

The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-30

17 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

18 He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" **19** So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

20 When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. **21** And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

22 They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"

23 Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. **24** The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

25 Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "You have said so."

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. **28** This is my blood of the ^[c]covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. **29** I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

30 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



Important Background

This website explains the Passover in more detail

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/february-2017/the-passover-story-for-kids>

Activity Ideas

Help your family prepare dinner and eat together. Don't forget to help clean up too!

Create a "memory" box out of an old shoebox. Write down your favorite memories and have your family members write or draw a picture of theirs too! Place these memories in the box and pray over the box, thanking God for these memories and for the memory of Jesus and his ultimate sacrifice for us.

Lessons of the Story

Jesus shared this last supper with his disciples because He loved them. Jesus wanted to give us all an example, or a way, that we could remember Him, and the sacrifice He made for us when he died for our sins.

Devotional/Journal Time

We conclude that Jesus wanted us to remember Him through the ritual of eating bread and drinking wine(or grape juice) which we call communion. Even though communion is about Jesus dying, it is also about Him living, inside of us. To learn more about the Passover, read Exodus in the bible. Can you think of any other things Jesus did or lessons that Jesus taught? How do you spend time with Jesus? What are some ways you can improve on remembering Jesus and his sacrifice for us?

Other accounts of the Last Supper in the bible are Mark 14:12–25; Luke 22:7–38; and I Corinthians 11:23–25

Music Suggestions

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peeqJ1bmT_w ← The Table by Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNgsO53alTs> ← Remembrance by Matt Redman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5L6QIAH3L4> ← What A Beautiful Name by Hillsong Worship

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us what it means to love. Thank you for sacrificing Your Son to forgive our sins. Help us to remember this sacrifice and that Jesus lives in us! In your name we pray, Amen.