



THE LAST SUPPER

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Concept

Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Goal

The children will learn that Jesus told His disciples at the Last Supper to remember that He came to earth to suffer and die for their sins. They will learn that God wants all people to receive forgiveness for their sins.

Passage

Luke 22:7-22

Key Verse: "This bread is my body that I am giving for you...remember me."

Luke 22:19

Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<p>Activity Station/Lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Laminated, magnet-backed holiday pictures of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Birthday cake</i> ◦ <i>Christmas tree</i> <p>Lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foam dinner plate, 1/class • Plastic food from classroom* • Large pita bread, 2 pieces/class • <i>Plastic pitcher</i> • <i>Transparent cup</i> • <i>Laminated, magnet-backed pictures of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Jesus</i> ◦ <i>Disciples #1-6</i> ◦ <i>Table with food</i> 	<p>Learning Activity #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printed page of Last Supper w/ key verse, 1/child • Crayons • Cups printed on Avery #5160 address labels, 1/child • Bread printed on Avery #5160 address labels, 3/child

*TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE

For clarity, the italicized areas in the Planning Ahead section indicate supplies that are in—and should be returned to—your classroom SHARED SUPPLY bag.

Background Information/Teacher Helps

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The morning of the Passover meal had arrived. Jesus sent the disciples to Jerusalem with instructions to prepare for the Passover, the celebration of the great exodus from Egypt, when the blood of a small lamb was spattered on the doorposts and lintel (see Exodus 12). The Passover marked the Jewish new year and was a time of beginnings for Israel, a time marking a spiritual beginning for God's people. "On that horrendous night, some 1524 years previously, the pride and power of Egypt had been shattered. God's destroying angel had swept across the Land of the Nile. In every home where there was no blood of a sacrificed lamb splattered over the door, He swept in to bring death to the firstborn.

"Only the substitutionary death and sacrifice of an innocent, spotless lamb could [prevent] the drastic judgment and stay the sword of sacrifice. If it was not a firstborn lamb, then it had to be a firstborn son....No greater sacrifice could anyone offer than his firstborn son, the offspring of his own strength, the seed of his own loins.

"And on this auspicious night, in this very room, God's own firstborn Son, the only begotten of the Father, would declare Himself to be that supreme sacrifice: God's spotless Passover Lamb—the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world, the only Lamb which was appropriately capable of bearing away all the sins of all men for all time. Only He was able to be a suitable substitute for all of us."^[1]

Jesus brought a new element into the traditional celebration of the Passover meal by instituting a New Covenant remembrance of what He was about to do. Breaking the bread and drinking of the wine were a prologue of the agony Jesus would have to endure—the broken bread a picture of His body which would be mutilated, marred and abused by brutal men; the wine depicting His divine blood to be poured out for the sins of all men. No longer would the priests have to present blood to God on the Day of Atonement to cover the sins of the people. Jesus' blood would cover all sins for all time. Jesus is eternal life (John 14), and life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11).

[1] Phillip W. Keller, Rabboni, Old Tappan, New Jersey: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1977, p. 228.

Set Up

Incorporation Lg. Group

Introduction Lg. Group

Lesson Lg. Group

- The day of class – Cut bread and cup labels apart. Find some plastic food in your toys and put it on the provided foam plate. Put some water in the pitcher for the Lesson.

Activity Stations:

- “Events We Remember”
 - **Instructions:** Put the laminated pictures out on a table and talk with the children about each of the pictured events. Talk about why we remember certain events. We usually remember special times or things that are important to us. Ask the children what the pictures each remind them of. Ask them if they remember what they did the last time they celebrated their birthday or Christmas.

Does your family ever have friends over for dinner? Is that fun? Do you like having friends over to eat with you? Jesus loved eating with His friends. It was a time when they would talk about the things that were very important to them. Today we are going to learn about the last time Jesus ate dinner with His friends. Even today people remember and think about this very special last meal that we call The Last Supper.

(Hold up a plate of food made before class.) What is this, boys and girls? That’s right, it’s a plate of yummy food, isn’t it? (Hold up pictures of Christmas tree.) What special day does this picture remind you of? (Christmas.) (Hold up picture of birthday cake.) And what special day does this birthday cake remind you of? Do you have a special dinner and eat special foods on these days?

Jesus and His friends got together to have this special dinner called the Last Supper. (Put up table and disciples.) When it was time to eat, Jesus and his friends sat down at the table. Jesus had special food like this bread and this wine (hold up pita and cup of water). Just like I am going to break this bread, some mean guys beat Jesus up and broke His body. (Get up and walk among the children, breaking off a piece for each child and giving it to them.) Jesus said, “This is My body that I am giving for you... remember Me” (Luke 22:19). Then He gave His friends some wine to drink. (Hold up the cup of water.) Jesus told His friends that this wine would remind them that His blood poured out of His body when He died on the cross. This was very important because the bread and the wine reminded His friends that Jesus died for them.

Jesus wants us to have this special dinner with our friends, too. He wants us to remember that His body was broken and His blood was poured out for us. We call this meal the Last Supper because it was the last time Jesus ate with his best friends before He died on the cross for our sins.

**Lesson
Continued
Lg. Group**

Jesus knew that He was going to die because that was why He came to this earth. Jesus died on the cross because He loves us and wants to be our friend. If you ask Him to forgive you for all your bad choices, you will be His friend and be with Him forever. Let's thank Him for dying on the cross for our bad choices. Let's remember that Jesus told His followers at the Last Supper, "This is My body that I am giving for you... remember Me" (Luke 22:19). When we remember that Jesus died on the cross for our sins we are very thankful.

Let's pray now and thank Jesus for dying on the cross for our sins. You can tell Him you want Him to pay for your bad choices, too.

Transition

Let's color a picture now that will help us remember that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

**Learning
Activity#1
Lg. Group**

Craft – The Last Supper

Instructions: Give each child a printed page with the picture of the Last Supper and the key verse. Lay out the bread and cup stickers. Put the stickers on the printed page. Color the picture and the stickers. Talk about how much Jesus loves them and wants them to remember Him. He loves us so much that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.