



LESSON 4 FOR LEADERS

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Wants Us to Remember His Death

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22

WORD OF WONDER: From Matthew 11:28

Sharing meals together is a natural part of life. While walking with Jesus from town to town, the disciples and Jesus ate together as good friends do. In Luke 22, we see what Christians traditionally refer to as the Last Supper. Take time now to read Luke 22:7–20.

It was time to observe Passover, and Jesus gathered His disciples together to partake of this sacred feast. I wonder if the disciples thought this was just another meal they were eating together. Yes, it had the significance of being Passover, but do you think they realized this was the *last supper* they would eat with Jesus before He died?

Jesus spoke some powerful words to prepare the disciples for what was just mere hours away. This special supper has become the foundation of an important ritual. Churches all over the world remember Jesus' death by observing the Lord's Supper or Communion.

Whether we physically partake of a drink and food to remember Jesus' death or simply set time aside to sit in Jesus' presence, it is so important that we remember what He did for us. His sacrificial death removed the eternal consequence for sin and provided the way for us to walk daily with Jesus. As we remember His death, may we never forget how our Savior showed His ultimate love to us.

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DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

Jesus shared the Passover Feast with His 12 disciples. He gave Peter (also called Simon) and John (self-described “the disciple Jesus loved”) the task of preparing for the meal according to His instructions. Judas Iscariot served as the group’s treasurer and betrayed Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.

WHAT?

Judas agreed to betray Jesus to the chief priests. Then Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples, knowing that His suffering was near. Jesus told the disciples to remember His death as His body would be given for them and His blood poured out.

WHERE?

Jesus and His disciples shared the Last Supper in the upstairs guest room of a house within the city walls of Jerusalem. Because it was a two-story house, it was likely owned by a somewhat wealthy person and located in the Upper City near the temple.

WHEN?

This story happens during the Passover Feast, when Jewish people remembered how God delivered His people from slavery in Egypt. It comes just before Jesus was betrayed in the garden of Gethsemane, which led to His suffering and death on the cross.

CONNECTING TO GOD’S BIG STORY

During the Last Supper, Jesus referred to the cup as “the new covenant in my blood” (Luke 22:20). Jesus was about to give His life and pour out His blood to achieve a new and greater deliverance than the exodus—deliverance from sin and death.



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LESSON 4 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Curiosity Activity: A Meal to Remember

SUPPLIES: dish set with at least 7 items, tray, towel

Create a place setting on the tray using the dish set provided. There should be five to seven items to start. Place the tray in front of you and invite the children to gather around.

There is a lot to remember when you're setting the table. Let's play a game to see if we can remember all the things that are on this tray right now.

Explain that the kids have a few seconds to study the tray, and they should try to remember all the items. Then cover the tray with a towel. While the tray is covered pick up one item with the towel still over the tray. When you remove the towel take that one item with it and set it to the side. Then ask the kids (a single child or as a group) to guess what's missing. To play multiple rounds, rearrange the tray and switch items. You could also increase the number of items on the tray to make it more difficult.

You all are very good at remembering! Today we're going to hear about a very special meal that Jesus had with His friends. At this meal, Jesus gave His friends some things to remember after He was gone because Jesus wants us to remember His death. We remember Jesus' death, and we remember how much He loves us and how much He gave for us.



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Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, it can feel hard to talk about sad things. So, we ask that Your Holy Spirit fills our minds and hearts with peace today as we talk about and remember Jesus' death. Thank You for Your love and thank You for Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

God's Big Story

Pull out the Bible

Ask: What is this called? The Bible

Ask: Why is the Bible special? Because it is God's word. Everything in it is true. It really happened.

Tell the Bible Story

The Beginner's Bible, pages 442-445

The Last Supper

Word of Wonder

WORD OF WONDER

Come to me, all who are tired. I will give you rest.

—from Matthew 11:28

- **God invites us to come to Him when we need rest, but how do we do that?** *(The kids may surprise you with their insightful answers, but you can be ready to prompt them with ideas about talking to God in prayer, reading/listening to/remembering encouraging stories from the Bible, singing worship songs, enjoying nature, talking to godly grown-ups, etc.)*
- **Do you think Jesus' disciples ever felt tired or even scared? What did Jesus give them to help them remember Him and His love for them when they felt tired?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What is Passover?** *(a feast that was celebrated to remember when God saved the Israelites from Egypt)*
- **What did Jesus say the broken bread should remind us of?** *(Jesus' broken body)*
- **What did Jesus say the cup of wine should remind us of?** *(the blood of Jesus when He died on the cross)*
- **Have you ever seen people eat the bread and drink the juice or wine during a time in the church service called Communion? What did you notice about it?**
- **How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus told them He was going to die?**
- **How does it make you feel to talk about Jesus' death?**
- **I wonder why Jesus wants us to remember His death. What do you think?**

LESSON 4 EARLY CHILDHOOD**Craft: Last Supper**

SUPPLIES: half sheet of card stock, bread and cup template, coloring utensils, glue sticks



The part of our story today where Jesus had the bread and the wine with His disciples is called the Last Supper. He did this to teach them about His death. We're going to make a craft to help us remember this story and remember what Jesus did for us!

Give each kid a bread and cup template and let them color them. Give them each a half sheet of cardstock and show them how to fold it in half to stand up like a tent. This will represent the table. When both pieces are colored, the kids can glue each one to the table.

I loved getting to talk about this story with you all today. And now that you have this table with the bread and cup, you can remember it whenever you want. You could even retell the story to your family!