

Large Group

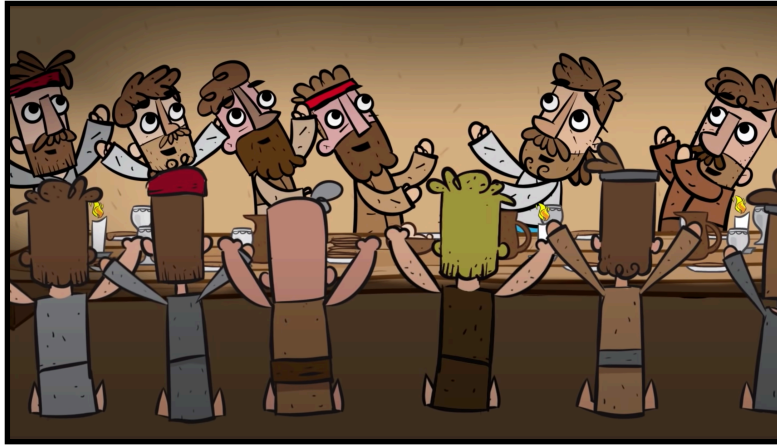
The Last Supper

Bible Passage: Matthew 26:14-29

Memory Verse: John 11:25

Big Picture Question: What did Jesus do to save us?

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.



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: NOTE - We are jumping ahead and it would be helpful to point this out to the kids.

As Jesus traveled around Israel teaching and working miracles, many people began to follow Him. **People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.** They believed He would be the conqueror who would free them from Roman authority. But the religious leaders hated Jesus. Despite their best efforts to trick Him, **Jesus spoke with wisdom and authority.** This made the religious leaders hate Him all the more. They made a plan to kill Jesus, but their plan was all wrapped up in God's perfect plan. Jesus knew He would soon die. He spent His last night as a free man eating dinner with and teaching His disciples.

Today's Lesson:

Jesus knew all along that the time was coming for Him to be arrested and put to death. Passover was an incredibly important celebration for God's people, and Jesus made it even more special and significant. Jesus used the bread and the cup to show a picture of what He was preparing to do for us.

Jesus explained that the bread represented His body. Jesus allowed evil men to arrest Him. He did not fight back when they hurt Him and made fun of Him. He laid down His life willingly.

The cup represented Jesus' blood. The wounds Jesus suffered caused Him to bleed. Generations before, the blood of a spotless lamb had been the mark of a house that trusted God and had saved God's people from death. At the cross, Jesus shed His blood to save people from an even greater death. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Jesus commanded His disciples to remember His sacrifice. We do this in many ways, but one of the most important is by taking the Lord's Supper, or communion. Different churches practice this in different ways. Some may pass a plate with a lot of small crackers and another with many small cups of grape juice. Others may use larger bits of bread and dip it into the cup. The important thing isn't how a church takes communion, but that they remember Jesus and honor His sacrifice through obedience. Communion is like baptism in some ways: it is for those who already have faith in Jesus, and it cannot save you. It is a symbol to you and the rest of the world of what Jesus did for you.

Christ Connection: Jesus showed His disciples with the bread and the drink that He is the true Passover Lamb. 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 26:14-29

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.