

The Last Supper

Part 1 of three lessons of Jesus' death and resurrection

(Lesson intended for ages 5-7)

Memory Verse: *(Read memory verse and practice. Send copy home with students to memorize with their parents.)*

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John 13: 34

Discuss:

Ask children what they know about the Last Supper.

Where can we read about Jesus' death? Is it in the Bible or the Book of Mormon? *(Jesus is prophesied about in the Old Testament of the Bible. His life, teachings and miracles are written in the New Testament. The Book of Mormon also prophesied of Christ in II Nephi 11. In III Nephi 5 tells of Christ coming to the Americas.)*

What is Easter? *(Most of the world celebrates Easter with Easter bunnies, egg hunts, candy and toys. The church remembers Easter as the time when Jesus rose from the dead or was resurrected.)*

Who made the Bible? Who wrote it?

(Jesus' disciples gave an account of the time of Christ. More than one of the same account was given to verify that it happened and is true. 2 Cor. 13:1 "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.")

Vocabulary:

Disciple- A follower, someone who receives instructions

Lame- Crippled or disabled

Passover- The time when God smote the Egyptian first-born but passed over the houses of the Israelites, which were marked with the blood of the lamb.

Read:

Have children find Matthew 26. (Have older children help the younger children.)

We know the story of Jesus' birth but we haven't studied His death. He was baptized and He began teaching the people. He called men to follow after Him, they are His disciples. He did many miracles like making the blind to see and the lame to walk. Not everyone wanted liked what Jesus

was teaching. Not everyone believed that He was the Son of God.

The time of the Passover was near. He sent his disciples to find a place for them to eat the feast together. Let's read it in: Matthew 26:17-18 *The disciples prepare for the Passover meal.*

As they were eating Jesus took bread and wine.

Read Matthew 26:26-28. *The body and blood of Christ.*

God's word never changes. The Bible contains the writings of different people. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are all records of Jesus' life and teachings. We can read the same account in:

Mark 14:22-24 *The body and blood of Christ.*

Luke 22:19-20 *The body and blood of Christ.*

The *Bible* and *Book of Mormon* teach us to do the same things. We can read in the *Book of Mormon* the same direction given by Jesus when he appeared to the people in this land:

Read:

III Nephi 8: 28 *Jesus commands the disciples to bring bread and wine.*

III Nephi 8:30,33-36 *Jesus commands multitude partake in remembrance of him.*

Today, we keep Jesus' commandment by partaking of the bread and wine to remember Him and to witness to Him that we are willing to keep His commandments.

Review: Ask students to retell different parts of the story in their own words.

Activity:

Memory verse- Have children find the memory verse and fill in the blanks. Make easier or more difficult depending on children's ability level.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye

__ __ __ __ one another; as I have loved you, that ye also __ __
__ __ one another. John 13: 34

Craft:

1. Print on another piece of paper, one per child, "And this shall ye do in remembrance..." III Nephi 8:34
2. Fold bread color paper in half and cut out the shape of a loaf of bread.
3. On the inside have the children write/copy "body of Christ"
4. Fold glass colored paper in half. Cut out shape of glass.
5. Inside the folded glass have children write/copy "blood of Christ" Children may also color in the wine in the glass.
6. Glue the bread and wine to the paper.

Remember:

Have children retell the lesson in their words using their craft as a reminder.

“And this shall ye do in remembrance...”
III Nephi 8:34