PRETEEN MINISTRY

4TH & 5TH GRADE



NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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.

LEADER DEVO

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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ARRIVAL

When kids arrive, they can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until large group starts. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and build relationships with them. Ask them about their week, big events coming up, or follow up on a prayer request from the week before.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

THIS MONTH'S 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



NEXT BIBLE BUCKS DAY

TODAY

There are many techniques and tools to help kids (and you!) memorize Scripture.

THIS MONTH'S TOOL: VERSE ABBREVIATIONS

On an index card, write out the first letter of each word in the verse you want to memorize. For example, 2 Corinthians 5:21 will look like:

F O S H M H T B S W K N S S T I H W M B T R O G

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LESSON

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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SMALL GROUPS

OUR GOAL

To create opportunities that invite preteens to discover for themselves what it means to own and live out their faith.

DISCUSSION / APPLICATION

1) How does the bread represent Jesus' body? How does the wine/cup represent His blood?

2) Why is it important for Christians to participate in Communion (the Lord's Supper) and remember His sacrifice on the cross?

3) Take a moment and think about the overall story of the Bible. Everything in the Bible has pointed to this moment of Jesus' death and resurrection. What are some of the stories that point to this?

- *The Bronze Serpent (Numbers 21:6-9)*
- *The Passover (Exodus 12:21-27)*
- *The First Promise (Genesis 3:14-15)*

4) How can you remind yourself daily about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross?

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PICK UP

After small group, kids can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until they are picked up. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and follow up on any questions or discussions from small group time.

As parents arrive upstairs, direct them to the game room, large group room, or balcony to pick their kids up. Make sure to match their security code with their kid's name tag and remove the name tag before they leave!

CLEAN UP

- Put away any supplies used during small group.
- Turn off TVs and lights in the small group rooms.
- Turn off both air hockey tables and put away extra pucks or paddles.
- Gather any balls or other items left out in the game room and put them away in the correct bins.
- Put away any games, books, or supplies in the balcony area.
- Check for any items left behind by kids and put them in the lost and found.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

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