STORY

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Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper – Matthew 26:17-29; Mark 14:10-25, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:18-30

TEACHER PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, help me to appreciate the great love You have for sinful mankind. On the very night You were handed over to die for sinners, You left us with one of the most valuable gifts we can imagine, Your body and blood in Holy Communion. Help me to convey Your great love for us sinners to my students. I pray that You would work through me to help prepare these young lambs for the day when they come before Your altar. Help them to prepare now, that they might learn to rightly examine themselves later, never communing in an unworthy manner. Bless my imperfect efforts with Your divine power. Amen.

VOCABULARY

Unleavened – bread made without yeast
Passover – Jewish religious festival begun in Egypt on the day the Lord passed over the houses with blood on the doorposts and lintels.
Covenant – an agreement between two parties. Two types of covenants are found in the Bible: Suzerain-vassal (conditional) and Royal Grant (unconditional). There are two Bible examples of conditional covenants: 1.) Between God and Abraham in Genesis 17, where God promised to bless Abraham and his descendants on the condition of circumcision as a symbol of complete consecration to the Lord and his commands. 2.) Between God and the Children of Israel in Exodus 19-24, where the condition was devotion to the Lord on the part of the Jews. The other covenants were all unconditional. They include covenants between God and the following: Noah (Genesis 9), Abraham (Genesis 15), Phinehas (Numbers 25), David (2 Samuel 7), and all believers in the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Here (in a figure of speech) Jesus speaks of the container for the wine as it were the wine when He calls the cup the blood of this same "new covenant."

OUTER AIM

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper as his last will and testament.

INNER AIM

In Holy Communion we remember that Jesus died for our sins and He gives us the personal assurance that our sins are forgiven.

BACKGROUND

(Rupprecht Bible History References Vol.2, pp. 337-346)
We read in Luke 22 that the disciples had been arguing about who was greatest among them. To demonstrate the kind of humility Christians should have, Jesus washed His disciples' feet and (in John 13:14) told the disciples to do likewise. Our name for this day, Maundy Thursday, comes from the Latin word for "command" – mandatum. Some believe it is named for Jesus' "command" to wash one another's feet. More likely is that the day was originally named for the "new commandment" Jesus gave on this night in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another…"

The Lord's Supper was instituted during the Passover celebration. The Passover had been observed by the faithful since the exodus from Egypt. God Himself gave directions in Exodus 12 on how the Passover was to be celebrated. That is how we know exactly what elements Jesus used when He instituted His Supper. We know that the bread He used was unleavened since no yeast was to be used (or even found in the house) for seven days. We know Jesus used wine, not only because that was what was used by the Jews to celebrate

the Passover, but also because Jesus himself called it "the fruit of the vine" in Matthew 26:29.

v. 17-20

- The Feast of Unleavened Bread, which lasted seven days, began with the eating of the Passover meal. (Cf. Exodus 12)
- Jesus demonstrated His power and omniscience here (as He did before entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday) by knowing in advance that the man who owned the upper room would make it available to them.
- It is possible that Jesus arranged this ahead of time with the man, but that only gives evidence that Jesus foreknew His own death.
- Prearranged or not, only Jesus could have known in advance about the man carrying the pitcher of water (Mark 14:13).
- Part of the preparation made by the disciples here was to purge the house of all yeast, in accordance with God's command in Exodus 12.

v. 21-25

- Jesus knew ahead of time not only that His time to die was at hand, but also which of His disciples would betray Him.
- In love He reached out to Judas with the law ("but woe to that man…")
- Note that Jesus did not offer the words of the gospel of forgiveness to an unrepentant sinner.
- John in his Gospel tells us that Judas went out immediately after receiving the sign from the Savior that he was the betrayer (John 13:30).
- This seems to indicate that Judas was not present at the time. Luke 22:21, on the other hand, seems to indicate that Judas was present, we admit that Luke's account might not be chronological, and John does not specifically mention at what point the Supper was instituted, whether before or after Judas left.
- The word "many" here is not meant to limit the number of people for which Jesus was to shed his blood. He clearly died to pay for all sins, as he taught in John 3:16, John 1:29, etc. The word "many" is used to contrast the fact that only one would pay the penalty for sins, rather than many. It was also a statement to the disciples on Maundy Thursday that the blessings of the Lord's crucifixion would extend beyond that small circle of followers present at the institution of the Lord's Supper.

