6 Hours of Waiting

What is the only thing you have to assure you?

Is it enough...for you?

Memory Verse
Lesson:
- I am secure – I need to simply accept it and rest in Him.

Verse:
Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I WILL PASS OVER YOU”. Exodus 12:13

Introduction:
- Tell story of teacher giving drawing competition about peace. Ask what kind of pictures might have been submitted. Which one won the competition? Peace in the midst of the storm. Why was the child at peace? Trust in the father. Resting in the fact that the Father cares, provides and will not disappoint. What does the song “Passover” teach – “No matter what the night may bring, I have no fear”. That is true faith.

Story:
- Today, that is the story we are going to look at. The story of the Passover.
- The Children of Israel have been in bondage in the land of Egypt for nearly 150 years. All they have ever known is fear.
  - Think-pair-share.
    - Death
    - Beating
    - Starvation
    - Separation
- Then all of a sudden, it would seem, a new man appears. His name is Moses. He is 80 years old. He begins to do marvellous things. Each time he goes into the Pharaoh and demands the release of the people, when the King refuses a terrible plague is sent – water to blood, frogs, lice, flies, disease in animals, disease in man, hail, locusts, darkness.
- They are seeing God’s power. For a people who have only seen suffering for over a hundred years, now, for the first time, they are seeing hope. But they are only seeing – they are not asked to do anything. They only watch.
- But then Moses tells them something very strange. God is going to send one final judgment and after that they will be free.
- What do you think went through the minds of the people when they heard these words? Think pair share.
  - How will a lamb protect us?
  - What strange request is this?
  - Who is this God who judges like this?
  - Can we really trust the word of Moses?
- Now close your eyes and imagine you are in a Jewish home. Imagine you are the oldest son in the family. It is the 14th day of the month. Tonight is the night – for 4 days you have been watching your little lamb. Now your father goes and takes the lamb. The lamb is killed at what time? 6:00. The blood is taken and put on the sideposts and top of the door. You and your family are dressed and ready to leave the land of Egypt. But now you must wait. One hour passes. Slowly shadows come, darkness descends on the land. Another hour passes, two hours pass. You quietly eat your dinner of roast lamb. All the time the clock is ticking. All the time there is silence. What goes through your heart as you sit in the house? What are you
wondering about? Are you anxious? Is there enough blood? Will the Lord see it? Can I trust the word.

- **What is the only thing you have to assure you?**
  - The Word of the Lord
  - The blood on the door.

- For six hours you wait. I wonder how many times that young boy looked to the door and said to himself, “yes, the blood is there”. It was all he had.

- Then at midnight everything changes. All of a sudden a loud cry reaches your ears. Are you anxious? What is happening? The Lord has visited. Moses is called to the King’s house – he is told to leave the land immediately with all the people. The Bible doesn’t say how word comes to your house. Perhaps you hear a pounding on the door, perhaps a quiet knock. And the word is given that it is time to go. At last deliverance has come.

**Lesson:**

- Many people worry about whether their sins are forgiven. Will God really welcome them home when they die? They look at their lives, they think about what they have done – and are anxious. But God’s word tells us we need to look back much further than our lives. We need to look back to when the Lamb of God died. Was His death enough for you? You can look at His death and rest secure. It is enough. God WILL pass over us in judgment. If we are trusting in Christ, we are sheltered by His blood.