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*Ding, dong!*  
**Your aunts, uncles  
and your cousins  
are here!**









**Grandma has  
spring flowers.  
Grandpa wants a kiss.  
Watch out for his  
scratchy beard!**





**Your cousins  
bounce you  
up and down  
and  
down and up.**







**Look at all the  
food we made.  
Open wide for  
something yummy.**













**Daddy tells the  
best stories.  
One's about a baby like you,  
who grew up strong  
and brave.**









**So much to eat!**  
**So many stories!**  
**Your cousins squirm**  
**and giggle.**





**We read and sing.  
What a lovely little voice  
you have.**







**Our meal is  
almost over.  
It's time to play  
a game,  
part peekaboo,  
part hide-and-seek.**











**You win!**  
**Here's your prize.**



**Snuggles  
from me.**









Every spring, Jewish families celebrate Passover. At the seder meal, everyone gets a *Haggadah*, a book that retells the Passover story. Long ago, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. They were led to freedom by a prophet named Moses. When Moses was just a baby, the daughter of the pharaoh, Egypt's ruler, found him floating in a basket on the Nile River and brought him to be raised in her father's court. As a young man, Moses intervened when he saw an Egyptian hurting an Israelite. Moses killed the Egyptian and fled the pharaoh's court. Because God was angry that the pharaoh refused to set the Israelites free, God sent the Angel of Death to Egyptian families. God warned the Israelites to mark their door-posts so the Angel of Death would *pass over* their homes. The pharaoh told the Israelites that they had to leave Egypt immediately. There was no time for baking bread, so they brought matzo with them. For most small children, hunting for a piece of matzo, called the *afikomen*, is the highlight of the Passover seder. The child who finds the afikomen gets a prize, usually candy or money.



# For Alicia Melamed, best daughter and airplane seatmate.

—MP

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