

Large Group

Jesus Shared a Last meal

Bible Passage: Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:15

Big Picture Question: How is Jesus the perfect Priest?
Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Last week, we learned that Jesus was anointed by Mary. Jesus told His disciples that Mary's gift was an act of worship and that it also prepared Him for burial. Why did He say He would be buried? [Allow responses.] That's right, Jesus was going to die on the cross and then be buried.

Today, we will read how Jesus taught His disciples more about His death. As they shared a last meal together, Jesus told His disciples about the sacrifice He would make for them and for us.

Today's Lesson

Our story today taught us that Jesus' sacrifice was how God made a new covenant with anyone who trusts in Jesus. What is a covenant? [Allow responses.] A covenant is a promise between God and people. God's people did not keep their promise to be faithful to God and obey Him. But God always kept His promise. He took care of His people, was always with them, and saved them over and over again. Since people are sinful, we can never perfectly keep our promise to God.

God sent Jesus to make a new covenant. Only Jesus perfectly kept His promise to God. Jesus is our perfect Prophet who taught God's Word and obeyed it perfectly. We sin and do not obey. Jesus came to sacrifice Himself for our sin. Jesus is our perfect Priest because He **was the perfect sacrifice for sin, and He speaks to God the Father for us today**. When Jesus taught His disciples about the bread and the cup, He was showing them that He had come to start a new covenant.

What do the bread and the cup represent? [Allow responses.] The bread is a symbol of Jesus' body, and the cup is a symbol of Jesus' blood. Both elements remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made so that we could be forgiven. Only Jesus lived a perfect life. Only His sacrifice can save us from our sin. The new covenant reminds us that anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

Christ Connection | God's people had broken the old covenant, and God promised to make a new covenant to forgive sins. The new covenant says that everyone who turns away from sin and trusts in Jesus' death and resurrection will be forgiven of his sins and will have eternal life.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Matthew 26:17-30

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.