

STORIES WITHIN THE TRUE STORY



Week Thirty One - Last Supper

A Note to the Parents/Teachers

The Passover meal had such significance for the Jewish people. In the same way, Jesus gives a new and even greater significance to this meal for those who follow him. Communion is not just a religious ritual or routine we do because it's a 'church thing', but a way we remember and re-enact the salvation of Jesus.

- **Big Idea:** Jesus willingly sacrificed himself so we can have life

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- **Evidences of Grace**

Ask kids to share ways they've seen God at work lately. Anything, big or small, which is good is from God. When a kid shares, encourage everyone to thank God together.

- **Discuss**

Have you ever felt betrayed before? Have you ever betrayed someone else? How did this feel? Do you think you or that person deserve to be forgiven?

Sing Together

Story - from Matthew 26:17-30

On the first day of the Unleavened Bread festival, the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Where do you want us to prepare your Passover meal?” He said, “Enter the city. Go up to a certain man and say, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near. I and my disciples plan to celebrate the Passover meal at your house.’”

The Passover meal was done every year to remember how God had saved Israel from slavery in Egypt hundreds of years before. It reminded them how death came to every household except those who trusted God’s way out, of sacrificing a lamb and placing its blood over their door. Death passed over those homes because the lamb died in their place. When that happened, the king of Egypt knew God was for real and let His people go free. Now hundreds of years later, the disciples followed Jesus’ instructions exactly, and prepared the Passover meal. After sunset, he and the twelve were sitting around the table.

During the meal, he said, “I have something hard but important to say to you: One of you is going to hand me over and betray me.” They were stunned, and then began to ask, one after another, “It isn’t me, is it, Master?”

Jesus answered, “The one who dipped his hand with me in the bowl—someone I eat with daily—he will betray me. The Son of Man will go to death just as it is written in the Scriptures, but for the man who betrays the Son of Man, it is better for him to have never been born!”

Then Judas, already turned traitor, said, “It isn’t me, is it, Rabbi?” Jesus said, “You have said it.”

During the meal, Jesus took and blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples: “Take, eat. This is my body. Taking the cup and thanking God, he gave it to them: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, God’s new covenant poured out for many people for the forgiveness of sins. I’ll not be drinking wine from this cup again until that new day when I’ll drink with you in the kingdom of my Father.”

They sang a hymn then went out to the Mount of Olives. It was there that Judas brought the Roman soldiers to capture Jesus. He was taken away to be killed. He became the Passover lamb sacrificed for God’s people—all who trust in the blood of Jesus to cover them will have death pass over and find life forever in God’s kingdom!

[Dialogue Questions - you may use some or all]

- Why were Jesus and his disciples having the Passover meal? What did it remind them of?
- Why do you think this meal was important to Jesus before he went to the cross?
- One of Jesus’ closest followers and friends betrayed him to be killed—and Jesus knew about it! Why do you think he let it happen?
- Have we ever betrayed Jesus? How can we return to him as our King?
- The Jewish people had this meal all the time to remember God saving them from slavery. Jesus wanted his followers to share this meal too and remember something more significant—that he was the new way to trust God. How can we remember Jesus’ life given for us?

Breakout Time

- **Prayer:**
Jesus, thank you for dying for us and making a way for us to live with you forever in your kingdom. Help us to trust and follow you. Amen.
- **Craft:**
 - Use coloring page attached
 - OR you may choose to use paper plates, a stapler, and string or pipe cleaners to make your own bread basket. The plate will be folded into a bowl shape and stapled together to hold its' shape. The string or pipe cleaners will be attached as a handle. It will look like this:



- **BLESS Activity:** **For kids to do during the week**
Because this Story is true, we want to be faithful to live in it. We ask Spirit to help us Bless, Listen, Eat, Speak, and Sabbath (rest & celebrate) in ways that tell the good news of God's Story.

This week, focus on the **Eat** rhythm. Ask your parents if during one of your meals this week you can take extra time to talk about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and remember him.