v. 26-28

- Jesus here used the word "is" when instituting His Supper: "This is my body…this is my blood…" <u>Is</u> means <u>is.</u> There were other words He could have and would have used if He had meant "represents," "symbolizes," "becomes," or "is changed into."
- Based on Jesus' own words, we believe that His true body and blood are present "in, with, and under the bread and the wine when we eat and drink."
- Jesus' true body and blood are present in a heavenly, miraculous way.
- They cannot be seen or tasted. This is called "real presence" and we accept it by faith in Jesus' clear words.
- Note that these verses do not tell us to eat or drink for forgiveness (remission of sins).
- Jesus here tells us that we are to drink from the cup, which has His blood.
- It was His blood that "was shed for many for the remission of sins."
- The eating and drinking of the very body and blood of our Lord are a special, personal guarantee or seal of forgiveness earned for us by Christ's crucifixion.
- When faith is present in the heart, all sins stand forgiven.
- In Communion we are reminded of that fact.

v. 29-30

- Jesus referred to the cup as "the fruit of the vine."
- That this drink contained alcohol is beyond serious dispute, for without refrigeration grape juice will naturally ferment.
- This natural process is a blessing from God because fermentation kills the harmful organisms in the water.
- Jesus here prophesied that He would not repeat this celebration with the disciples until they share it in heaven.
- Indeed only hours later Jesus was arrested, tried, and executed.
- Until the events of the crucifixion and resurrection, the disciples probably did not understand and were confused by Jesus' words of institution.

STUDENT PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You for the precious gift You gave to us on Maundy Thursday. On the very night You were betrayed to Your enemies You were thinking about us and what we would need to be strengthened while on earth. While I am young, each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated, help me to remember how You suffered and died for my sins. When I am older, help me to come to Holy Communion in a worthy manner – sorry for all my sins, trusting You for forgiveness, and certain that I am receiving Your true body and blood when I eat the bread and drink the wine. Amen.

PRESENTATION

The Words of Institution are very precise and very important. If you tell the story in your own words, it would be a good idea to read at least the words of Institution from Matthew 26.

ACTIVITY TWO- Teacher: Have students color the picture, using the questions below to guide the activity.

1. Color the part of the picture that Jesus tells us to take and eat. (bread)

   What does Jesus also give us when we eat the bread? (His body)
2. Color the part of the picture of which Jesus tells us to drink. (cup)

   What is in the cup? (wine) What does Jesus give us with the wine? (His blood)
3. Jesus gave His body for us and shed His blood for us on the ____. Draw a cross in the empty box . The cross reminds us that our sins are forgiven.

APPLICATIONS

1. Are we today obligated to wash each other's feet? What other loving actions could we do for each other today? Note that such things are only pleasing when they are done willingly, never by force or from a feeling of obligation.
2. Note that there was never a question if Jesus and the disciples would celebrate the Passover, only where (Matthew 26:17). So too there should never be a question about going to church each time we are able.
3. An unrepentant sinner like Judas needs to hear the threat of the law, not the pronouncement of forgiveness found in the gospel. Only the law can crush the proud, rebellious, sinful human heart. Unless the sinner first recognizes and repents of his sin, the news of a Savior can have no effect on him.
4. Jesus paid for all sins when he died on the cross. As children of God we don't have forgiveness for just <u>some</u> of our sins; we have forgiveness for all of our sins. Yet since we continue to sin every day, we need special, personal assurance that each sin has been paid for, and that complete forgiveness is mine because Jesus says so.

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Lower

Luke 22:19 - This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.
John 15:5 - Without [Jesus] you can do nothing.
Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Middle any of the above and...
Romans 4:5 - But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.
Ephesians 1:7 - In [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.
Matthew 26:28 - For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Upper any of the above and...
1 Corinthians 10:16 - The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?
Romans 6:22- But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.
1 Peter 1:18-19 - Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold…but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

HYMN CHOICES

"The Death of Jesus Christ our Lord" (TLH #163:1-2)
"Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven" (TLH #32:1,4)
"Glory Be to Jesus" (TLH #158:1-4)

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:17-29, Mark 14:10-25, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:18-30

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

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Peter and John did as Jesus told them. They followed the man with the pitcher, found the upper room, and prepared the Passover feast.

That night, Jesus and the 12 0disciples sat down to eat. Jesus said, "I have wanted so much to share this Passover meal with you before I suffer and die."

As they were eating, Jesus said sadly, "One of you is going to betray Me to My enemies." The disciples were very upset by this news. They began to ask Him, "Lord, am I the one?"

