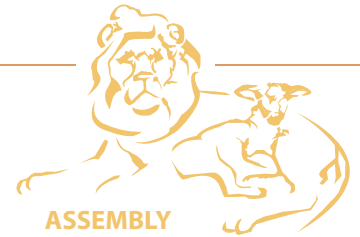


THE LAST SUPPER

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 22:7-23



The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

GOD'S PLAN

Read Luke 22:10-13 again and plan with another teacher to act out this part of the story.

Whoever plays the disciple should ham it up, demonstrating a bit of disbelief and amazement saying things like, "How does He do this? How does He know a man is going to meet me with a water jar? I always get these weird assignments." Have another teacher play the man with the water jar and have everything work out just as Jesus said.

The point of this exercise is to demonstrate to the children that Jesus wasn't killed by accident. Jesus' death was a part of God's plan. Though men did the evil act, God planned the sacrifice for our benefit and the forgiveness of our sins. So, when Jesus was at the Last Supper sharing with the disciples that He was going to die, it was all according to God's plan.

AN EVIL BETRAYAL

Read Luke 22:1-6 to the children and then act out two scenes. The first is Judas going to the high priests and the second is from Luke 22:47-48 where Judas betrays Jesus.

Talk to the children about the word betrayal so they understand what it means. Tell them a betrayer is a traitor. He or she tells you that he are on your side but he switch sides and fights against you. He pretends to be on your team but he secretly works to help the other team win.

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WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

The Passover meal was the clearest picture of God's redemption in the Old Testament. The first Passover took place in Egypt, when the angel of death passed over the Israelites' homes where the lamb's blood was painted on the doorposts and lintels.

This night, before Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples learned that Jesus, the Lamb of God, was going to shed His blood for all mankind. For those who believe, Jesus' blood covers their sin so that when the judgment of God comes in their direction, it will pass over and bring them no harm.

The Passover story points to the New Covenant which Jesus introduced at the Last Supper. A covenant is a promise or commitment. Jesus introduced His commitment and promise to the disciples. His blood was shed and His body broken so that we might be forgiven and brought into fellowship with God. Jesus sums up the last Passover this way, "I will not eat of it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." Today, we celebrate the Passover in the New Covenant celebration of the Lord's Supper, also known as "Communion".

