



Venture into Passover



Activity: Bedikat Chametz

It is traditional to rid our homes of all leavened bread, or chametz, before Passover begins with a search and burning of any chametz found. This is a fun scavenger hunt-like experience you can do as a family!

Materials: candle, wooden spoon, feather, paper bag [\(click here to learn why we use these materials.\)](#)

Grownups: hide 10 pieces of *chametz* for kids to find. This could be pieces of bread, cereal, crackers, etc. Say this blessing together before searching:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, sovereign of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and commanded us to remove the chametz.

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו
מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו
במצו תו וצונו על בעור חמץ.

Baruch atah adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu al bi'ur chametz.

Light the candle and turn out the lights while kids search for the *chametz*. If you are not comfortable using a candle, use a flashlight instead. Use the feather to scoop the *chametz* into the wooden spoon and then dump it into the paper bag. Say this blessing*:



May all the chametz that I have not seen or removed become like the dust of the earth.

כל-תמירא וחמיעא דאכא ברשותי,
דלא חמיתה ודלא בערתה, ודלא
ידענא לה, לבטיל ולהוי הפקר
בעפרא דארעא.

*Kol hamira va-hami'a d'ika vir'shuti, d'la chamitei u-d'la vi'artei,
u-d'la yedana lei, leevteel/ ve-le-hevei hefker k'afra d'ar'a*

The next morning, very carefully burn the paper bag outdoors. Say this blessing:

All leaven in my possession whether I have seen it or not, whether I have removed it or not, is hereby nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth.

כל-תמירא וחמיעא דאכא
ברשותי, דחמיתה ודלא חמיתה,
דבערתה ודלא בערתה, לבטיל
ולהוי הפקר כעפרא דארעא.

*Kol hamira va-hami'a d'ika vir'shuti, dahamitay oodilah hamitay, dv'a'areetay oodilah
ba'areeitay, leevteel u-le-havei hefker k'afra d'ar'a*

* *The blessings here are recited in written in the ancient language of Aramaic, so they might be a little trickier to read than Hebrew.*