



# 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.