John, who was sitting next to Jesus asked, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus told John, "I will dip a piece of bread into a dish. I will give it to the one who will betray me." Jesus gave it to Judas. Judas asked, "Lord, am I the one?" Jesus answered, "Yes, you are the one." After this, Judas left. He planned to meet with Jesus' enemies and carry out his plan.

Then Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke the bread and gave it to His disciples. He said, "Eat this bread. This is my body which is given for you. Do this and remember Me."

After handing out the bread, Jesus took a cup of wine and thanked God for it. He said, "Take a drink of this wine. It is My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins. Do this and remember Me."

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Passage

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

Hymn - THL 158 v. 1

Glory be to Jesus
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, Thank You for giving us Your body and blood with the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. You have given us forgiveness of sins by dying on the cross and rising again. For all this we praise Your name. Amen.

Classroom Activity - Cut out the pictures at the bottom of the page and glue them into the proper spaces in the verse below. Memorize the verse.

"Take eat; bread **this is My body.** Jesus' body

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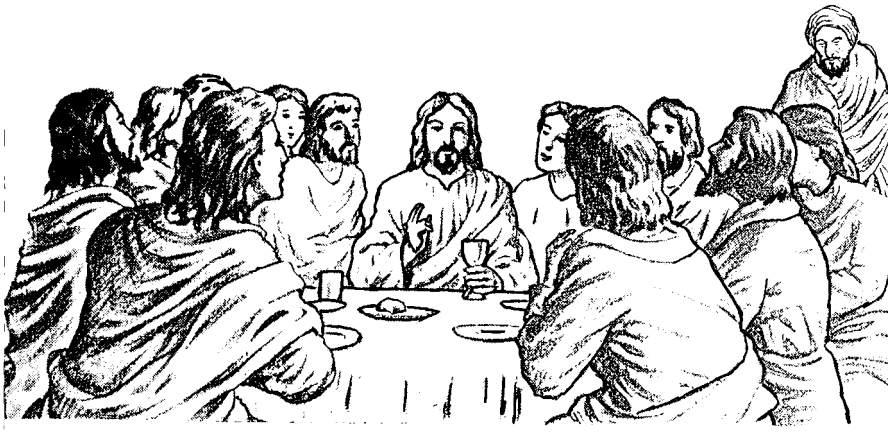
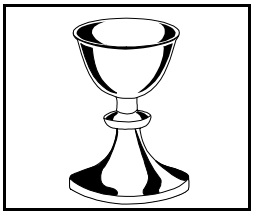
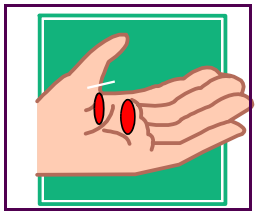
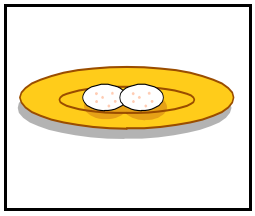
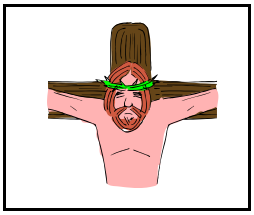
Mark 14:22-24











