

Jesus' Last Supper

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

What is Justification?

Justification is when God declares that we are forgiven of sin and are made righteous.

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 helped His disciples remember that He was going to die for their sins and rise again to give them new life.



PREPARE HEARTS

- ☐ Welcome - Last Supper Timeline
- ☐ Starter Activity - Name Salad



ACTIVATE HEARTS

- ☐ 9:20 - Bible Lesson in LG2
- ☐ Review and discuss the Bible Story
- ☐ Reflection and Prayer
- ☐ Questions from Kids Video



ENGAGE HEARTS

- ☐ Key Passage Activity - Musical Memory Chairs
- ☐ Group Activity - Remember
- ☐ Group Activity - Memory Placemats

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!!*



PREPARE HEARTS

WELCOME

Last Supper Timeline

- Activity page
- Markers
- Pencils

OPENING QUESTIONS:

What is the best meal you've ever had

Invite kids to complete the "Last Supper Timeline" activity page.

Awesome work! Jesus shared one last meal with His disciples before His death on the cross. Today, we'll learn that the last supper pointed to Jesus' sacrifice.



STARTER

Name Salad

- None

Lead kids to sit in a circle.

Choose one kid to start by saying the phrase: My name is (name), and I like (food that starts with the same letter as their name). For example, My name is Allie, and I like apples.

The kid to her left will then repeat this exactly, and then add his or her name and a food.

Continue around the circle, adding more names and foods each time until everyone has taken a turn.

SAY: Was it more difficult to remember your classmates' names or the foods? [Allow responses.] Today's story is about Jesus' last meal with His disciples before His death and resurrection. We will learn that Jesus shared with His disciples ways they can remember His death and His resurrection!



ACTIVE MINDS

Taught by the Bible Teacher:

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

(Quick 1 minute review!)

9:20 – 9:35

K – 3rd Grade in LG2

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus' Last Supper

Bibles, Powerpoint slides

Quick Review of where we are in the Big Story of the Bible and Big Picture Question:

What is justification? *Justification is when God declares that we are forgiven of sin and are made righteous.*

Open your Bible to Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13.

STORYTELLING OPTIONS / TIPS:

Explain Passover: Share with the kids that Passover was a Jewish holiday to remember the beginning of God delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Consider reading Exodus 12:12-14 to them.

Use elements from the Lord's Supper: As you read through the story, consider showing the kids a cup and wafer from the Lord's Supper. Point kids to the Lord's Supper as a way that we remember the sacrifice Jesus made and what it represents

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.

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.



REVIEW AND DISCUSS

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Allow time to have the children think and process - however this works best for your class. We want our kids to feel known and heard!

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Blank paper, Bible
Story coloring
page, colored
pencils/crayons

In small groups (or as a large group), use the coloring page (on the other side of the worksheet) and have children color while you talk through these questions.

Before His death, Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples. God delivered the Israelites from His plague over Egypt by instructing them to place the blood of a lamb over their door frames. Through His death, Jesus would become the Passover lamb whose blood would cover the sins of God's people.

Why do you think Jesus washed the disciples' feet? [Allow responses.] Through this, Jesus demonstrated that He had come to serve the disciples by giving His life to wash away their sins.

How does the bread and the cup represent what Jesus would do on the cross? [Allow responses.] Jesus said that the bread is His body and the cup is His blood, given to pay for our sins. Through His blood, Jesus has entered into a New Covenant with those who trust Him as Lord. A covenant is a promise or agreement. Jesus has forgiven sin and promised believers a new relationship with God.

Who did Jesus say would deny Him? [Allow responses.] Jesus told the disciples that they would face hard times. Peter would even deny that He knew Jesus at all! But Jesus reminded His followers that though He would die, He would rise to life again.

Because of sin, the world is broken and full of trouble. But Jesus died and rose again to save us from sin and give us hope. When we trust Jesus, He promises to be with us always and to one day bring us into God's perfect kingdom.



Reflection and Prayer

Have children use a blank sheet of paper to draw a picture as you answer the following questions. Or, just talk about it together.

What does this story teach me about God?

God is loving. He sent Jesus to take our punishment. God is forgiving. He made a way for us to be right with Him again. God is faithful. He always keeps His promises to save His people. God is selfless. Jesus served His disciples and gave His life for us.

What does this story teach me about myself?

Pray together: *God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be the sacrifice for our sins. Help us serve others by loving them because You have loved us. Give us the courage to point them to the truth of the gospel. Amen.*



Questions from Kids Video

USB on TV

Show the “Unit 27, Session 5” Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

- Why do Christians take the Lord’s Supper?
- What is something important you want to remember about Jesus?



ENGAGE HEARTS

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Key Passage Activity:

Musical Memory Chairs

- Key Passage Poster
- Chairs

SAY: Jesus died as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Because of His death and resurrection, we have been forgiven. Let’s review our key passage one more time!

Form a circle of chairs using one less chair than the total number of kids.

Play a game similar to musical chairs but instead of playing music, say the key passage aloud.

Direct kids to walk around the chairs as you say the key passage. Fluctuate the speed of the key passage as you say it. When the key passage is completed, direct kids to find a chair. The kid who is left out will join you in saying the key passage.

Continue playing, allowing kids who are out to say the key passage aloud with you. Play until one kid remains.



Remember

- Stuffed lamb
- Bread
- Cup
- Cross
- Stone

Remind kids that Jesus told His disciples to practice the Lord's Supper as a way to remember Him. Set out each object - the lamb, bread, cup and cross, stone.

Tell kids that each object helps us remember the sacrifice Jesus made to pay for our sin.

Invite kids to raise their hands and share how each thing reminds us of Jesus.

Once kids have had an opportunity to share, explain how the lamb reminds us that Jesus came to be the sacrifice for our sin.

Then share how the bread reminds us that Jesus gave His body and His life as a sacrifice and given in our place.

Remind kids that the cup represents His blood poured out so we can have complete forgiveness.

Then, tell kids that Jesus died on the cross to save us from sin and death.

And last but not least - show the stone to represent the empty tomb and the stone being rolled away! Talk about how Jesus didn't stay in the grave, He is alive and seated at the right hand of the Father. He sees, hears and helps us.

SAY: When Jesus shared a last meal with His disciples, He told them how the bread and the cup were to be taken to remember His sacrifice. Only Jesus, the Lamb of God, can take away our sins. He died on the cross in our place so we can be forgiven of our sins and rose to life so that we can experience His goodness and eternal life with Him.



Memory Placemat

- 11x17 placemat
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons

Give each kid a 11x17 -inch piece of paper.

Lead them to color the "Remember Jesus" in large letters across the plate of their paper.

Then, encourage them to decorate the paper using markers and other craft supplies.

Encourage them to take their paper home and use it as a placemat for a meal this week as a way to remember Jesus' sacrifice. Encourage them to share this week's Bible story with their family during the meal they use the placemat for.

SAY: Jesus shared a final meal with His disciples before He willingly went to the cross. Jesus gave all those who trust in Him a way to remember His sacrifice through the bread (to represent His body) and the cup (to represent His blood) which was poured out for our sins.

