



THE LAST SUPPER

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Concept

Goal

Passage

Planning Ahead

Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

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.

Luke 22:7-22

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

Luke 22:19

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> ◦ <i>Valentine's Day</i> ◦ <i>4th of July</i> <p>Lesson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Man with jug</i> ◦ <i>Disciples #1-6</i> ◦ <i>Peter and John</i> ◦ <i>Table with food</i> <p>Learning Activity #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Beginner's Bible, Karyn Henley</i> 	<p>Activity Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9" paper plates, 1/child • Clipart pictures of a variety of foods, several/child • Markers • Glue sticks <p>Learning Activity #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Supper pictures printed on both sides of paper, 1/child • Construction paper, 1/child • Cups printed on Avery #5160 address labels, 5/child • Bread printed on Avery #5160 address labels5/child • Yarn, 20"/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

- **The week before class:** Pray that the Spirit will prepare the hearts of the teachers and the children to consider the depth of Jesus' love.
- **The day of class:** Cut food pictures apart. Put some water in the pitcher for the Lesson.

Incorporation Lg. Group

Activity Stations:

- **"Favorite Food"**
 - **Instructions:** Give each child a paper plate. Write his/her name on the plate. Children will choose their favorite food pictures to glue on their plates. Color and decorate as desired.
- **"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 them what the pictures each remind them of. Ask them if they remember the last time they celebrated their birthday or saw fireworks, how they celebrate Valentine's Day and Christmas. Today we will talk about the last meal that Jesus had with His disciples. Jesus told His disciples to have this kind of meal together to remember Him.

Introduction Lg. Group

Do you and your family ever have friends over for dinner? Do you celebrate special holidays? What do you like about having friends over to eat with you and having holidays together? Jesus loved eating with His friends and celebrating holidays with them because it was a time when they could enjoy each other while they ate and talked. 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 that Jesus ate dinner and had a holiday with His friends.

Lesson Lg. Group

Do you remember when we learned about the holiday of Passover? Did any of you see the movie, The Prince of Egypt? The very first Passover was when Moses told the Jewish people to put lamb's blood over their doors to show that they trusted God. That night the plague of death passed over their houses and everyone in those houses was safe from the plague. No one died. Later, God told them to have the holiday of Passover every year to remember that God had saved or passed over them.

Many, many, many years later when Jesus was in the city of Jerusalem it was time to celebrate the Passover holiday. Jesus knew He would soon die on the cross and that His friends would remember this last Passover meal with Him. He called Peter and John and told them to go prepare for the Passover. They asked Jesus where they should have the Passover meal. Jesus answered, "Go and find a man carrying water."

Lesson Continued Lg. Group

[Put up pictures of Peter and John standing, and the man with the jug.]
"Follow him into his house and tell him, 'Jesus wants to celebrate the Passover holiday at your house.'" All of this happened just as Jesus said it would. (Take down pictures and put up the table, then each figure of the disciples around the table, then Jesus breaking bread.)

When it was time for their Passover meal, Jesus and his friends sat down at the table. Jesus said, "I have been looking forward to eating this meal with you before I suffer and die. I won't be with you much longer. Don't worry and don't be afraid. I will come back someday to be with you again."

Then Jesus gave thanks to God, He broke some bread (break off small pieces of pita bread and give a piece to each child) and shared it with his friends. When He broke the bread Jesus said, "This bread is my body that I am giving for you... remember me" (Luke 22:19). Just like I broke this bread, Jesus' body was broken when He was beaten and whipped by the mean soldiers.

Next he took a cup of wine (lift cup and pour water from pitcher). The Passover wine reminded the people about the blood of the lamb over the doors. Now the wine would remind them of Jesus and His blood that was poured out when Jesus died on the cross for our sins. 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.

Jesus knew that He was going to die because He came to earth to die for the sins of everyone in the whole world. Jesus wants you to know that He died on the cross for you, too. He died because He loves us and wants to be our friend. You can ask Him to forgive your bad choices and be your friend. Let's thank Him for dying on the cross for our sins. Jesus told the disciples to remember Him when they ate and drank together. Let's remember Him when we eat and drink together, too.

Let's get into small groups to talk about this and pray together.

Discussion

- Jesus told the disciples to remember Him when they ate and drank the Last Supper together. What things can you remember about Jesus?
- Does it make you feel sad that Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins? How do you think Jesus would want you to feel about His death?

Let's pray now and thank Jesus for dying on the cross for our sins.

Transition

Learning Activity#1 Sm. Groups

Transition

Learning Activity# 2 Lg. Group

Learning Activity# 3 Lg. Group

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

Craft – The Last Supper book

- **Instructions:** Give each child a printed page and a piece of construction paper. Color the pictures on the printed page. To make the book, fold the page in half, the first page being the disciples and Jesus at the table and the back page the cross. Fold the cover and place over the pages. Put the yarn around the book and tie a knot to hold the pages in. Put the bread and cup stickers on the cover and color them. While the children work, 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.

Read Aloud – “The Last Supper”

Instructions: Read "The Last Supper," pp. 476-481 in The Beginner's Bible.