

SUNDAY FUNDAY

OCTOBER 18 , 2020
THE LAST SUPPER

GAME TIME

SETTING UP A PASSOVER MEAL

Direct the players to sit in a circle. Think of a theme such as fruits, vegetables, or foods that start with the same first letter as the speaker's name. Start the game by saying "I'm setting up a Passover; I plan to bring _____" filling in the blank with a food that fits the theme.

Allow each kid to add a dish to the meal. For an added challenge, you can keep the theme secret, and see if kids can figure it out using trial and error.

SAY: If we were really planning a Passover meal, we wouldn't get to choose what foods to make. God gave His people very specific instructions about what to eat at Passover. In our story today, we will learn about very specific instructions Jesus gave to His disciples. Jesus' instructions gave the meal a whole new level of meaning and importance.

BIBLE STORY

The Last Supper Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13

Jesus and His disciples were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Long ago, God delivered His people from slavery in Egypt. He sent ten plagues to Egypt and during the tenth plague, the firstborn of the Egyptians died. The Israelites smeared the blood of a lamb on their doorposts, and God kept them safe; He passed over their houses. God said that once a year, the Israelites should celebrate the Passover to remember how He rescued them. He told His people when and how to celebrate.

On the day when the Jewish people were supposed to kill the Passover lamb, Jesus sent Peter and John to get the meal ready. He said, "Go into the city, and you will meet a man carrying a jug of water. Follow him."

Jesus said that the man would go to a house, and the homeowner would show Peter and John a large room upstairs with furniture in it. That was the place Jesus wanted them to get the Passover meal ready. So Peter and John did as Jesus said.

When the Passover meal was ready, Jesus and His disciples reclined to eat. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray Me." The disciples were upset, but Jesus knew this was part of God's plan. Peter said he would never betray Jesus, but Jesus said Peter would deny Him three times.

Then Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it, and then gave it to His disciples to eat. Jesus said, "This is My body, which I am giving for you. Do this to remember Me."

PASS THE PLATE

Instruct the players to stand in a circle. Give one child a paper plate, and place 5–10 table tennis balls on the plate. Challenge the group to pass the plate around the circle without spilling any of the table tennis balls. For an added challenge, consider using a stopwatch to see how quickly the players can pass the plate around the whole circle without spilling any of the table tennis balls.

SAY: It was tricky to pass that plate without spilling. Today we will learn about a time Jesus passed bread and drink around to all His disciples. Do you know what Jesus said those foods represented? We'll soon learn!



Jesus took the cup and gave it to His disciples. They drank from it, and Jesus said, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many."

They sang a hymn together, and then they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus knew He would be arrested and would suffer. Then He would die on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of the world. On the third day, Jesus would rise from the dead.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus showed His disciples with the bread and the drink that He is the true Passover Lamb. God's new covenant says that everyone who turns away from sin and trusts in Jesus' death and resurrection will be forgiven of his sins and will have eternal life.