

THE LAST SUPPER

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 26:26-30; John 13:1-15

STORY POINT: Jesus and the disciples ate the first Lord's Supper at Passover

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 53:5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die? Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.

PARENT DEVOTIONAL

Jesus knew it was time for Him to die. He sat down with His disciples for the Passover meal and did something very unusual. Jesus washed His disciples' feet. This humble act was usually reserved for a servant. The footwashing symbolized a spiritual cleansing. The disciples were already positionally "clean" before God (see John 13:10) but even redeemed people still sin and need daily cleansing. (See 1 John 1:9.) In this, Jesus also set forth an example of love and humility for His disciples to mirror in their own actions toward one another. (John 13:15)

As they ate the Passover meal, Jesus broke bread and gave it to His disciples. He shared the cup with them too, explaining that the bread and cup represented His body and blood. Jesus established a new covenant.

In the Old Testament, God made a covenant, or promise, with His people. He gave them commandments to follow so they could live in right relationship with Him. But God's people broke the covenant. They didn't obey God, and they didn't love Him. By dying on the cross, Jesus brought forgiveness and made the way for people to know and love God again.

Jesus and the disciples ate the first Lord's Supper at Passover, a time when God's people remembered how God had rescued His people from the Egyptians—passing over the houses marked with the blood of a lamb. Jesus instituted a new memorial, to Himself—the Lamb of God whose blood would bring salvation to the world.

Believers take the Lord's Supper to remember what Jesus did for us in His death and resurrection. We remember God's faithfulness, and we look forward to the day He will return.

Not all the kids you teach will be ready to take the Lord's Supper at church. Gently explain that the Lord's Supper, like baptism, is an ordinance of the church and is a celebration for those who have repented of their sin and trusted in Jesus for salvation.

1.5-5 YEAR BIBLE STORY + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS + ACTIVITY

Servant King - Last Super

Do you know what Holiday is coming up? Easter! Easter is a very special day that we celebrate what Jesus has done for us. The time before and leading up to Easter is called Lent. And during the 40 days of lent, we think about and thank Jesus for all he has done for us. We are going to read a verse and start memorizing it! This verse tells us how much God loves us and what Jesus has done for us! Let's read it together and let's learn about a very special meal Jesus had with his friends.....

John 3:16:

“For God so Loved the World that he gave his only son that we shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

Read pages from the Jesus Storybook Bible pgs 286-292 OR read below.

It was Passover, the time that God's people remembered how God had rescued them from being slaves in Egypt. Every year they killed a lamb and ate it. “The lamb died instead of us” they would say.

But this passover, God was getting ready for an even greater rescue.

Jesus and his friends were having the Passover meal together in an upstairs room. But Jesus' friends were arguing. They were fighting about sticky feet!

Back then people didn't wear shoes, they only wore sandals. And the streets back then were very dirty and stinky!

So anyway, someone had to wash away the dirt off of everyone's feet. It was the worst job and no one liked doing it. Only the lowliest servant had that job.

“I'm not the servant!” Peter said.

“Nor am I!” said Matthew.

Quietly, Jesus got up from the table, took off his robe, picked up a basin of water, knelt down, and started to wash his friends' feet.

“You can't,” Peter said. He didn't understand about Jesus being the Servant King.

“If you won't let me wash away the dirt Peter, then you can't be close to me.” Jesus said.

Jesus knew that what people needed most was to be clean on the inside. All the dirt on their feet was nothing due to the sin in their hearts.

“Then wash me, Lord!” Peter said, “All of me!”

One by one he washed all 12 of his friend's feet.

“I do this because I love you” Jesus explained. “Do this for each other.”

Now one of Jesus' friends had a bad plan. No one else knew what the bad plan was. But Jesus knew and so did Judas. Judas was going to help the Leaders capture Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

“Go on Judas,” Jesus said. And Judas got up from the meal, left the room, and walked out into the night.

Then Jesus picked up some bread and broke it. He gave it to his friends. He picked up a cup of wine and thanked God for it. He poured it out and shared it.

“My body is like this bread, it will break,” Jesus told them. “This cup of wine is like my blood. It will pour out.”

“But this is how God will rescue the whole world. My life will break and God’s broken world will mend. My heart will tear apart and your heart will heal. Just as the passover lamb died, I will die instead of you. My blood will wash away all your sins. And you will be clean on the inside. in your hearts.”

“So whenever you eat and drink, remember,” Jesus said, “I’ve Rescued you!”

Jesus knew it was nearly time for him to leave the world and to go back to God.

“I won’t be with you long,” He said. ‘You are going to be very sad. But God’s Helper will come. And then you’ll be filled up with Forever Happiness That won’t ever leave. So don’t be afraid! You are my friends and I love you.”

Then they sang their favorite song. And walked up to their favorite place, and olive garden.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How did Jesus show his love to his disciples?
- Where do we need to be cleaned the most, the inside or outside? How do we clean our inside?
- What is like the bread that he broke? Why did he break bread?

CRAFT

Last Supper Craft

Supplies

1. Last Supper page (See attachment)
2. crayons

Directions:

1. Give each child the page
2. Have the children color the page
3. Help kids fold the page to have the table stand out.
Say: “God’s love is bigger and never leaves us. He loves the World so much that He gave his son Jesus!”