



## WHERE IS THE AFIKOMEN?

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*Someone's hidden the afikomen. Where could it be? Look up, down, and all around!*

### JEWISH CONCEPTS

Passover, a joyous spring holiday that celebrates liberation and redemption, is a cornerstone of the Jewish year. The *Haggadah*, the written guide used at a seder (ritual Passover meal), asks participants to imagine that they were there during the exodus from Egypt. The concepts of Passover can be challenging for young children. A traditional seder addresses this by giving children a special role: The youngest child who is able recites the Four Questions (basic questions about Passover rituals). As this book illustrates, the seder will come to a halt unless someone – usually a child! – is able to find the *afikomen*, a piece of *matzah* (a cracker-like product eaten during Passover) that has been hidden during the meal.

Families can involve young children in many ways at a seder. Prepare children by reading books about the holiday so they are familiar with the rituals. Preschool-age children can draw pictures of the objects from the seder plate. Child-friendly Passover songs help build anticipation. Seders can be long, so offering Passover-appropriate snacks can help little ones stay alert and engaged. And children can start playing “find the afikomen” weeks before Passover, so they’ll be well practiced when the big day arrives!