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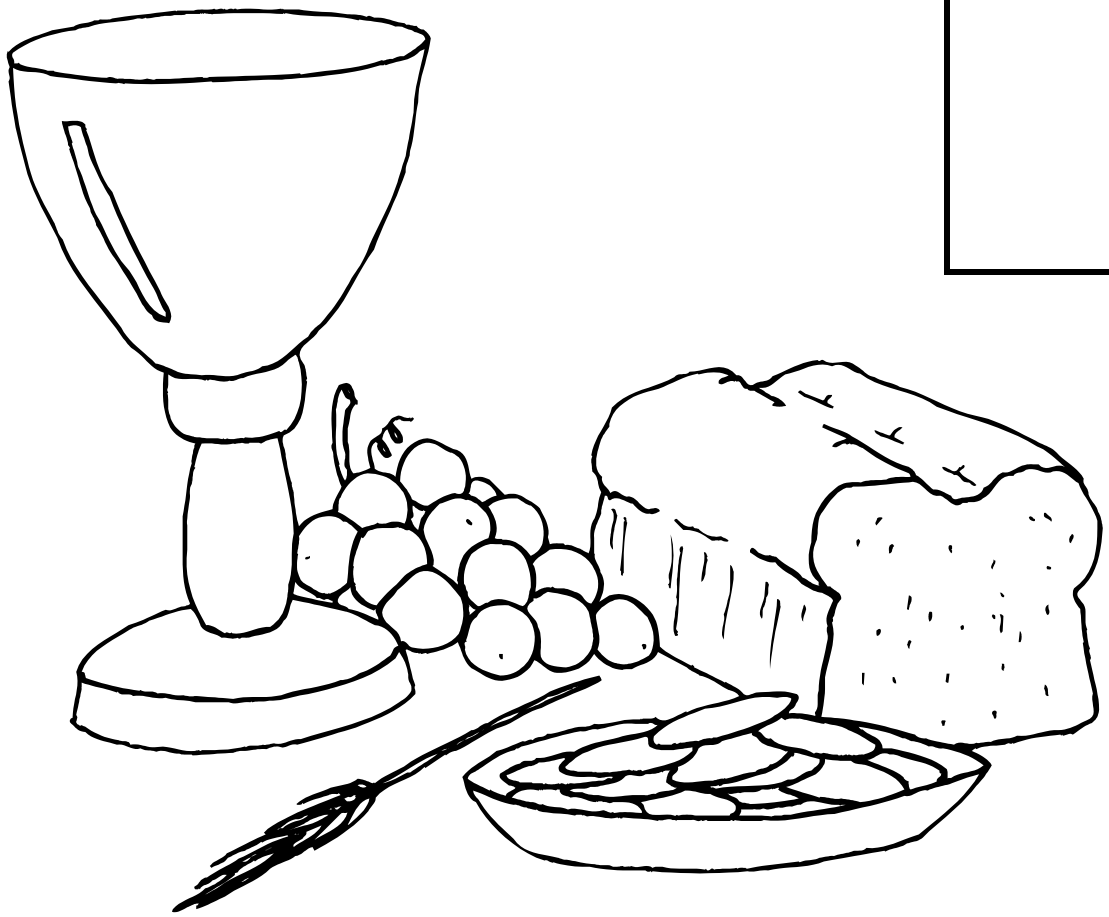

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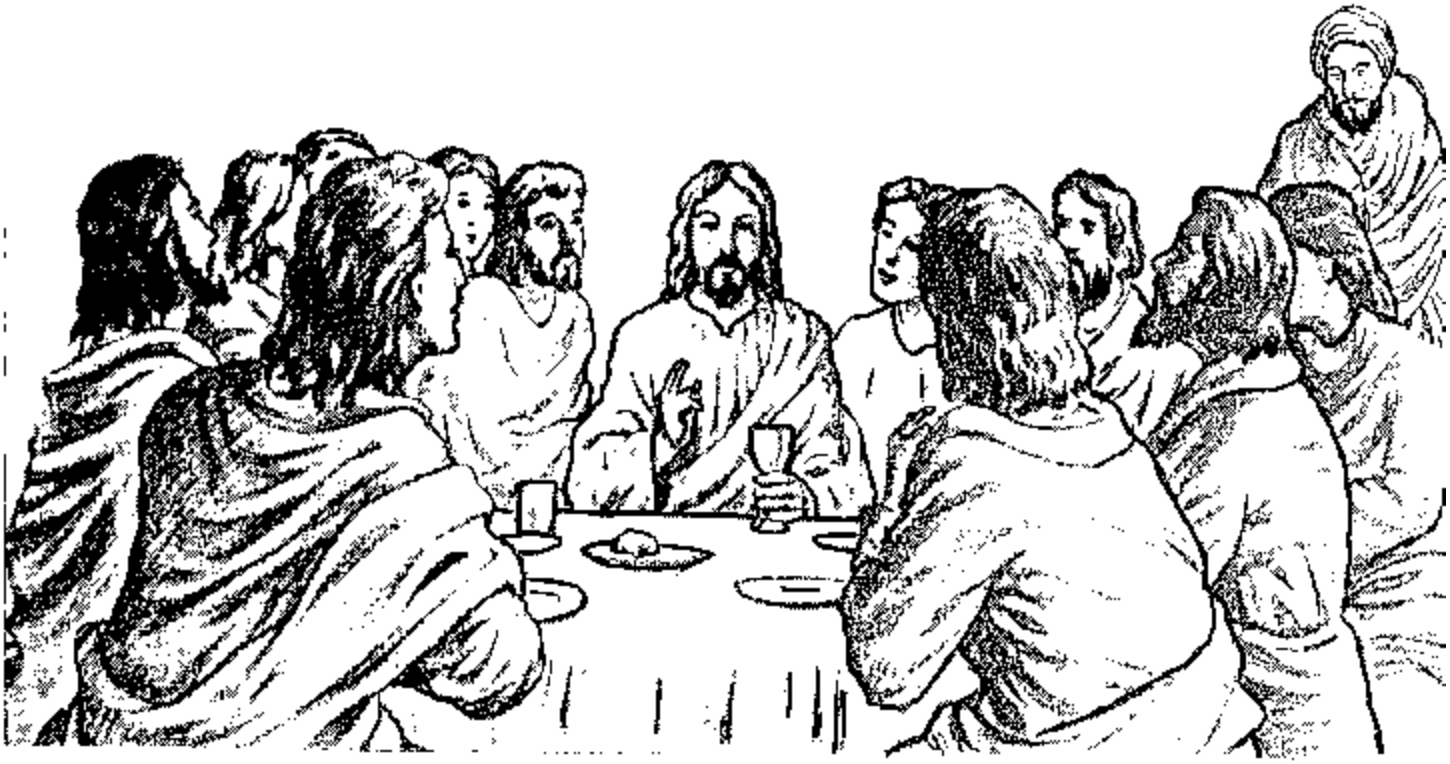

