

Jesus Breaks the Bread (Mark 14:12-26)

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PLAN

Supplies

Basic Supplies: CEB Deep Blue Kids Bible | Deep Blue Bible Storybook | Deep Blue Adventure Video | Pencils | Crayons | Markers | Scissors | Tape | Mural paper

Gather: Cup of water | Bread or crackers

Explore: No additional supplies

Respond: No additional supplies

Bless: No additional supplies

Before You Begin

As a church, we observe two sacraments, baptism and Holy Communion. These acts show an inward, spiritual grace by an outward, visible sign. Jesus personally took part in these two acts while he was on earth. Communion is also called the Lord's Supper, Eucharist, and the Last Supper. Jesus invites us to take part in the special meal he shared with his disciples. It is a time to remember who Jesus was and what he taught us, as well as coming together as a family of faith to renew our spirits. It is a time to remember God's love for all of us.

What Doesn't Belong? (Puzzle)

Before you begin: Print a copy of the puzzle for each person in your family.

SAY: About 2000 years ago, Jesus and his disciples shared a special meal together called the Passover meal. Today, Christians remember this meal and call it the Lord's Supper or Communion. This is a picture of what that special meal could have looked like. But, if you look closely at your picture, you'll find things that don't belong in the picture. Circle ten items that shouldn't be in the picture.

- Give everyone time to find the items that don't belong.

ASK: Why did Jesus and the disciples celebrate Passover? (*Because they were Jewish and this meal is celebrated by Jews to remind them of the time God set the Jews free from slavery in Egypt.*) Do you know what Jesus did differently at this meal from the previous Passover celebrations? (*Jesus used the bread and wine to start a new ritual that would help his friends, and us, remember him each time we share bread and juice together.*)

Love Feast (Snack)

Before you begin: Gather bread (This could be toast, cinnamon rolls, donuts, etc.) and drinks (This could be water, juice, coffee, etc.) for everyone.

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SAY: The Love Feast is a Christian fellowship meal that helps us remember the meals Jesus shared with his disciples during his ministry. It expresses the fellowship enjoyed by the community of faith.

- Enjoy your fellowship time.

EXPLORE

Read the Bible Story

- Find Mark 14:12-26 in your Bible. Read the story from the Bible or read the retelling from the *Deep Blue Bible Storybook*.

See the Bible Story

SAY: Armen and the Deep Blue Kids are looking at the pictures in the museum. They find a picture of them sharing a meal when the kids visited Armen in Armenia.

- Watch today's episode from the Adventure DVD.

TIP: You can find the video on Amplify by searching "Jesus Breaks the Bread."

ASK: When do you have special meals to celebrate with family and friends?

BLESS

Sacred Conversation

SAY: Communion is a time of remembering what Jesus and giving thanks to God. It is a time to examine our lives and ask God to help us live like Jesus.

ASK: How is Communion served at our church?

Blessing

SAY: Before we end today, we are going to share a blessing with each other. Blessings show how special you are to God.

- Go around the room and say the blessing to each child.

SAY: (Person's name), God loves you. God remembers you. God will always be with you.

PRAY: Dear God, help us to always remember Jesus and how much you love us. We love you; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

What Doesn't Belong? – Puzzle (Younger Elementary)

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Jesus and his disciples shared a last meal together. Today we celebrate this meal and call it the Lord's Supper. Look closely at your picture for things that don't belong in the picture. Circle ten items that shouldn't be in the picture.



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On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, Jesus' disciples asked him where they should prepare the Passover meal. Jesus told two of the disciples what to do, "Go into the city of Jerusalem. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him."





“When he goes into a house, tell the owner that the Teacher and his disciples will eat there in his guestroom. That’s where you should prepare the Passover meal.”

The disciples did just what Jesus said, and they prepared the Passover meal.





That night, Jesus and his twelve friends arrived for the meal.

During the Passover meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends. Jesus said, "Take, this is my body!"



Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. Jesus said, "This is the cup of the new covenant."



Jesus and the disciples finished the meal, sang songs of praise, and then went out to the Mount of Olives. 🌿

How do you think Jesus felt while sharing this special meal with his friends? Have you ever had a big feast?

