

# CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTR

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## **PRAY FOR WISDOM:**

Lord, thank You for having the courage to face the reality of the situation and to move forward with Your plan of redemption. Give me the strength to face the challenges that are before me.

Please help my child(ren) grow in the either understanding of what Christian communion is all about. In Jesus' precious name, amen.

## **LESSON MEMORY VERSE:**

1 Corinthians 11:26 "Whenever you eat and drink this, remember what I have done for you."

## **BIBLE STORY:**

Last Supper (based on Matthew 26:26-29 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

A long time long ago, God's people were slaves in Egypt. But God had an amazing plan to set them free. It started with a special meal – the first Passover supper.

That night, each family ate bread that was flat like a pancake! They also ate spices, herbs, and lamb's meat. God told His people to put blood from the lamb on the frame outside their front door This was sign to God that they loved and trusted Him.

That same night, the Lord "passed over" all the doors with blood. God's people were safe—but many Egyptians died. Soon, every family loaded its belongings and left Egypt. God's people were finally free! Every year since then, the Jewish people have celebrated Passover to remember God's goodness to them.

Jesus' disciples knew all about the Passover meal—but this Passover would be different. The disciples didn't know it yet, but the time would soon come from Jesus to die to forgive their sins. God would again "pass over" and save everyone who loved and obeyed Him. This was all part of God's wonderful plan.

Jesus wanted His followers to always remember this Passover. He wanted them to stop celebrating Passover the old way and to start celebrating a new way. So Jesus picked up the flat piece of bread and tore it in half.

“When you eat this bread,” He said, “Remember what will happen to My body.” (Mean people would soon hit and whip Jesus. They would nail His body to a cross. But this was all part of God’s wonderful plan.)

Next, Jesus held up a cup. “When you drink this wine.” He told them, “Remember what will happen to My blood.” (Mean people would soon put a crown of thorns on Jesus’ head. They would hammer nails into His hands and feet. His blood would spill out. But this was all part of God’s wonderful plan.”

All people deserve to die for the bad things they do. But God loves people deeply. Jesus died so God could forgive us for all the bad things. He took our place. Even though Jesus didn’t do anything wrong, He chose to die so God could “Passover” all our sins. Jesus loves people that much!!

Ever since that Passover, Jesus’ followers have shared these things together during communion. The bread and the juice (wine) at church remind Christians of what Jesus did for them.

### **PRAYER:**

Thank God for each person in your family. Ask God to help the child(ren) love Him more every day and to always remember that Jesus loves everyone.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Place setting place mats

•Supplies: one sheet of legal size paper, plastic eating utensils, small paper cups, paper plates, napkins, pictures of food, scissors, glue sticks, tape

Cut out pictures of the food. Give your child(ren) a large piece of paper to be used for the place mat. Help your child(ren) glue or tape a plate, cup, utensils, and napkin to the place mat. You may also use cut out pictures of utensils. Let them pick out the pictures of food and glue them onto the plates. This will remind the children of Jesus having a special meal with His friends.

Jesus Necklace

•Supplies: colored construction paper into strips, make 10.

Write the name “Jesus” on each strip or place Jesus stickers on them. Give the child(ren) 10 strips of paper and show them how to make a chain by taping or gluing the ends of the strips together. Put the last strip through both rings at the ends to the finish the necklace. Their chain will help them remember Jesus and the love He had for his disciples.

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