



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 3: Delivered From Egypt
Suggested Week of Use: December 15, 2024
Core Passage: Exodus 12:21-32

News Story Summary

For all but twelve schools, the chase for a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) national championship is officially over. Still, one of the most endearing aspects of college football is the many quirky traditions that are a part of game day across the country. You can search “Best college football traditions” to get a sample of some of the most well-known of these traditions. Or, if you wish, search for traditions within a specific football rivalry or conference.

Engage

Replace the Christmas traditions activity on page 39 with the following quiz or something similar. You can do this as a group activity, or you can make it a fun competition by leading adults to work as individuals, couples, or teams to see how many answers they can get right.

Which school’s tradition involves...

1. Rolling oak trees with toilet paper after a home win (Auburn)
2. Rubbing a rock from Death Valley, California, before running downhill into their stadium (Clemson)
3. Being led onto the field by a live buffalo named Ralphie (Colorado)
4. Slapping a sign saying “Play Like a Champion” in the tunnel leading to the field (Notre Dame)
5. Inviting special guests to “dot the I” when their marching band spells out the school’s name (Ohio State)
6. Having a team of white ponies pulling a covered wagon to midfield after each touchdown (Oklahoma)
7. Having a drum major plunge a sword into midfield before the game starts (Southern California)
8. Calling their fans the “12th man” (Texas A&M)
9. Playing “Enter Sandman” by Metallica so loud it sometimes triggers earthquake detecting equipment (Virginia Tech)
10. Encouraging players and fans to wave to patients and families watching the game from a nearby children’s hospital (Iowa)

Share that traditions are a huge part of college sports, but they also are important to families and churches. Ask: *What is the purpose of college, family, or religious traditions?* Share that today’s session explains how God established one of the most important Jewish religious traditions, as well as what it meant to them and means to us.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activity, remind the group that the Passover observance is one of the oldest rituals in the world. Share that it has been repeated for centuries as a reminder to Jewish families that God delivered His people out of bondage in Egypt.

Invite adults to share any traditions or rituals their parents used to teach them about faith when they were younger. Encourage them to share how they have carried on those traditions, along with identifying any additional traditions they have established in their homes to remind them of something God has done in their lives.