

Jesus Breaks the Bread – Bible Story

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Narrator: It was time for the Passover meal. Jesus and his disciples were going to share the meal together. A large number of people had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, so the disciples asked Jesus where they could prepare the Passover meal.

Jesus: Go into Jerusalem. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him, and he will show you a room where we can have our Passover meal.

Narrator: Two of the disciples went into the city, and everything happened just like Jesus said. They prepared the meal for the group. That evening, Jesus and his disciples arrived and they shared the meal. But what happened next was different than other Passover meals. Jesus began to share with them.

Jesus: One of you will betray me.

Narrator: Deeply saddened, the disciples asked one by one if it was them.

Jesus: The one who is dipping bread with me in this bowl will betray me.

Narrator: That disciple was Judas. When he realized Jesus knew that he was going to betray him, he got up and left. Then Jesus continued serving his disciples. He took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them.

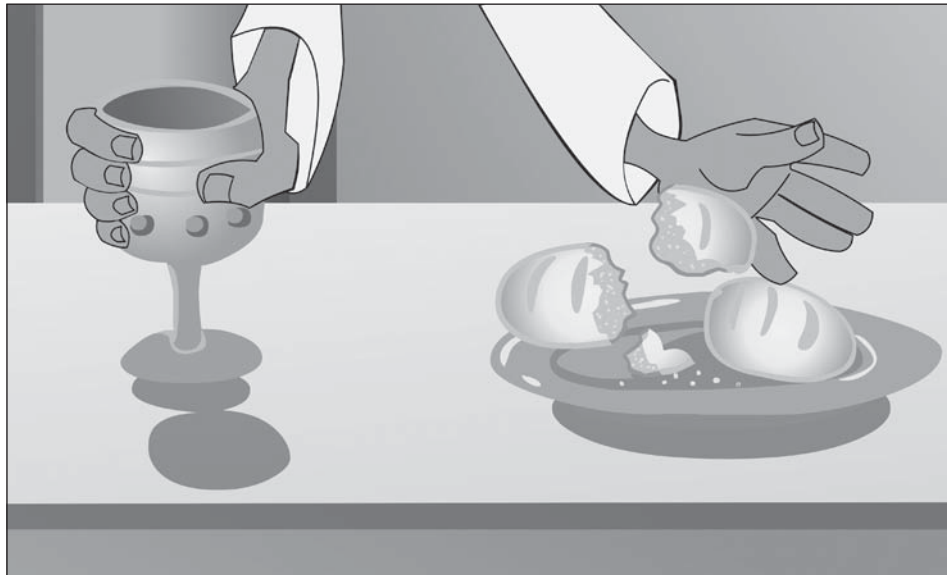
Jesus: Take; this is my body.

Narrator: He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it.

Jesus: This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

Narrator: They sang songs of praise and went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus was preparing the disciples for his coming death. They didn't understand what he was saying, but what happened in the following weeks brought his words back to the disciples and helped them understand.

(Based on Mark 14:12-26)



4b Count the Disciples – Puzzle (Preschool)

Jesus and his disciples shared a last meal together. How many disciples were at this meal?
Count the disciples in the picture.