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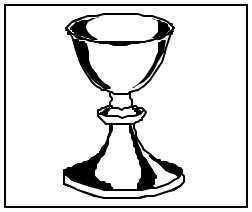
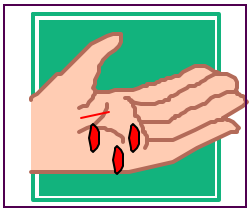
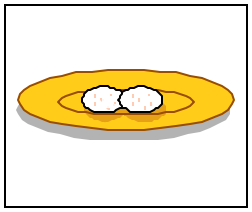
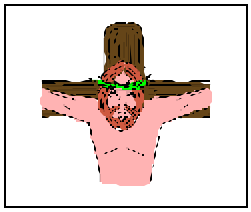

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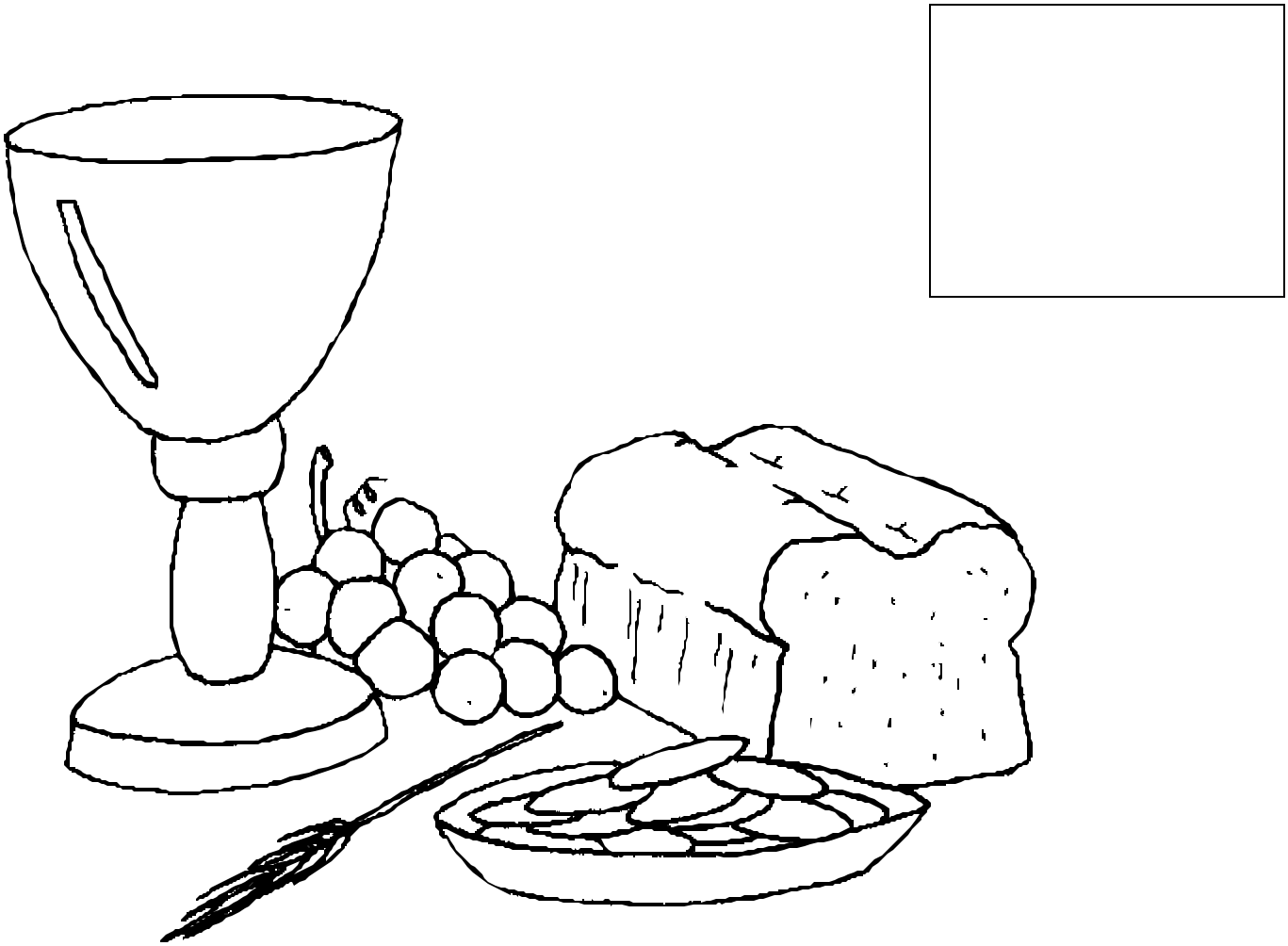

