

**Speaker:** Lingokids.

**Speaker:** Hey, a little splash of rosewater, optimal squeezes of date molasses, a lot of water, and stir.

**Speaker:** Lisa, what are you making?

**Speaker:** I'm making Jallab.

**Speaker:** [whistles]

**Speaker:** Billy wants to know what Jallab is.

**Speaker:** Well, Jallab is a drink.

**Speaker:** I've never heard of Jallab.

**Speaker:** It's a special drink. I'm making it for Ramadan.

**Speaker:** Oh.

**Speaker:** Yes. I have been exploring a Ramadan cookbook. I learned about Jallab and how it's a refreshing drink. Now, the final touch, a sprinkle of pine nuts on top.

**Speaker:** Lingokids listeners, let's learn more about food and drinks for special holidays.

**Speaker:** What year's date molasses anyways?

**Speaker:** Welcome to Stories For Kids by Lingokids, where we discover fascinating facts about the world around us and the fun of play learning. Today, we will talk about some upcoming holidays and the fun, special, and delicious ways people like to celebrate them. This year, Ramadan, Easter, and Passover all happen around the same time. What are some things they have in common and what makes each one unique? Let's visit the Spring Celebration's Fair to find out.

**Speaker:** [whistles]

**Speaker:** Billy says he's thirsty. He hasn't had anything to eat or drink in a long time.

**Speaker:** My Jallab will be perfect for you. It's refreshing.

**Speaker:** [whistles]

**Speaker:** Why will it be perfect? Billy wants to know.

**Speaker:** Well, Jallab is the kind of drink people like to have after they fast all day for Ramadan.

**Speaker:** What's Ramadan?

**Speaker:** It's a holiday.

**Speaker:** Oh. Ramadan is a holiday.

**Speaker:** That's right, Lisa and Cowie. It's an important holiday for people who are Muslim and it includes fasting.

**Speaker:** Does everyone run fast during Ramadan? I can run fast.

**Speaker:** [laughs] Actually, this is a different kind of fast. It's not about running quickly.

**Speaker:** Huh?

**Speaker:** Fast also means not eating or drinking.

**Speaker:** Not eating or drinking? Why would anybody do that?

**Speaker:** Well, people fast during the many days of Ramadan so they can spend extra time doing nice things for others, thinking quietly, and feeling grateful, but little kids don't usually fast.

**Speaker:** Fasting means not eating.

**Speaker:** Yep. Guess what I learned. For Ramadan, people fast when the sun goes up all the way until it gets dark.

**Speaker:** Wow.

**Speaker:** Well, Billy has been fasting for at least an hour.

**Speaker:** [whistles]

**Speaker:** Bill wants to try the Jallab drink.

**Speaker:** [drinks] [whistles]

**Speaker:** He says it tastes delicious.

**Speaker:** [whistles]

**Speaker:** And refreshing.

**Speaker:** That's just what I was hoping for.

**Speaker:** Did you know that people often end their fast by eating yummy dates?

**Speaker:** I knew that, but my assignment for the Spring Celebration's Fair was to make a drink, and I made Jallab.

**Speaker:** Well, I brought something too.

**Speaker:** What did you bring, Elliot?

**Speaker:** I brought a special food for Passover, that's a holiday for Jewish people.

**Speaker:** Is it matzo?

**Speaker:** Nope. Well, kind of.

**Speaker:** Wait, what's matzo?

**Speaker:** Matzo is a big flat cracker that people eat during Passover.

**Speaker:** Oh. If you didn't bring matzo but you kind of did bring matzo, then I'm not sure what you brought.

**Speaker:** I brought fried matzo. It's like matzo but better.

**Speaker:** What in the world is fried matzo?

**Speaker:** It's matzo and eggs together. It's kind of like smashed-up French toast matzo style.

**Speaker:** That sounds good.

**Speaker:** Can we try it?

**Speaker:** Sure, here you go.

**Speaker:** Oh, yummy.

**Speaker:** [whistles]

**Speaker:** Billy likes it.

**Speaker:** That smashed-up French toast matzo style really is tasty.

**Speaker:** Yep, fried matzo.

**Speaker:** Some people call it matzo brei, that's a Yiddish language word. Did anybody else bring food to share for the Spring Celebration's Fair?

**Speaker:** I did.

**Speaker:** Yay, more holiday foods. What did you bring, Cowie?

**Speaker:** I'll give you a hint. My thing is for a different holiday that Christian people celebrate. It's for Easter.

**Speaker:** Is it a bunny?

**Speaker:** Yes.

**Speaker:** Is it, is it, is it an oatmeal bunny?

[laughter]

**Speaker:** Nope, it's not an oatmeal bunny.

**Speaker:** [whistles]

**Speaker:** Billy wants to know, is it a birdseed bunny?

**Speaker:** Nope. Want another hint?

**Speaker:** Yes.

**Speaker:** My teacher told me to bring a treat.

**Speaker:** Is it a chocolate bunny?

**Speaker:** Yes.

**Speaker:** That sounds so yummy.

**Speaker:** Cowie, can we eat your chocolate Easter bunny?

**Speaker:** Nope. Got to save it for the Spring Celebration's Fair.

**Speaker:** Please.

**Speaker:** Well.

**Speaker:** Please, please.

**Speaker:** Maybe just one little ear.

[laughter]

**Speaker:** Nom, nom, nom, nom, nom, nom.

**Speaker:** You all brought something to share at the Spring Celebration's Fair. The things you brought are for three different holidays.

**Speaker:** Yes. The holidays all have their own additions. Oops, I mean traditions.

**Speaker:** That's right. Traditions are the ways people celebrate or the kinds of things they like to do. Holidays have tons of traditions.

**Speaker:** Like eating special foods.

**Speaker:** Yep, and other things too.

**Speaker:** What other things?

**Speaker:** Well, during Easter, kids hunt all around for hidden Easter eggs. That's a tradition.

**Speaker:** Yes.

**Speaker:** During Passover, kids hunt all around for a hidden piece of matzo called the afikoman.

**Speaker:** That's another tradition.

**Speaker:** Different but kind of similar.

**Speaker:** Yes, cool.

**Speaker:** Ramadan also has a tradition that's just for kids. It's not a hunting game though.

**Speaker:** What is it?

**Speaker:** In some countries, in the middle of Ramadan, kids put on special clothes and walk through the neighborhood singing songs. Then, everyone gives them candy. It's called gargee'an.

**Speaker:** Wow, that sounds fun.

**Speaker:** Yes.

**Speaker:** [whistles]

**Speaker:** That's true, Billy. Family is a big part of all of these holidays, especially spending time together. Each family has their own traditions too.

**Speaker:** Hmm.

**Speaker:** Lingokids listeners, does your family have any special traditions during spring holidays?

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**Speaker:** It's time for the Spring Celebration's Fair. Are you ready?

**Speaker:** Yes.

**Speaker:** Let's go.

[music]

**Speaker:** This is so exciting. I love traditions.

**Speaker:** Let's dance.

[laughter]

**Speaker:** Hey, where's the rest of that chocolate bunny?

**Speaker:** It was right here but I can't find it.

**Speaker:** Oh, Billy ate it.

**Speaker:** Billy.

**Speaker:** Billy.

**Speaker:** Lingokids listeners, thanks for sampling some fun and delicious holiday traditions. It was interesting to learn about special foods and games that people enjoy for Passover, Easter, and Ramadan. We got to notice some different traditions and some similar ones. We learned that not everyone celebrates the same holidays and that's okay. It's exciting to share traditions and learn about each other. If you are ready for interactive play learning time, explore our Lingokids app.

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