

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 10/18/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26

LESSON: The Last Supper



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week we learned about how Jesus answered some tricky questions from Jewish leaders. This week we're going to learn about an old celebration God's people had and a new one that Jesus teaches His disciples.

Duck, Duck, Passover - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. This game is like Duck, Duck, Goose, but with a passover twist! Have everyone sit in a circle. Pick one person to be 'it'. Randomly pass out 1-3 hats (depending on how many people you have playing) to those left sitting in the circle. Proceed to play Duck, Duck, Goose by having the person who is 'it' walk around the circle taping heads saying "duck, duck, duck". Whenever the player wants, he/she can declare someone "goose." The player runs from the "goose" to take the "goose's" seat without being tagged. The "goose" then repeats the game. BUT, here's the twist!! People who have hats on cannot be picked as "goose" they get "passed over". Switch hats after every round.



LESSON - THE LAST SUPPER

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [The Last Supper](#)

Story Point #1: Jesus and His disciples celebrated Passover. (Kids repeat!)

What do we remember when we celebrate Christmas? Jesus' birth. How about Easter? Jesus died and rose again. Well, back in Jesus' day, the Jews weren't celebrating those holidays. But they did have other celebrations and one was called Passover. Passover was a time to remember how God brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. In the last plague, He passed over the Israelites who put lamb's blood over their doors as a sign that they were His people. So part of the Passover celebration was eating a lamb to remember that. But at this Passover dinner, Jesus started a new tradition to help His followers remember something NEW...

Story Point #2: Jesus and His disciples had one last supper together. (Kids repeat!)

At this last supper, Jesus broke some bread and told them the bread was a symbol of His body that was going to be broken for them. He gave them some wine and said it was a symbol to help them remember His blood that would be poured out for them.

Where was Jesus' body broken and His blood poured out? That's right. On the cross! And Jesus knew His disciples might not exactly understand this new tradition yet (even though He'd been trying to tell them!). But He wanted them to remember it when He was gone and they were confused.

Jesus was never confused about anything that happened though!

Did you notice that Jesus knew a lot of stuff in this story? He knew where to send Peter and John to get everything ready. He knew Judas would betray Him and Peter would deny Him. He knew this meal would line up with the Passover. And most importantly, He knew He was going to die on the cross. Jesus wasn't surprised by any of it. He knows past, present and future. Which leads us to our Christ Connection!



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Christ Connection: Jesus is our passover lamb. (kids repeat)

Jesus picked the Passover on purpose to have His last supper with His disciples. God's original purpose in the Passover was to point forward to Jesus who would be our perfect lamb forever! The Israelites needed the blood of a perfect lamb on their doors for God to pass over them. They were sinners just like the Egyptians, but the blood protected them and covered them so God did not punish them for their sins.

In the same way, the Bible says that we have sinned against God and we need the perfect blood of a lamb to cover our sins! When we do things that hurt God or the people He created... When we do things that break ourselves and the world He made, we earn God's wrath and the penalty of sin which is death. But God sent Jesus to be our passover lamb (1 Cor. 5:7)! His blood covers us and cleans us from our sins so God's wrath will pass over us. This is what Christians remember when they take communion (the tradition Jesus started in this story.) And that is really something to celebrate!

RESPONSE



Sing: [He Humbled Himself](#) (Key Passage Song)
[A Future and a Hope](#)

Pray: Jesus, thank you for being our Passover lamb. Thank you for paying for our sins on the cross. Thank you for loving us so much that You made a way for us to be with You forever. Help us remember and celebrate what You did for us and how much You love us.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What was Passover? *A celebration of how God passed over His people*
- What does it mean to "pass over" someone? *To skip over, not pick*
- Name two things they ate and drank at the last supper? *Wine and bread*
- Why is it important to remember and celebrate what Jesus did for us?
- What has Jesus been doing for you lately that we can celebrate?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - When was a time you were confused about what God was doing in your life? Looking back, how can you see that He knew exactly what He was doing?

Shoe Shake Up - Everyone sits in a circle and throws one shoe into the middle. Everyone grabs a shoe that isn't theirs. Pick one person to start the game by returning the shoe to its owner and giving them a compliment or saying why they're thankful for them. Then it is that person's turn to give the shoe they grabbed back. Keep going around like this until everyone has gotten their shoe back with a compliment!