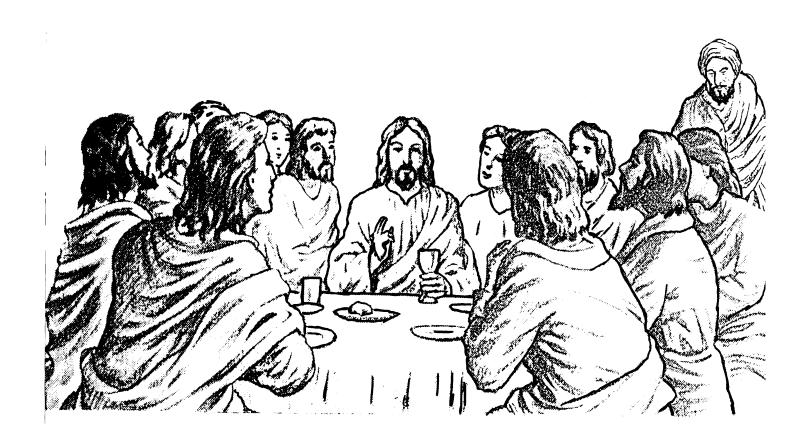
Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:17-29, Mark 14:10-25, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:18-30



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The Story

Jesus and His disciples had come to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover week. On Thursday, the day of the Passover feast, Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare the meal. He said, "Go into the city. You will see a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him until he enters a house. Tell the owner of the house to show you the room where we will eat the Passover meal. Prepare the meal for us."

Peter and John did as Jesus told them. They followed the man with the pitcher, found the upper room, and prepared the Passover feast.

That night Jesus and the twelve disciples sat down to eat. Jesus said, "I have really wanted to share this Passover meal with you before I suffer and die." As they were eating, Jesus said sadly, "One of you is going to betray me to my enemies." The disciples were very upset by this news. They began to ask Him, "Lord, am I the one"

John, who was sitting next to Jesus asked, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus told John, "I will dip a piece of bread into a dish. I will give it to the one who will betray me." Jesus gave it to Judas. Judas asked, "Lord, am I the one?" Jesus answered, "Yes, you are the one." After this, Judas left to meet with Jesus' enemies.

Then Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke the bread and gave it to His disciples. He said, "Eat this bread. This is my body which is given for you. Do this and remember Me."

After the bread, Jesus took a cup of wine and thanked God for it. He said, "Take a drink of this wine. It is My blood which is shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins. Do this and remember Me."

This was the first celebration of the Lord's supper.

Review - Direct the students to the cover picture.

- 1. Color the Savior. What is His name?
- 2. Put an X over the man who betrayed Jesus. What was his name?
- 3. Why did he do this?
- 4. What two things are these men celebrating?
- 5. Color the earthly things Jesus gives to believers as His body and blood. How can this be?

Hymn - Look at each hymn. Find the hymn verse that fits with today's story. \heartsuit Draw a heart around that hymn number and verse in the box.

Hymn 36 v. 1

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Hymn 307 v. 1

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord And drink the holy blood for you outpoured. Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest. 36 v. 1 307 v. 1

105 v. 1

Hymn 105 v. 1

Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men, before His highest throne; Today He opens heav'n again and gives us His own Son, And gives us His own Son.

Puzzle - Fill in the Crossword Puzzle using the pictures.

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Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

On the very night You were betrayed to Your enemies You were thinking about us and what we need to be strengthened while on earth. While I am young, each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated, help me to remember how You suffered and died for my sins. Thank you. Amen.