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JESUS' LAST SUPPER

MATTHEW 26; MARK 14, LUKE 22; JOHN 13

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus shared the Last Supper to help His followers remember that He was going to die for their sins and rise again to give them new life. **Jesus took the punishment we deserve so we can be forgiven and live forever with God.** When we trust Jesus, we can remember His great love every time we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is justification? Justification is when God declares that we are forgiven of sin and are made righteous.

MEMORY VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:21

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PREPARE

Take time to reflect on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

It's common for big events to be accompanied by meals of celebration and remembrance. From Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts to July 4th cookouts, community meals can serve as memory-forming moments.

In Scripture, the Passover meal served a similar purpose. It was the annual retelling of Israel's defining story: the night God passed over His people, delivered them from slavery, and continued to form them into His covenant nation. God designed Passover to be a remembrance that didn't merely recall the past but drew its power forward into the present. Every lamb slain, every bitter herb tasted, every retold story was a declaration: We are the people God rescued.

For generations, Israelites passed down the purpose and practices of Passover. Jesus and His disciples would have eaten this meal in a particular way their entire lives. But during Holy Week, Jesus sat down at a Passover table to eat with the disciples and gave the meal an even deeper meaning.

When Jesus took the bread and said, "This is My body," and about the cup, "This is My blood," Jesus revealed that all along, the Passover lamb had been pointing to Him. Paul would later say, "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Jesus had come to deliver His people, but this deliverance was not from Pharaoh but from sin—not from external oppression but internal bondage. The language Jesus used, "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins," echoes the new covenant promises of Jeremiah 31, when God promised a new heart, a new relationship, and a new covenant written not on tablets of stone but on human hearts.

This week, help kids see how the church celebrates the Lord's Supper to remember that Jesus came to be the Passover Lamb we all need.

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WELCOME

Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to large group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or practice the memory verse!

MEMORY VERSE

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's memory verse folder to review the verse with the kids.

Note: Bible Bucks day is TODAY!



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LARGE GROUP LESSON

Review what we're learning in large group.

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One night, Jesus gathered with His twelve disciples to eat a special meal in celebration of the Passover. Before they ate, Jesus washed the disciples' feet to show them the importance of serving others.

Then, they all gathered together around a table. Jesus knew that soon He would die on the cross to save people from their sins.

As they ate, Jesus took some bread, thanked God, broke it into pieces, and gave it to His friends. He said, "This bread is like My body, which will be given for you. Whenever you eat this bread, remember Me."

Then Jesus took a cup, gave thanks, and shared it with the disciples. He said, "This cup is like My blood, which will be poured out for many people to forgive their sins. Every time you drink this, remember Me."

Jesus also told His friends that one of them would soon betray Him. The disciples were surprised and wondered who it could be.

After the meal, Jesus talked to His disciples about what was about to happen. Peter said, "Even if everyone else leaves You, I will never leave You." But Jesus told him, "Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't know Me."

Jesus wanted His disciples to be ready for the hard times ahead, but He also wanted them to know that He was going to rise again. Jesus showed them how much He loved them, even though He knew He would soon be killed.

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ACTIVITIES

Do crafts and games with kids after large group.

STAINED GLASS CROSS

Give each kid a sheet of black paper and have them draw a large cross in the center. Carefully cut out the inside of the cross, leaving the rest of the paper intact. Place a piece of clear contact paper over the opening with the sticky side exposed, then have kids tear or cut colorful tissue paper into small pieces and press them onto the contact paper, overlapping the colors to create a stained-glass effect.



CONNECT THE DOTS

Today we learned that Jesus commanded His disciples to remember His sacrifice. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again to give us new life.

BIBLE SKILLS: TIMELINE PUZZLE

Use the Bible Timeline puzzle to review the timeline and talk about how the entire story of the Bible leads to Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection.

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CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. Why should we serve others?
2. Why is it important to celebrate the Lord's Supper and remember Jesus' sacrifice?
3. Do we have to do anything to earn God's love or forgiveness?
4. How does remembering Jesus' death and resurrection give us hope?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!

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