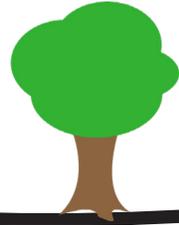


Easter 3: The Last Supper



Scripture: Matthew 26:17-30

Memory Verse: Luke 24:6a
He is not here; he has risen!

Tune: *Skip to My Lou*
He is not here (cross hands in front of body)
He has risen (raise arms in the air)
He is not here
Luke twenty four, 6 (form book with hands)

Song: Praise Him, Praise Him *Traditional*

Praise Him, praise Him, (hands raised)
All you little children, (point 4x across body)
God is love, God is love. (point up, cross hands at chest)
Praise Him, praise Him,
All you little children,
God is love, God is love.

Add optional verses:
Love Him...
Obey Him...

Comprehension Questions:

What does the bread remind us of?
What does the drink remind us of?
Why does Jesus want us to remember?

Snack Options:

Crackers and Grapes

Objective:

Jesus wants me to remember.

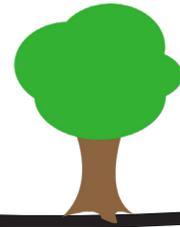
Activity and Craft Supplies:

- Five Items
- Small Blanket or Towel
- Various Key Flannelgraph Pieces



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Easter 3: Activities



Activity:

I Can Remember: Choose five things in the room. Place each item in a small area on the floor and name each item. Place a small blanket or towel over the items. Without the child watching, remove one object. Have the child figure out which object is missing. For greater difficulty, remove more than one object.

Bible Story Memory: Do a review of Bible stories covered thus far. Place key pieces of flannelgraph in a bag. Let each child have an opportunity to draw from the bag and name the Bible story. If you don't have flannelgraph, use real and paper objects.

Examples:

Baby - Jesus is born

Star - Wise Men follow the star to see Jesus

Boat in Sea - Jesus calms the storm

Fish and Loaves - Jesus feeds the 5000

Empty Tomb - Jesus is risen

Zacchaeus in Tree - Zacchaeus

Fingerplay:

Lord's Supper Fingerplay

The bread reminds me of Jesus' body (hold palm out)

The drink of Jesus' blood (cup other hand)

Jesus wants me to remember (point to forehead)

It was all because of His love (hug self)

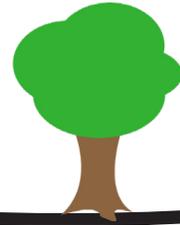


Additional Ideas:

- ABCJLM Ideas: ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/easter
- Some curriculum will encourage you to offer communion to the children. I highly discourage this as I believe this should be a family decision based on their theological beliefs.

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Easter 3: Bible Time



Supplies:

- Bible
- Objects representing various holidays
- Small loaf of bread or roll
- Red Jello in a clear glass

Flannelgraph:

- Indoor Board with Table 226, Window 230
- Disciples - 92B, 92C
- Jesus - 92F
- Bread - 253
- Drinks - 257

In front of me are objects that remind me of various holidays. *Turkey, Easter egg, ornament, shamrock, etc.* Here is an example. When I see an ornament, I think of Christmas.

I am going to show you a few items and I want you to tell me what holiday the objects remind you of. Remember to raise your hand and keep your lips zipped.

Show turkey. What holiday do you think of when you see a turkey? *Continue through all objects.*

Show bread. What holiday does bread remind you of? While we eat bread at many holidays, there isn't a holiday that bread is tied to. But in the New Testament, Jesus used bread to remind us of Him. Actually this was just one object that Jesus used to help us understand and remember Him.

It says in the Gospels - the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John - that Jesus was having a meal with His friends, the disciples. Jesus picked up a loaf of bread and broke it into pieces. *Break the bread.* Jesus gave a piece to each disciple and then said, "This bread represents My body. Every time you eat this bread, remember Me."

Show drink. Jesus told the disciples, "This drink represents My blood. My blood will be poured out to forgive many peoples' sins."

We call this the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper was the last meal that Jesus had with His disciples before He died on the cross. Jesus is telling His disciples that He would die, be buried, and rise again because He loves us so much.

Raise your hand and tell me why you think Jesus wants us to remember Him. Jesus wants us to never forget how much He loves us.

If you are ever at a church that serves the Lord's supper or has communion, you will know that the bread reminds us of Jesus' body and the drink reminds us of Jesus' blood. And all of this reminds us of how much Jesus loves you!

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