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

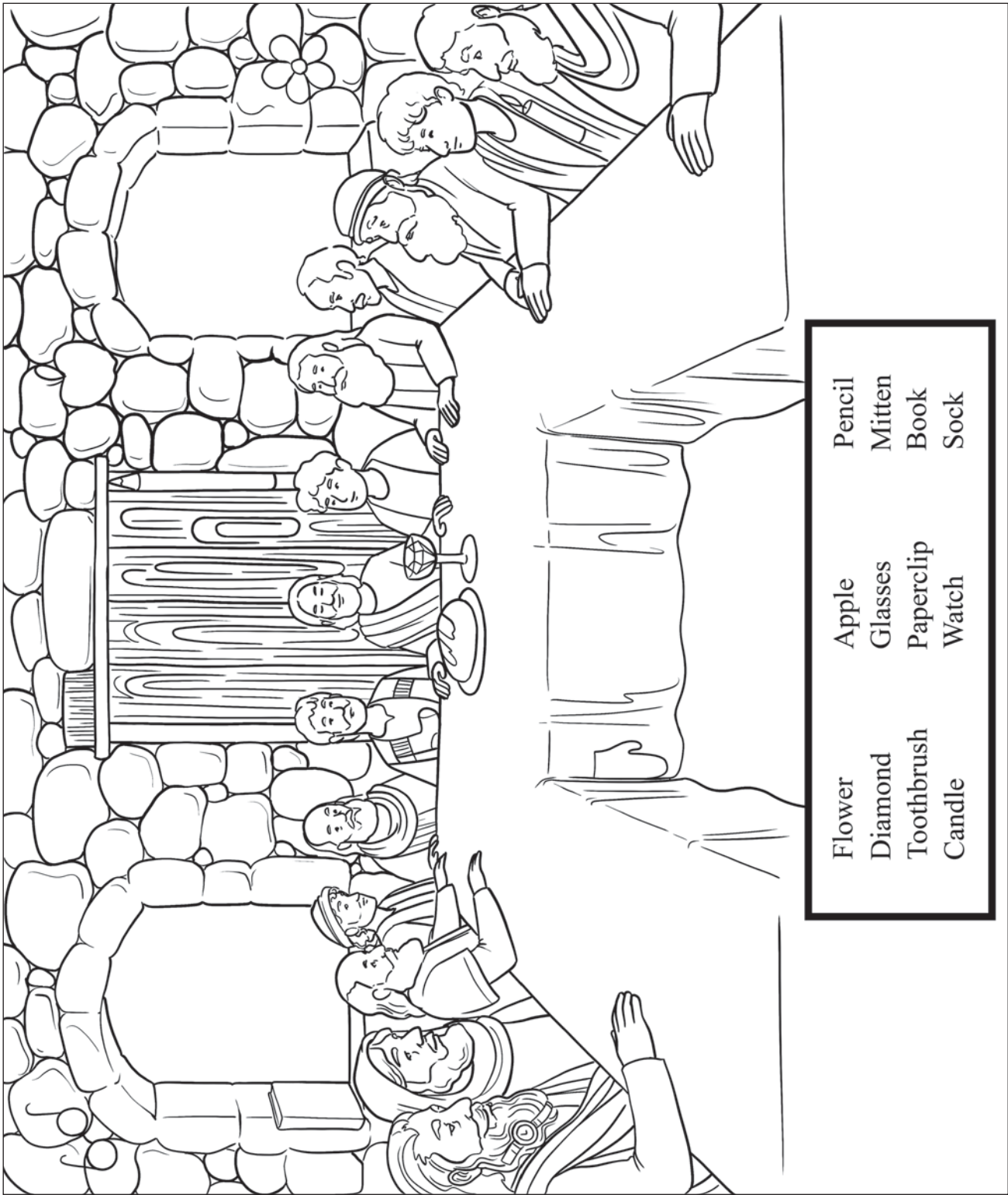
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Jesus and his disciples shared a last meal together. Today we celebrate this meal and call it the Lord's Supper. Look closely at your picture for things that don't belong in the picture. Circle ten items that shouldn't be in the picture.

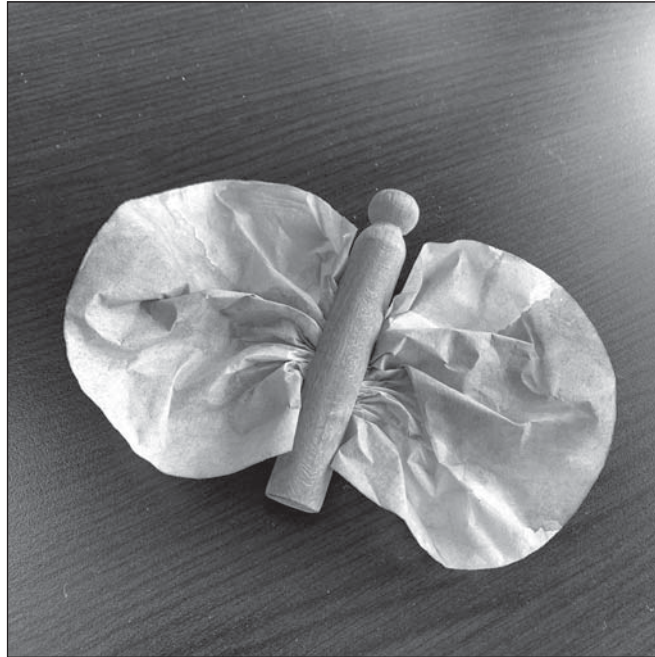


4d Hidden Pictures - Puzzle (Older Elementary)

Jesus and his disciples shared the Passover meal, and then Jesus showed them a way to remember and celebrate him. Look in your picture for twelve hidden items and circle them.



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| Flower | Apple | Pencil |
| Diamond | Glasses | Mitten |
| Toothbrush | Paperclip | Book |
| Candle | Watch | Sock |



Materials:

coffee filters
markers
watercolor paints
paintbrushes
water
round head clothespins

Directions:

- Cover your coffee filter with bright markers or watercolor paints. Be sure to paint all of the white areas. Overlapping colors will blend together for a new color.
- Drop a little water on the middle of the painted coffee filter and watch it blend the colors as it spreads.
- Let the painted coffee filters dry.
- Paint a round head clothespin to match the colors on your coffee filter.
- Push the middle of the coffee filter into the clothespin, scrunching it up bit by bit until all of the middle of the butterfly is in the clothespin.

4f Loving God/Loving Neighbor – Faith Family Devotional

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Mark 14:12-26

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. Jesus invites us to take part in the special meal he shared with his disciples the night before his crucifixion. It is a time to remember what Jesus did for all of us and the grace he gives to all. It is a time to remember God's gift to us.

Verse of the Month

"If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet."

John 13:14

What Do You Think?

How does your community of faith observe the Lord's Supper?

What do you remember when you take part in the Lord's Supper?

Family Activity

Talk about how your church observes Communion. Share any special memories you have about this with each other.

Do you as a family observe any special events together that help you remember your family history? Share these with each other.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the opportunity to share in your last supper. Help us remember your love and grace for all of us; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.