

Do this in remembrance of me. (Luke 22:19c)

The Last Supper – Luke 22:14-20

Prepare to Wonder

The Passover meal was celebrated each year to mark the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus and his disciples would have observed Passover many times throughout their lives. This year the Passover meal with Jesus would be different from others, but they did not know that. On this Passover, Jesus used the Passover meal to begin a ritual that is still practiced by Christians around the world. We call it the sacrament of Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, or the Last Supper.

The disciples, or the friends of Jesus, often had a hard time understanding and remembering things Jesus told them. Jesus wanted to give them a way to remember him and not forget the things he taught them. Jesus spelled it out for them, so they would not forget, by saying, "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19c). The bread and cup were normally on the table during meals in Bible times. Jesus used the bread and the cup, everyday items, to remind them of his body (the bread) and his blood (the cup), given for us. They have become symbols of God's love in Christian churches today.

The children may not grasp the symbolism of the Lord's Supper; it is often hard for adults to comprehend. However, children will begin to learn that the bread and cup are special symbols in the church of a special meal we share. They begin to understand that meals, even our meals at home, can be special times of sharing and remembering Jesus and God's love for us. Children should know that they can remember Jesus and their faith in other ways, even when they are away from church. This session will help the children understand why we have faith rituals, and that they can use their creativity to remember and keep their faith active anywhere they go.

Spiritual Practice for Adults

This week make or serve your favorite meal. Enjoy this meal with friends and family. As you share the meal, go around the table and invite each person to choose a way she or he can be a blessing to others.

Welcome to Wonder

Prepare Ahead: As a family, create a Wonder Table. Find a small table or area in your home. On the table, place a candle, a plant or flower, and any other special items you want to include.

Tip: Use this space while engaging in the lesson.

- Gather together near your Wonder Table.

WONDER together

- What special meals do you remember?
- What do you think it would be like to share a meal with Jesus?

CONTINUE to wonder

- What do you think Jesus' friends remembered about him?
- What do you remember about Jesus?

PRAY together

- Dear God, thank you for giving us ways to remember you. Amen.

SING together

- Use your Annual Music CD or download the song, "Remember Your Love" (<https://www.cokesbury.com/Celebrate-Wonder-Annual-Music>).
- Play the song, "Remember Your Love."
- Sing and celebrate.

Wonder with Me

Supplies: CEB Bible, Wonder Cube (Digital Class Pack), optional: Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook

READ the Bible story

- Read the Bible story: Luke 22:14-20.
- Roll the Wonder Cube. Take time to answer a few of the questions.

WATCH the Bible story

- Visit <https://www.cokesbury.com/Celebrate-Wonder-Video> to download and watch today's Bible story, or watch on www.amplifymedia.com.

SHARE the Faith Word

- Faith Word: REMEMBER—The definition of *remember* is to think about and not forget.

- Jesus wanted his friends to remember him and to serve others.

WONDER: How does the bread and cup help us remember Jesus?

Modern Last Supper Menu (Writing/Art)

Supplies: paper; pencils; crayons, markers, or other coloring utensils

SAY: Jesus shared a special meal, called the Passover, with his disciples at the Last Supper.

ASK: If you were going to serve Jesus a special meal today, what kinds of food would you serve?

SAY: Let's imagine what we would serve Jesus as we create our own menus.

- Each person is invited to create his or her own menu and decorate them.
- Allow those who volunteer to show their menu and talk about what they've included

WONDER: What do you think Jesus and his friends talked about as they ate the meal? Why do you think Jesus wants us to remember him?

Spiritual Practice—Exploring Remembrance Through Ritual

Supplies: Celebration Chart (Digital Class Pack), bread, optional: Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book

- Gather together around the Wonder Table.

SAY: In our Bible story, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. Jesus broke the bread and gave it to the disciples. In church, we sometimes do this. We call it *Communion*.

- Show the children the bread. Tear off a piece and pass it to the person next to you.

SAY: Jesus shares his love with you.

- Have each person continue to tear off a piece of bread, hand it to the next person, and say, "Jesus shares his love with you."
- Pass the bread all the way around the circle, and then eat the bread together.

WONDER: What do you think the bread was like that Jesus and his disciples ate at the Last Supper?

PRAY: God, thank you for the love Jesus gives us. Amen.

- Find a time to read together the *Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book*.