretched his hands over the Nile river and God started the plague of frogs**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

RIBBIT

JUMP

LILY PAD

PLAGUE

YOU ARE

THE SEA

THAT SPLIT!



FOUR FACTS ABOUT SEA THAT SPLIT:

- 1 The sea was called the Yam Suf (Reed Sea)**
- 2 The sea split and the Jewish people walked through a path with walls of water on either side**
- 3 It took the Jewish people seven days from leaving Egypt to reach the sea**
- 4 Moshe (Moses) led the Jewish people in singing a song of gratitude for crossing the sea safely. This song, Az Yashir, is sung every morning in our Tefillah (prayers)**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

SEA

IN TWO

SPLIT

YAM SUF

REED SEA

YOU ARE

RABBI

AKIVA



FOUR FACTS ABOUT RABBI AKIVA:

- 1 Rabbi Akiva was a famous Jewish Scholar and teacher who lived in the 1st and 2nd centuries CE**
- 2 Rabbi Akiva started life as a shepherd and only learned to read and study Torah at the age of 40 with the encouragement of his wife Rachel**
- 3 The famous story in the Haggadah of the 5 Rabbis who held an all-night Seder in Bnei Brak was hosted by Rabbi Akiva**
- 4 Rabbi Akiva's mantra was the famous quote: "And you shall love your fellow like yourself"**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

SEDER

BNEI BRAK

SHEPHERD

SHEMA

YOU ARE

NACHSHON

BEN AMINADAV



FOUR FACTS ABOUT NACHSHON BEN AMINADAV:

- 1 Nachshon is believed to be the first person to step into the sea before it split, showing his total belief in God**
- 2 The story of Nachshon is told in the Midrash (ancient rabbinic commentary)**
- 3 Nachshon was the prince of the tribe of Yehuda (Judah)**
- 4 As a reward for Nachshon's dedication to God at the splitting of the sea, five heroes of Israel were among his descendants: King David, Daniel, Chanania, Mishael and Azariah**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

FIRST

SEA

SPLIT

BRAVE

YOU ARE

ELIYAHU

HANAVI



(Elijah the Prophet)

FOUR FACTS ABOUT ELIYAHU HANAVI:

- 1 Eliyahu HaNavi was a prophet who performed a lot of impressive miracles, including the scene at Mount Carmel, where he showed idol worshippers that God exists**
- 2 Eliyahu HaNavi is said to visit every Brit Milah (circumcision) and every Seder table**
- 3 We pour a cup of wine for Eliyahu HaNavi during the Seder**
- 4 Eliyahu HaNavi will be the one to announce the arrival of Mashiach (Messiah)**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

ETERNAL LIFE

MASHIACH

CUP OF WINE

BRIT MILAH/CIRCUMCISION

YOU ARE AN

EGYPTIAN



FOUR FACTS ABOUT THE EGYPTIANS:

- 1 The Egyptians used the Jews as slaves. They made the slave labour worse by giving them work they weren't physically suited for**
- 2 When Moshe (Moses) left the palace, he saw an Egyptian beating a Jewish slave. Moshe hit the Egyptian to save him**
- 3 The Egyptians had many gods, including cats, sheep and the River Nile**
- 4 When the Jews left Egypt, the Egyptians chased them on chariots. They were unsuccessful and many drowned in the Reed Sea**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

SLAVERY

EVIL

HITTING

RIVER NILE

CHARIOTS

DROWNING

GODS

YOU ARE

LAVAN

(Laban)



FOUR FACTS ABOUT LAVAN:

- 1 Lavan was Rivka's (Rebecca's) brother and the uncle of Eisav (Esau) and Yaakov (Jacob). After convincing Eisav to sell him the birthright, Yaakov fled his home to live with Lavan**
- 2 When Yaakov wanted to marry Rachel, Lavan tricked him into marrying her sister Leah instead**
- 3 The 'Maggid' section of the Seder begins by instructing us to learn about what Lavan did to Yaakov as this begins the Jewish people's descent into slavery**
- 4 Lavan means 'white'. Despite being a swindler, he made himself appear pure and innocent**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

UNCLE

LEAH

YAAKOV

RACHEL

YOU ARE

THE FOUR SONS*



FOUR FACTS ABOUT THE FOUR SONS:

- 1 The wise son represents the type of student who embraces each opportunity they are given and seeks more knowledge and understanding**
- 2 The wicked son represents someone who is capable of greatness but views learning as a chore and therefore rebels against it**
- 3 The simple son represents a person who puts the bare minimum effort into learning. They do not push themselves to learn any more than necessary**
- 4 The son who does not know how to ask represents someone who is in an environment that does not give them the opportunity to develop**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY: **DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO ASK**

*there are many interpretations of what the Four Sons represent, and they refer to both sons and daughters

WICKED

SIMPLE

WISE

YOU ARE

THE FOUR

MOTHERS



FOUR FACTS ABOUT THE FOUR MOTHERS:

- 1 Sarah was Avraham's (Abraham's) wife and together they started the Jewish nation. They discovered monotheism and opened their home to a lot of visitors**
- 2 Rivka (Rebecca) was very young when she got married to Yitzchak (Isaac) and despite coming from an evil home, she was a very righteous person**
- 3 Rachel was going to marry Yaakov (Jacob). However, when Leah was going to be shamed for getting married later than her younger sister, Rachel allowed Leah to marry him first**
- 4 Leah was destined to marry the evil Eisav (Esau). She cried and prayed and thereby merited to marry Yaakov instead. She was the mother of six of the 12 tribes**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

AVRAHAM

FOUR

EISAV

RIGHTEOUS

YITZCHAK

YAAKOV

TRIBES

YOU ARE

TZIPPORA



FOUR FACTS ABOUT THE TZIPPORA:

- 1 Tzippora was Moshe's (Moses') wife**
- 2 Like many of our patriarchs, Tzippora and Moshe met for the first time at a water well**
- 3 She was Yitro's daughter and grew up in Midian**
- 4 When Moshe and Tzippora had their oldest son, Gershom, Tzippora performed Brit Milah (circumcision) on him**

WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

WELL

BRIT MILAH

YITRO

MOSHE (MOSES)

YOU ARE THE

MATZAH

THIEF!

FOUR FACTS ABOUT MATZAH:

- 1 When the Jews left Egypt, they didn't have time to let the bread rise - voila, Matzah was born!**
- 2 Matzah must be made in a maximum of 18 minutes**
- 3 Matzah symbolises humility (it is flat and simple), whereas bread resembles arrogance (it has risen high and is full of air)**
- 4 Matzot made by Ashkenazim resemble crackers, whereas Matzot made by Sefardim look more like laffas**



WORDS YOU CANNOT SAY:

LEAVING EGYPT

CRACKERS

RISING

18 MINUTES

HUMILITY