

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON

MARCH 15, 2020

Today our Bible story is about Jesus' last meal with his disciples – what we call “the Last Supper.” Attached is a sheet entitled Jesus' Cup. Connect the dots and then decorate the cup to look like the cup our church uses for Communion.

At the Last Supper, Jesus drank from a cup just like this and shared it with his disciples. Is there something similar that we do in our church?

Jesus used this meal to tell his disciples what the rest of his journey would be like – and it wasn't what they had expected.

Our scripture reading today is Matthew 26:17-25.

What does it mean to betray someone? What do you think the disciples were thinking and feeling during this conversation?

Now, read Matthew 26:26-30.

This passage is the basis for our sacrament of Communion, which is also called “The Eucharist” or “the Last Supper”. Why do you think we still practice it so many years later? Is it important to our faith?

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating a special holiday in the Jewish faith called Passover. Passover is a Jewish holy day that has been celebrated since early Bible times, even before Jesus was born. On Passover, the Jewish people remember how God saved them when they were in slavery in Egypt by passing over their houses with the final plague. During Passover, people retell the story of their exodus from Egypt. At a Passover meal the people eat matzoh, which is bread with no yeast in it. It is part of the Passover meal because the people left in such a hurry, the bread did not have time to rise. Have you ever eaten matzoh?

Other foods at a Passover meal include parsley dipped in salt water which represents the people's tears while they were in captivity; hard-boiled egg which represents the new life they would lead after they left Egypt; bitter herbs to symbolize the cruel ways they were treated; lamb shank to recall the sacrifice they made on the night the plague passed over their homes keeping their children safe and lastly, a mixture of apples and nuts which represented the mortar the slaves used to make the bricks for the Egyptians.

The Passover meal is called the Seder. We don't celebrate the Seder out of respect for the Jewish people but the Last Supper as we celebrate it is a reminder to us that God is always with us and will provide for us and keep us safe.

More than 500 years ago, an artist name Leonardo da Vinci painted a mural showing Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper. It is 20 feet long and 15 feet high. Da Vinci painted this more than 1,400 years after the event occurred.



This is our final activity. I am going to print out some jumbled words. Unscramble the words to reveal the Bible verse and then put the words in order.

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(Psalm 121:8)

Remember as you journey with God, God is always with you and will keep you safe.