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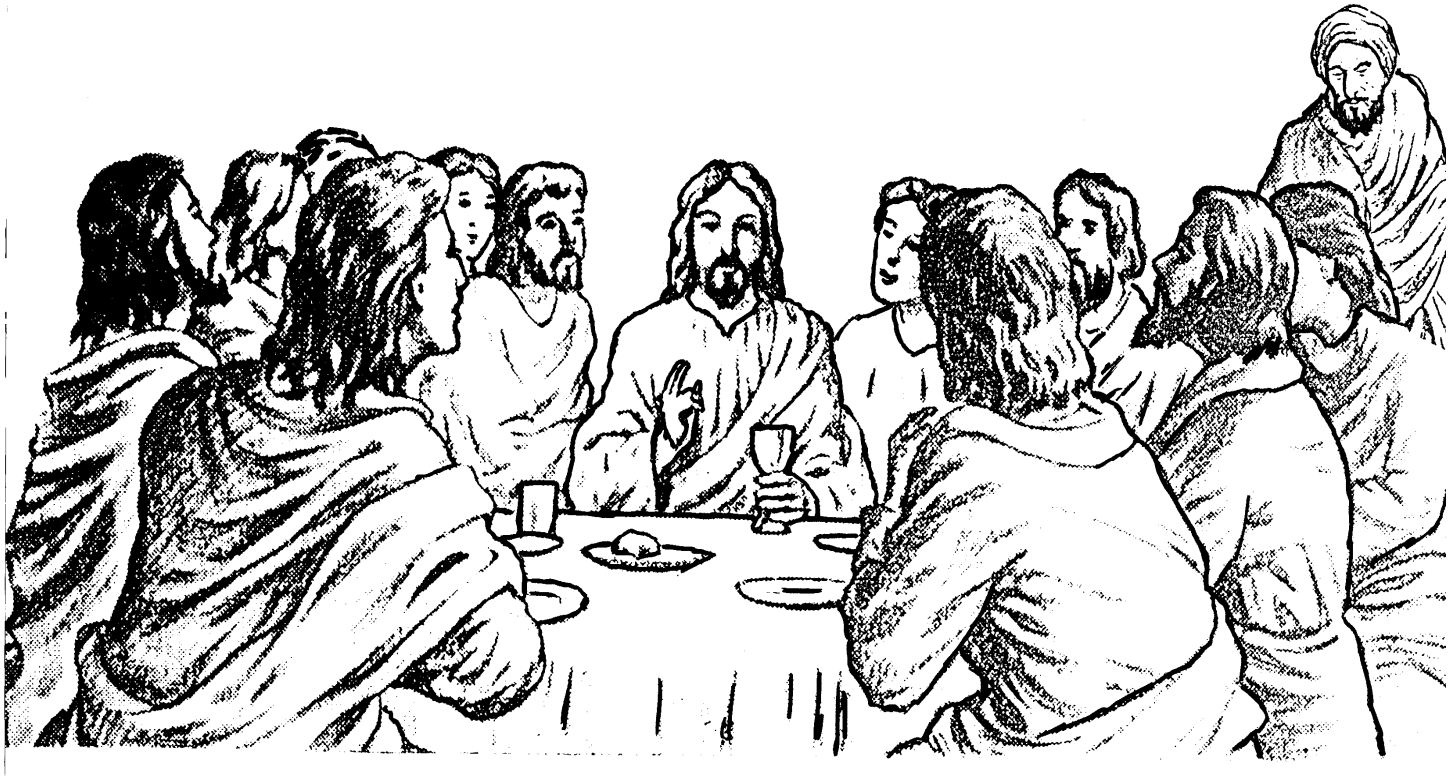

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Review - Direct the students to the cover picture.

