



SHEPHERD OVERVIEW

Pre-K / K
Oct. 25, 2026
1st Service

Jesus' Last Supper

Matt. 26; Mark 14; Luke 22;
John 13

What is Justification?

Justification is when God says
our sins are forgiven.

God made him who had no sin to
be sin for us, so that in him we
might become the righteousness of
God.

-2 Corinthians 5:21

Story Point:

Jesus told his disciples to remember Him.

- ☐ Welcome/Intro Activity..... 5 minutes
- ☐ Circle Time and Bible Story (Kindergarten - Large Group Lesson at 9:20)..... 15-20 minutes
- ☐ Movement Activity..... 10 minutes
- ☐ Craft 10 minutes
- ☐ Music and Friends From Afar 10 minutes
- ☐ Prayer and Bible Verse 10 minutes
- ☐ Snack and Discussion Time 5-7 minutes
- ☐ Group Game 10 minutes

SHEPHERD GUIDE

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.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 8:30-8:40 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.

MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

- *KNOW that Jesus died for their sins and rose again to give them new life.
- *BE thankful for Jesus and trust in Him.
- *REMEMBER Jesus by serving others and telling them about Him.

As children arrive - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the other children.

Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.

Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc.

When most kids have arrived for first service (by 9:05ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.

**Pen Pal Kit!!*



Welcome and Intro Activity

- 2 sets of Paper Plates with letters J-E-S-U-S

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

Match the Plates

Write the letters J-E-S-U-S on paper plates, one letter per plate. Use a different color marker for each plate. Make two sets of matching plates. (This will be done for you!)

Place the paper plates facedown on the table or floor. Guide a child to choose two plates. If the plates match, say the name of the letter and invite kids to repeat it together. If they do not match, place the plates back facedown on the table. Continue until all plates are matched.

SAY: The letters on these plates spell the name Jesus. Jesus is God's Son. Today we will hear about a special meal Jesus shared with His friends, the disciples. At the special meal, Jesus told His disciples to remember Him.



ACTIVE MINDS

9:20 - 9:30ish - Kindergarten - Whole Group Bible Lesson in Large Group
Pre-K - Classroom Bible Story Time

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Variety of pretend food

Display a variety of pretend food. After you show a food item, invite boys and girls to give you a thumbs-up if they like to eat the food and a thumbs-down if they do not like to eat the food item.

SAY: I enjoyed learning which foods you like to eat and which foods you do not like to eat. Today we will hear about a special meal Jesus shared with His disciples. We will learn about things that happened at the meal and what Jesus taught them that night.

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus' Last Supper

One night, Jesus and His twelve friends ate a special meal together. Jesus knew He would soon die to save people from sin.

Before they ate, Jesus washed His friends' feet to show them how important it is to serve others. Then they gathered around a table.

Jesus took some bread, thanked God, broke it, and gave it to His friends. He said, "This bread is like My body, given for you. Remember Me when you eat this."

Then Jesus gave them a cup and said, "This cup is like My blood, poured out to forgive sins. Remember Me when you drink this."

Jesus told His friends that one of them would turn away from Him. The friends were surprised.

Peter said, "I will never leave You!" But Jesus said, "Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't know Me."

Jesus wanted His friends to know He loved them, even when hard things were coming.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus died and rose again to take away our sins. When we trust Him, He is always with us and loves us forever.



REVIEW AND DISCUSS

- Bean Bag

Gather kids in a circle. Gently toss a beanbag to one of the kids. Invite him to share something he remembers from the Bible story. Display the Bible Story Picture Poster to help boys and girls remember the story. Guide the child with the beanbag to gently toss it to another child in the circle. Instruct her to share something she remembers from the Bible story. Assist as needed with prompts and ideas such as:

- Name one person from today's Bible story
- Name one thing that happened in today's Bible story
- Name one of the Bible books where today's Bible story came from

SAY: Jesus and His disciples shared a special meal together. At the meal, Jesus washed His disciples' feet. He passed around bread and a drink for them to share. **JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO REMEMBER HIM.** Jesus knew hard things were coming, and He wanted His friends to know He loved them and would always be with them.



Movement Activity

Remember the Patterns

Gather kids in a circle on the floor.

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and pat your knees in different rhythm patterns such as clap, stomp, pat, clap, stomp, pat.

Invite kids to repeat the patterns. Start out simple and add in more detailed patterns as kids get the hang of the game.

Consider letting older preschoolers create their own patterns for their friends to follow.

SAY: You did a great job remembering the rhythm patterns. In today's Bible story, **JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO REMEMBER HIM.** Jesus knew He would soon die on the cross. He wanted His friends to remember the things He had taught them and that He would always be with them, no matter how hard things were. Jesus wants us to remember that He died on the cross and rose again to take away our sins and to remember that when we trust in Him, He is with us forever.



