

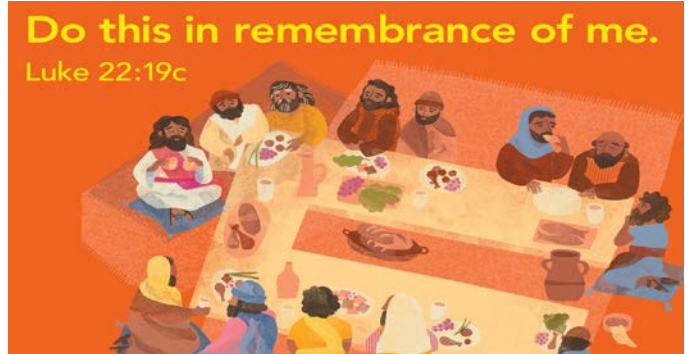
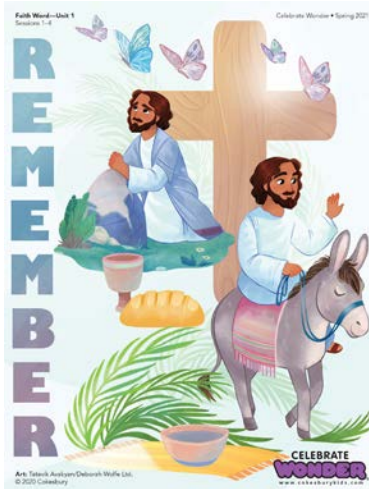
UNIT 1: REMEMBER • SESSION 2:

**“The Last Supper”**

LUKE 22:14-20

**JESUS ASKS US TO REMEMBER:**

As we are moving through Lent and getting closer to Easter, we remember the stories of Holy Week - Jesus' last week on earth. Today we are exploring the story of The Last Supper. This is a special meal that Jesus ate with his Disciples to celebrate Passover. The Passover is celebrated every year to remember the Israelites' freedom from slavery. While they were eating and sharing, Jesus began to break bread and to pass the cup and said "Do this in remembrance of me." This is the origins of the ritual of Communion that we practice today. When we do this we are **remembering Jesus**.



**BIBLE STORY:** *Jesus knows his time on earth is drawing to a close, he wants to show the Disciples a way to remember him.* Jesus and his friends had traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast. They couldn't wait to eat good food and celebrate God's love. Jesus told his friends, "I am glad to eat this Passover meal with you." Then

Jesus held the cup and gave thanks to God, "Take this cup and share it." Then Jesus broke the bread, blessed it, and gave it to them. "Do this to remember me," said Jesus to his disciples. After supper, Jesus said, "This cup is the new promise, the new covenant. Drink it and remember me."

This story contains 2 rituals or remembering, **Passover and Communion**. Faith rituals are like routines - something we do repeatedly that has meaning to help us remember God and Jesus. Our church offers Communion on the first Sunday of every month to help us remember Jesus and his promise of God's grace and love. And every time we share a meal with our families is a chance to pray, thank God and remember our faith. By practicing rituals like praying before meals and Communion we can **grow closer to God**. Could you lead a prayer before your next meal?

**WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:**

- Have you participated in Communion at church? If so, do you remember the first time you did? What does the ritual of Communion mean to you?
- The Last Supper has been shown in works of art for many years. Can you create a picture of what it might have looked like with Jesus leading a meal with his 12 disciples?
- Jesus asks us to remember him with bread and wine (we use grape juice.) **Create a menu of foods that represent each member of your family.**
- **This week as you are eating a favorite meal together with family, go around the table and invite each person to choose a way he or she can be a blessing to others.**
- There are children in the world that do not have enough food to eat. What do you think we can do to help everyone have enough food?
- How does food make it to your plate? Think about the whole process from the farm all the way to your table. **Say a prayer of thanks for everyone who helped get food to you.**

# The Last Supper

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Session 2 •

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