



## LOTSAMATZAH

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*Why is matzah plain and flat? For centuries it's been like that! This clever board book will give you a little insight into what matzah is and why it's so important at Passover.*

### JEWISH CONCEPTS

The holiday of Passover revolves around a story – the story of the Exodus, in which the Israelites fled slavery in ancient Egypt. Many families gather together for a *seder*, a ritual meal filled with symbolic foods that help retell the thrilling story of liberation. *Matzah*, unleavened bread prepared especially for Passover, is a key component of a *seder*. Known as “the bread of affliction,” matzah reminds us that the Israelites had to rush so quickly to escape, they didn’t even have time to let their bread rise. They had to eat on the run! To learn more, visit [pjlibrary.org/lotsamatzah](http://pjlibrary.org/lotsamatzah).

In this book children hunt for the *afikomen*, a special piece of broken matzah that is removed from the table during the *seder* and hidden somewhere in the house. The word *afikomen* comes from the Greek for “dessert,” and the *seder* cannot be completed until someone finds this special dessert! Searching for the *afikomen* is just one of many ways for families to engage young children during a Passover *seder*. It’s customary to hold *seders* at the beginning of the holiday, but Passover continues for a full week, offering plenty of opportunity to eat “lotsa matzah.” Happy Passover!