

February 25

9:00am & 11:00am

Three and Four Year Olds

JESUS SHARED A LAST MEAL

Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God's people had promised to love and obey God, but they broke their promise. God sent Jesus to make a new, even better promise. God would forgive people for their sins, and God would help them obey Him.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the perfect Priest? Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.

KEY PASSAGE: For we ... have a high priest ... who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

Key Passage Phrase: Jesus never sinned.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Greet children as they come to group time. Ask them to tell you their favorite foods to eat for a meal. Comment that Jesus and His disciples had a special meal. Encourage them to listen to the important things Jesus told His disciples during the meal.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *Our big picture question is, **How is Jesus the perfect Priest?** The answer is, **Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.** Even when Jesus knew His death was coming, He still took time to share a meal with His disciples. He lovingly prepared them for what was to come, even though they did not fully understand. Jesus' sacrifice provided the way for people, including His own disciples, you, and me to be rescued from sin.*

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at Hebrews 4:15. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Say and repeat the key passage in short phrases. Choose different groups of preschoolers to repeat the phrases such as boys, girls, preschoolers in the front row, and so on.

SAY *This verse in Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is our High Priest who never did anything wrong. What is a priest? **[Allow time for responses.]** Before Jesus died on the cross, priests helped people worship God with sacrifices. Jesus came to be the perfect sacrifice. To sacrifice means to give up something that is important to you. At this last meal with His disciples, Jesus told them about the sacrifice He would soon make for them.*

5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

ROLL AND REVIEW

Invite a child to roll a **numbered cube**. Call out the number rolled. Ask a review question based on the number rolled. If a child rolls a six, say the key passage together with preschoolers. Allow each child to roll the cube and answer questions as time allows.

SAY *As Jesus was facing death, He wanted to spend time with His disciples. He shared one last meal with them, even when He knew some would turn against Him that very night. Jesus lived a perfect life.*

His death provided the way for forgiveness, once and for all. We can praise God for providing us a perfect Priest, Jesus, the perfect sacrifice for sin.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. What was the meal called that Jesus and His disciples ate together? (*Passover*)
3. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do to remember Him? (*Eat the bread and drink from the cup. This is what we refer to today as communion or the Lord's Supper.*)
4. How did Jesus make a new, better promise? (*Through His death we have forgiveness for our sins.*)
5. ***How is Jesus the perfect Priest? Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.***

SAY *God's people had promised to love and obey God, but they broke their promise. God sent Jesus to make a new, even better promise. God would forgive people for their sins, and God would help them obey Him. When Jesus shared this last meal with His disciples, He told them about things that would soon happen. Jesus lived a perfect life on earth. Because of this, He is the perfect sacrifice for our sin. God loves us so much that He gave His only Son to rescue us from sin. Jesus fulfilled the new promise God had made to provide forgiveness once and for all.*

6. PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

SAY *God, we know we do not always obey You. Even though we have broken our promises to You, You love us so much that You sent Your Son for us. Thank You for providing the way for us to be rescued from our sin. Help us obey Your commands. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE AS FEW AS ONE ACTIVITY OR USE ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES)

PLAY PASS THE BREAD

Cut a **bread-like shape from construction paper**. Instruct preschoolers to sit in a circle on the floor with you. Explain that you will give the bread cutout to someone next to you and she will hand it to the person next to her. Say the key passage phrase together as children pass the "bread" around the circle.

SAY *The key passage phrase reminds us that Jesus lived a perfect life. This means He always did what was right. He never made a wrong choice. It is impossible for us to live a perfect life, but not for Jesus. Jesus is God's Son. This paper bread we passed around reminds me of our Bible story. Jesus took bread, broke it into pieces and gave it to His disciples. He said, 'Eat this. This bread is like My body that will be broken for you. Do this to remember Me.'*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (*please send this home with parents*)

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, emphasize the The Christ Connection.

SAY *God's people had promised to love and obey God, but they broke their promise. Jesus made a new and better promise. God would forgive people for their sins and help them obey Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Mathew 26. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

JESUS SHARED A LAST MEAL

STORYTELLING TIPS

Listen for Jesus' Name: Invite the children to clap once each time they hear Jesus' name.

Share the meal: Pass a pretend piece of bread and a cup around the room as you talk about Jesus breaking bread and passing a cup to His disciples. .

Jesus and His disciples were in Jerusalem for a very special time—the Passover celebration—to remember how God had rescued His people from Egypt.

