

THE LAST SUPPER

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: LUKE 22:7-23



The STORY

Read about the Last Supper in Luke 22:7-23.

Please note: *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What meal were the disciples preparing for Jesus to eat? (The disciples were instructed by Jesus to prepare the Passover meal.)
- Why did people celebrate the Passover? (In Exodus 12, God instructed Moses to place the blood of a lamb on the doorposts and lintel. When the angel of death came, He would pass over that house since it was marked with the blood of the lamb. God told Moses the Passover was to be a memorial feast that should be celebrated through all generations.)
- What did Jesus do after supper? (Jesus took a cup of wine and a piece of bread and gave thanks. He used these elements to teach His disciples that His body would be broken and poured out for forgiveness of sins.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper. Engage the children by asking:

- What is the most important part of this story? (The most important part of this story is when Jesus tells us that He is going to die for us. Jesus explained that His body would be broken for us and His blood would be shed for us.)
- What were the disciples wondering about at the Last Supper? (They were wondering which one of them could possibly betray Jesus.)
- Did the bread and wine really turn into Jesus' body and blood? (No, the bread and the wine were used as symbols so that we would remember what Jesus did for us on the cross.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- What do the bread and the wine in the Last Supper represent? (The bread represents Jesus' body which was broken and given for us as a sacrifice for our sin. The cup of wine represents Jesus' blood which was shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.)
- How are Jesus and the Last Supper similar to the very first Passover meal? (During the very first Passover meal, the blood of a lamb on the doorpost protected people from the angel of death. This was pointing to Jesus, the Lamb of God. It is by the sacrifice of Jesus covering our sin that we can be saved from death.)
- Who was the betrayer Jesus spoke of and what did he do to betray Jesus? (Judas was the betrayer. He pretended to love Jesus but he took money to help have Jesus arrested.)



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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".

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