1. Color the Savior. What is His name?

2. Put an X over the man who betrayed Jesus. What was his name?

3. Why did he do this?

4. What two things are these men celebrating?

5. Color the earthly things Jesus gives to believers as His body and blood. How can this be?

Hymn - Look at each hymn. Find the hymn verse that fits with today's story. ♡ Draw a heart around that hymn number and verse in the box.

Hymn 36 v. 1
Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

36 v. 1	307 v. 1
105 v. 1	

Hymn 307 v. 1
Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

Hymn 105 v. 1
Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men, before His highest throne;
Today He opens heav'n again and gives us His own Son,
And gives us His own Son.

Puzzle - Fill in the Crossword Puzzle using the pictures.

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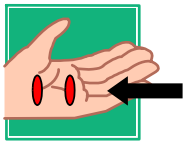

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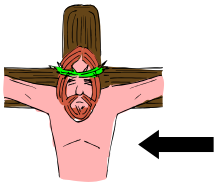

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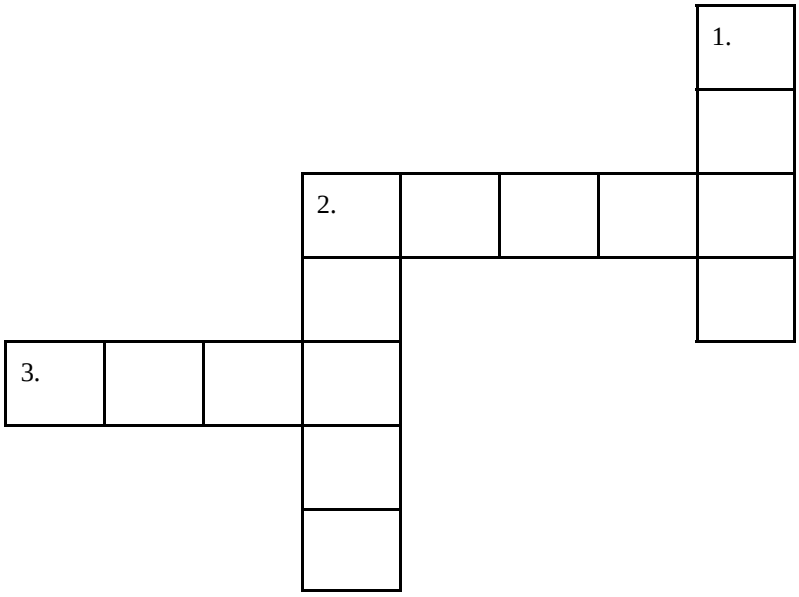

Talking to Jesus

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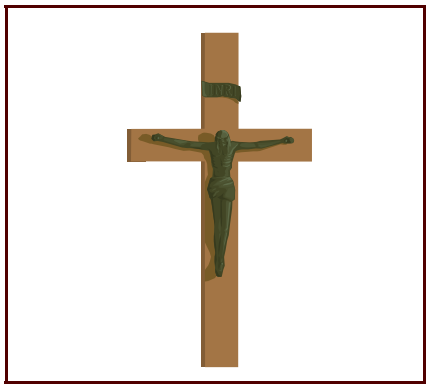


Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for the gift of Your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. His death assures us that all our sins are paid for in full. Help us through Your Holy Spirit to understand and appreciate Your wonderful plan for our salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Story

One of Jesus' twelve disciples, Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They were very happy about this, and agreed to pay him. After that, Judas began looking for a chance to betray Jesus.

On the first day of the feast of the Passover, the disciples went to Jesus to ask Him where they should have the dinner. Jesus said, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. He will show you a large upper room that is all prepared. Make ready for us there." So His disciples followed Jesus' directions and everything was just as He said.

When evening came, Jesus sat down with His twelve disciples. As they were eating, Jesus was deeply troubled. He said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." The disciples were very upset and began asking, "Lord, is it I?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And He gave the piece of bread to Judas. After this, Satan entered into Judas.

Jesus said, "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of

Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." Then Judas asked, "Rabbi, is it I?" Jesus answered, "You have said it. What you do, do quickly." Some of the other disciples thought He meant that Judas should go to buy things for the feast, or give something to the poor. After Judas took the bread, he went out immediately into the night.