This Passover, though, was the most special Passover because God was about to rescue His people again. This time, He would free people from the power of sin, and He had sent His own Son to do the job!

Jesus sent two of His disciples, Peter and John, into the city to get the Passover meal ready. He said, “You will meet a man carrying a jug of water. Follow him.”

Jesus said that the man would go to a house, and the owner of the house would show Peter and John a large room upstairs where they could get the Passover meal ready. So Peter and John did as Jesus said.

When the meal was ready, Jesus and His disciples sat around the table to eat. Jesus knew it was almost time to go back to His Father in heaven. Jesus said, “One of you will turn against Me.” The disciples were upset, but Jesus knew this was part of God’s plan.

Jesus ate the Passover meal with His disciples. **While they ate, Jesus took the bread, broke it into pieces and gave it to His disciples. He said, “Eat this. This bread is like My body that will be broken for you. Do this to remember Me.” Then He took the cup, thanked God for it, and gave it**

to His disciples. “Drink this,” Jesus said, “This drink is like My blood. My blood makes the new covenant.”

After the meal, Jesus and His disciples sang songs and went to a mountain outside of the city.

Christ Connection: God’s people had promised to love and obey God, but they broke their promise. God sent Jesus to make a new, even better promise. God would forgive people for their sins, and God would help them obey Him.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child’s sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today’s activity page to reinforce today’s Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

February 25
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Two Year Olds
JESUS SHARED A LAST MEAL
Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus deserves to be worshiped. He died to rescue people from sin.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? Jesus tells us God's message.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Jesus never sinned. Hebrews 4:15

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY

Name a few items that smell such as a flower, dirty sock, lemon, soap, and bag of trash. Invite preschoolers to give a thumbs-up if they think the item would have a good smell. Lead preschoolers to hold their noses if they think the item would have a bad smell.

SAY Sometimes things have yucky smells that might make us hold our noses. Other times, objects produce beautiful smells that fill the room. Let's take a deep breath as we pretend to smell something wonderful in the room. Listen to the Bible story to hear about a time when a woman filled the room with a beautiful smell as she worshiped Jesus.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

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3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the **key passage phrase marker** at Hebrews 4:15. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Say the first word of the phrase, toss a **beanbag** to a child and ask him to repeat the word and toss the beanbag back to you. Continue play for each word of the phrase, allowing each child a turn to say a word and toss the beanbag.

SAY *God's people had promised to love and obey God, but they broke their promise. Jesus made a new and better promise. God would forgive people for their sins and help them obey Him. Our key passage phrase reminds us that Jesus lived a perfect life, He never sinned, ever. He always did what was right and always obeyed God. This is part of keeping the new promise.*

ACTIVITIES

TEAR BROWN PAPER

Give each child a **piece of brown construction paper**. Demonstrate how to tear the paper into smaller pieces. Encourage preschoolers to tear their papers into smaller pieces independently or with a friend. Assist as needed.

SAY *We tore the paper into smaller pieces. The color of this paper reminds me of the color of bread. That reminds me of our Bible story. Jesus took bread and broke it into pieces. He told His disciples, 'Eat this. This bread is like My body that will be broken for you. Do this to remember Me.' God's people had promised to love and obey God, but they broke their promise. Jesus made a new and better promise. God would forgive people for their sins and help them obey Him.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the main points below:

Jesus ate a special meal with His friends.

Jesus told His friends about God's plan.
Jesus told His friends to remember Him.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22 and tell the following Bible story.

JESUS SHARED A LAST MEAL

SAY *Jesus and His disciples were in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. Jesus sent two of His disciples, Peter and John, into the city to get the Passover meal ready. He said, "You will meet a man carrying a jug of water. Follow him."*

Jesus said that the man would go to a house, and the owner of the house would show Peter and John a large room upstairs where they could get the Passover meal ready. So Peter and John did as Jesus said.

When the meal was ready, Jesus and His disciples sat around the table to eat. Jesus knew it was almost time to die on the cross, rise again, and go back to His Father in heaven.

While they ate, Jesus took the bread, broke it into pieces and gave it to His disciples. He said, "Eat this. This bread is like My body that will be broken for you. Do this to remember Me." Then He took the cup, thanked God for it, and gave it to His disciples. "Drink this," Jesus said, "This drink is like My blood. My blood makes the new covenant."

After the meal, Jesus and His disciples sang songs and went to a mountain outside of the city.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.