

Suggestions to prepare for the סדר

1. Get a laminator. You can use it for projects, cards to hand out at the סדר etc...
2. Get “sticky notes”. This is very helpful for marking the points that you (our your children) want to speak about. Do this a few days before פסח and this will allow the סדר to move more smoothly.
3. Remember, while all the props and games are nice, the real יציאת מצרים is to say over the story of מצרים
4. Think how to set up סדר for technical success.
5. You want the kids to want to be there.
6. Plan seating in advance (place cards are a great idea).
4. You have to have a Goal of the סדר, (it might be for the kids to walk out KNOWING that Hahsem loves them. Make a sign that says HLM).
5. Plan for the סדר, make sure you and wife are on the same page, that means that all the Shtick, needs to be planned in advance, write it down in your own הגדה.
6. The kids should take a nap, preferably a late nap (You know the ones you HATE when your kids take)
7. Make a list of things that need to be done on ערב יו"ט.
8. One way to get the older kids involved (when you also have younger ones) is to make them “leaders”, put them in charge of חשוב things to do. IE make them the מצרי slave master.
9. Prepare the shiurim: The night before the סדר, take a count of all the people that are going to be at your סדר (or סדרים),

then take lettuce (or whatever you will be using for מרור) and measure it out, and place them in a zip lock bag, you will need for מרור and כורך. Do the same for מצה. You will need for מצה, כורך (You may want to prepare for אפיקומן as well)

10. Post a sign of preassigned jobs, who brings water to wash your hands, reminder of not saying a bracha, handing out karpas, bracha of hadama, who decides which side is bigger, when to lift cup, Announcing סימני הסדר, Fill Abba's Cup, Remind not to make bracha, Karpas distribution, Announce not to eat kzais karpas, Announce to have in mind for maror, Final decision on yachatz, First to say ma nishtana, Announce to lift kos and cover Matza, Count number of dipping in wine, Bring water for rachtza, Remind not to talk until after korech, Bring towel, Egg waiter/waitresses, Keeping track of chatzos, Open door for eliyahu (Maybe everyone?)
11. DONT SET THE TABLE. All people need is a הגדה and a כוס and plate under the כוס. Setting the table is not good for technical success.
12. Prepare a piece of paper with prizes (a lot of them), ices from ice cream truck, can of soda, token at batting cage, paint ball, soda or the family etc...
13. Have cards that say, hand in this card at.... to receive a shekel
14. Put things on the table to make the children ask questions (IE a straw etc...)
15. (Before יו"ט) Have the children to write a story what life was like growing up in מצרים as a Yid (or as an Egyptian child). As a מצרי. What they saw, let them go into all the details. Have them read this at the סדר.