Then Jesus said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." As they were eating, Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." Then they sang a hymn together, and went out to the Mount of Olives.

Recalling Details - Who spoke the following? Write **Jesus**, **Judas**, or the **disciples** on the line.

1. "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him."_____
2. "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." _____
3. "Lord, is it I?" _____
4. "Rabbi, is it I?"_____
5. "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."_____

Outer Aim

Jesus instituted the Lord's supper as His last will and testament.

Discussion Questions

1. What is omniscience? How did Jesus show His omniscience in this story? Name 2 ways.

2. How can you tell from the story that Jesus loved Judas?
3. Jesus used the word "is" when speaking of the bread and wine being His body and blood. Why is this so important to us as Christians?

Inner Aim

In Holy Communion we remember that Jesus died for our sins and He gives us the personal assurance that our sins are forgiven.

Passages

Ephesians 1:7 – In [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Matthew 26:28 – For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Romans 6:22 – But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Hymn

Read or sing stanzas 1-4 of hymn 158. Why is the subject of blood so important? What does blood have to do with the Lord's Supper?

Prayer

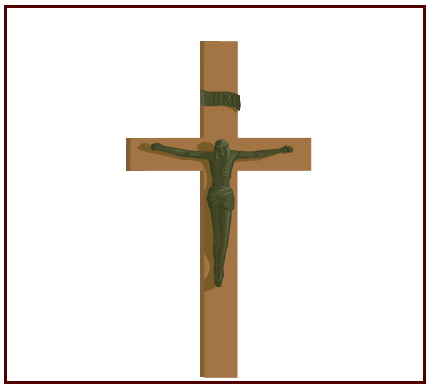
Dear Jesus, thank You for the precious gift You gave to us on Maundy Thursday. On the very night You were betrayed to Your enemies You were thinking about us and what we would need to be strengthened while on earth. While I am young, each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated, help me to remember how You suffered and died for my sins. When I am older, help me to come to Holy Communion in a worthy manner – sorry for my sins, trusting You for forgiveness, and certain that I am receiving Your true body and blood when I eat the bread and drink the wine. Amen.

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:17-29, Mark 14:10-25, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:18-30

Look at the picture on the left. What special meal did Jesus give us?

What is the relationship between these two pictures?



Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for the gift of Your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. His death assures us that all our sins are paid for in full. Help us through Your Holy Spirit to understand and appreciate Your wonderful plan for our salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Story

A Harmony of the Gospels

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. And when they heard *it,* they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

Now on the first *day* of the *Feast of* the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished *and* prepared; there make ready for us." So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. Now as they were eating, He said, "Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?"

Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped *it*." And having dipped the bread, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.

"The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast,"or that he should give something to the poor. Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

Jesus said to them, "With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; "for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And as they were eating, He took bread, blessed and broke *it,* and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Story Details

This is the last time Jesus would eat with His disciples before He would suffer and die.
It was a special night of special actions and words.

Jesus took bread, _____ and _____ it,

and gave _____, and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take eat,

this is _____ _____."

Then Jesus took the cup, _____ _____, and gave it to

them saying, "Drink from it, _____ _____ _____.

For this is _____ _____ of the new _____

which is shed for _____ for the _____ _____ _____."

Outer Aim

Jesus instituted the Lord's supper as His last will and testament.

How Does This Apply To Us

Jesus assures us that our sins are forgiven when He instituted the Lord's Supper. This personal assurance of forgiveness is still used today in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. What is a sacrament?

Hymn

Jesus and His disciples were celebrating the Feast of the Passover. They never asked if they should celebrate. They just asked where they should celebrate. Every day we continue to sin and need the special assurance of forgiveness. Jesus paid for all sins and in this sacrament we are once again assured that all sins are forgiven for Jesus has said it.

Review Hymn 32 v. 1. Which word(s) are used that help give the key points of this story?

Inner Aim

In Holy Communion we remember that Jesus died for our sins and He gives us the personal assurance that our sins are forgiven.

Passages

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What God Says To Us - Review 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 regarding the Lord's Supper.

" For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

1. In Jesus' words of institution He reminds us that this is a new covenant. What is a covenant?

2. The blessing given is for the forgiveness of sins, but why are we to celebrate this sacrament on a regular basis?

3. What should we do prior to partaking of this sacrament?

4. Why do you think Jesus instituted this sacrament?

5. Why did He say "...in remembrance of me?"

Prayer

Use Hymn 163 vs. 6-9 as today's closing prayer.