



## 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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### THE LAST SUPPER

#### 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

### Play Stations

**SUPPLIES:** toy dish sets; coloring utensils

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** The Last Supper Coloring Sheet (1 per kid)

Greet kids warmly as they arrive and briefly explain the play stations. Invite them to play at any of the play stations.

**Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas of what we'll be learning about today?**

#### Play Station: Eating Time

**Set-up:** Place the plates, disposable silverware, toy food, and other assorted items for setting a table, such as napkins, flowers, place mats etc., next to a table.

**Play:** Invite the kids to use the supplies to set the table for a pretend meal. Once the table is set, encourage them to serve the food and enjoy their pretend meal together. As other children arrive you can encourage the kids who are playing to invite everyone to be a part of their special meal.

#### Play Station: The Last Supper Coloring Sheet

**Set-up:** Print one copy per kid of The Last Supper Coloring Sheet. Set out the Coloring Sheets and coloring utensils.

**Play:** Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheet over and draw their favorite food.



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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 important? 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.**

— 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?**



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### Craft: A Full Cup

**SUPPLIES:** disposable cups (1 per kid), kid-safe scissors, coloring utensils, stickers

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Last Supper People and Pieces Sheet (1 per kid)

**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 crafts to help us remember this story and remember what Jesus did for us!**



Before kids arrive, print one copy of the Last Supper People and Pieces Sheet per kid. Give each kid a copy of the Last Supper People and Pieces Sheet and a cup. Set out the kid-safe scissors and coloring utensils for them to use as well. Then allow the kids to cut out the pictures. When all the pictures have been cut out, the children can place them all inside their cups. They can use the stickers to decorate the outside of their cups.

**Jesus used a cup to help people remember that He died for us. So we have cups to take home to help us remember that too! I loved getting to talk about this story with you all today. And now that you have this cup full of all the pieces of this story, you can remember it whenever you want. You could even retell the story to your family!**

**Let's look at each picture in our cups and remember the story:** Encourage the kids to pull out each picture and use it to help retell the story.

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- disciples
- bread
- cup
- table



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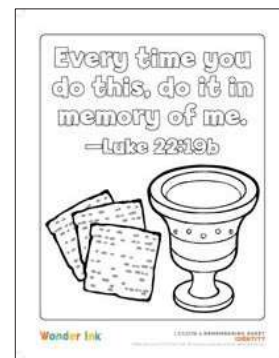
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### Responding in Worship: Contemplating Communion

**SUPPLIES:** coloring utensils

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Remembering Sheet (1 per kid)

Ahead of time, print a Remembering Sheet for each kid. **Jesus died on the cross for us and asked us to remember it through Communion. Communion is a time when followers of Jesus eat the bread and drink the juice or wine, just like Jesus and His disciples did. Let's take some time to remember what Jesus did for us.**



Give each kid a Remembering Sheet and set out coloring utensils. Invite kids to find a quiet spot where they can color. Let them know that you're going to read Jesus' words about the bread and His body, and invite them to color the bread on their sheets while you do.

Read Luke 22:19 aloud: **"Then Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to them and said, 'This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do this in memory of me.'"**

After a few moments, read Luke 22:20 aloud: **"In the same way, after the supper he took the cup. He said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. It is poured out for you.'"**

Encourage the kids to color the cup on their papers.

After the kids have had some time to think about Jesus' death, invite anyone who would like to, to share their thoughts.

**Jesus wants us to remember His death because it is what saves us from our sin. But Jesus didn't stay dead—God raised Him from the dead. Jesus is alive! We have a living God who loves us so much that He died for us. We can be forgiven for our sins by asking Jesus to forgive us. He loves us so much!**

### Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them and thank God for Jesus and His sacrifice.

**God, thank You that we can remember Jesus and His sacrifice. Thank You that we can be forgiven and saved through Jesus! Jesus won over sin and death! In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** As you remember the death of Jesus, may you rejoice in His great love for you!