Craft

Make Place Mats

- Large circle cut-outs
- Small circle cut-outs
- Rectangle cut-outs
- Large 11x17 paper with "Jesus said, Remember Me" across the top
- Glue sticks
- Crayons
- Markers
- Stickers

Before the session, cut out large circles, smaller circles, and rectangles from construction paper to resemble a plate, cup, and napkin. Cut one set per child. (This will be done for you!)

Invite kids to make place mats by gluing these shapes onto an 11x17 sheet of paper that says "Jesus said, remember Me"

Guide them to decorate their place mats with crayons, markers, and stickers.

SAY: Sometimes people use place mats when they eat meals. You made a place mat you can use when you eat a meal at your home. These place mats have a special message. JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO REMEMBER HIM. The message on our place mats reminds us to remember Jesus too.

What are some things we can remember about Jesus? [Allow time for responses.]

Encourage answers such as:

- Jesus is God's Son
- Jesus washed His friends' feet
- Jesus died on a cross
- Jesus rose again
- Jesus is always with us
- Jesus forgives us



Music

- Activity page

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you would like! You may distribute the Activity page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.



Friends From Afar

You will find today's activity for Friends From Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.



Prayer and Bible Verse

- None

Prayer:

Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well.

"God, help us remember the wonderful things Jesus did for us. Thank You that Jesus died to take away our sins and came back to life. Thank You that one day Jesus will come back again. Amen."

Bible Verse:

Read the verse aloud - 2 Corinthians 5:21

Encourage the children to say the phrases with you several times. Each time you say the phrase, leave out a word, leading kids to say the missing word.

- God made the one who did not sin to be sin for _____. - 2 Corinthians 5:21
- God made the one who did not _____ to be sin for us. - 2 Corinthians 5:21
- God made the _____ who did not sin to be sin for us. - 2 Corinthians 5:21



Snack and Discussion Time

- Snack (Pretzels) located under the sink cabinet

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

- What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
- What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
- What two things did Jesus talk about during the special meal?
- What did Jesus tell His disciples to do when they ate the bread and drank from the cup?
- Why is it important to remember Jesus?
- What is justification? Justification is when God says that our sins are forgiven.

SAY: JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO REMEMBER HIM every time they shared the bread and the cup together. He shared with them that He was going to give His body and His blood for them. Jesus died and rose again so people could be saved from their sin. When we trust Him, He is always with us and loves us forever.



Group Game Wash Feet

- Laminated Feet printables
- Dry erase markers

Pass out laminated feet printables to the kids. Invite kids to color over the feet with dry erase markers. Mention that the clean feet are now dirty. Instruct kids to "wash" the feet by using an eraser, paper towel, or rag to remove the ink. Guide boys and girls to repeat the activity as time and interest allow.

SAY: Before Jesus and His friends ate a special meal, Jesus washed their feet. He did this to show how important it is to serve and love others. JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO REMEMBER HIM. Jesus wants us to remember Him, too. When we serve and love others, we are remembering and doing what Jesus did. The greatest thing we can remember about Jesus is that He died on the cross and rose again to take away our sins.



Additional Activities:

- None

Pretend to be Animals:

Ask kids to act and make noises like animals as you call them out. Prompt the kids to act and sound like dogs, cats, cows, elephants, eagles, frogs, and more. For the last round, invite kids to act and sound like roosters.

SAY : Jesus said that Peter would say that he didn't know Jesus three times before a rooster crowed. What time of day does a rooster crow? [Allow responses.] That means Peter was going to lie and say he didn't know Jesus three times before the next morning! Peter was a sinner, just like you and me, and sinners need justification. What is justification? Justification is when God says our sins are forgiven. We are forgiven by God when we trust that Jesus died and rose again.

Say What You Remember:

Seat kids in a circle and ask them what they can remember about Jesus. This could be something they recall from a previous session, or something they have learned from a parent or other person. If kids need prompts, ask questions, like, "Do you remember how Jesus treated other people?" or "Has Jesus ever answered a prayer for you or your family?" Celebrate and praise Jesus for all you remember about Him.

SAY: — JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO REMEMBER HIM, and we just spent time doing that! There are so many amazing things about Jesus in the Bible. Jesus is still alive and blessing His people today! The most important thing to remember about Jesus is that He died in our place for our sin and rose again. He is our Savior!

Gather in Groups:

Invite the kids to stand and walk around the room. Explain that when you call out a number, they should quickly form a group with that number of kids. Call out different numbers and help the kids form the groups as needed. Finish by calling out the number three and guide the kids to group together in threes.

SAY = JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO REMEMBER HIM. Peter said that he would always remember and stand by Jesus. But Jesus told Peter that he would lie and say he didn't even know Jesus three times before the next morning! Even though Peter would deny Jesus, Jesus still loved Him. Jesus forgives sinners like Peter and like me and you. Jesus died and rose again to take away our sins. When we trust Him, He is always with us and loves us forever.