

April 5

- 1) Worship | If you've got a smart tv, pick a few worship songs off Youtube to sing together. Maybe each person in your family can take a turn picking their favorite song
- 2) Examen: Click [here](#)
- 3) Lesson: **The Last Supper**

**Scripture:**

John 13-16

**Main Point:** Jesus wants us to stay connected to him. He wants his disciples and US to know we are not alone as we follow God.

**Tips for teaching:** Jesus knew his disciples needed some teaching and encouragement before he left. So he spent his last meal with them, modeling servant-love and preparing them to stay connected with him even if he wouldn't be physically present with them much longer.

\*If kids ask questions about the Holy Spirit, some good verses to refer to are John 14:26, John 15:26, or John 16:13-15 (all things Jesus said during the Last Supper).

**Why?** Kids are literal, and it can be hard for them to understand how to spend time with Jesus when he's not physically here with them. We want to give them really concrete ways for them to talk to him.

**JESUS WANTS US TO BE CONNECTED TO HIM**

Jesus wants us to be connected to him. In fact, right before Jesus rescued us, he had one last dinner with his disciples. We call it the Last Supper. It was a chance for Jesus to remind his friends of some ways to be close to him, even though he would be going to Heaven. **(Click [vine and branches](#).)** Jesus told his disciples he wanted them to be connected to him like a vine is connected to branches, or a leaf is connected to a tree. I mean, if we rip the grapevine off that branch, what will happen? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, it'll die. And we won't be able to follow Jesus if we aren't connected to him.

So let's watch a video about the ways Jesus taught his disciples to stay connected to him. As you watch, see if you can find at least three ways we can stay close to Jesus.

**[Video: God's Story / The Last Supper](#)**

Wow, it's pretty cool that Jesus had that special dinner to tell his disciples important information, isn't it!? What are some of the ways we can stay connected to Jesus? (Take unique responses. Kids may say: serve others like Jesus, talk to Jesus, listen to Jesus, obey Jesus, get help from the Holy Spirit, etc.)

(Summarize, something like this:) That's right! We can be connected to Jesus by following Jesus' example and serving other people, obeying him, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us act like him. We can talk and listen to Jesus by mediation, prayer, study, fasting, service, simplicity, solitude, submission, confession, guidance, worship, celebration (spiritual disciplines). Let's talk about this for a minute.

**CONNECTION**

Before dinner started with his friends, Jesus came up with this very unique way to serve them. What was it? (Let kids say: washing people's feet)

Yeah, and do you remember what the video said about people's feet back then? (take answer) Yes, they were very smelly and could have even been covered in a lot of gross things. Gross. But when Jesus was washing the feet of his friends, what did he want them to remember? (to serve others) That's right!

We can serve Jesus by sharing our time and helping our brother or sister clean their room... or praying for someone... or by giving a friend a hug when they need one! There are lots of ways to help others. Talk about one way you can serve or help others this week.

What are some good ways to serve others?

\*And who can we ask to help us act like Jesus? (Let kids say: the Holy Spirit.) Yes! The Holy Spirit! Jesus knows it can be hard to act like him and obey him. So he sent us a helper to guide us, teach us, support us—even stand up for us when we mess up!

### **CONNECTION THROUGH PRAYER**

Jesus also gave his disciples the examples of how to stay connected to him like a vine to a branch. Remember, a vine that isn't connected just dies. Without Jesus, there's no way we can follow him! We must stay connected.

We can do that by talking and listening to Jesus. Even though he's not physically in front of us, he can always hear us, and he can always speak. Remember how much he loves us from our verse in Zephaniah 3:17:

Zephaniah 3:17, "The LORD your God is with you. He is mighty enough to save you. He will take great delight in you. The quietness of his love will calm you down. He will sing with joy because of you."

That's amazing, isn't it? Jesus delights in us. He wants to be connected to us, like our closest friend. He wants to BE our closest friend.

### **CONNECTION THROUGH COMMUNION**

Jesus even gave his friends one other very special way to remember him and how much he loves us. It wasn't in the video, but it's in the Bible, during the story of the Last Supper.

See, he showed his love to all of us by dying on the cross to take the punishment for all our wrong choices. But then, he showed he's stronger than death by coming BACK to life three days later! Because of what Jesus was willing to do for us, we can be a part of God's family and one day live with God and Jesus without the brokenness that is in this world. Jesus wants us to ALWAYS remember what he did for us. (Pull out the communion supplies)

So at the Last Supper, he pulled out some bread. (Break off a piece of bread.) He said they should remember that his body was broken for them. Then he poured a glass of wine. We have grape juice, since we're in Kids' Club. (Hold up the juice box.) He said to remember that his blood was shed for us. Does anybody know what it's called to break off bread and drink wine? (Let kids say: communion.) Yes, communion!. It's another way to connect with him!

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1. Why was Jesus having supper with his disciples? What did he talk to them about?
2. How can we stay connected to Jesus? (serving, obeying, getting help from the Holy Spirit, talking to and listening to Jesus, and remembering him through communion)
3. Why does Jesus want us to stay connected to him?
4. Name some ways to serve Jesus. Why do you think that keeps us close to him?
5. Why did Jesus send the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit help us?\*( see tip)
6. Why do you think communion is a special way to stay close to Jesus?
7. Any questions about today's story?

### **CONNECTION (APPLICATION)**

Staying connected to Jesus might seem hard, but there are things we do every single day. What are some of those things? (eat, brush our teeth, go to the restroom, etc.)

- Give each kid a paper.

Encourage them to write or draw one thing they do every day. Share.

- Tell them: this is a special paper for them to keep to remember to stay connected to Jesus. Every time they do the thing on the page—or whenever they want!—they should talk or listen to Jesus. Let's practice:

1. take a moment and listen for Jesus. Write or draw anything you think he might be saying to you. (Give kids some silence. If they don't hear anything, tell them it's OK!) Ask kids to share.
2. \*Pray together, asking God to help us remember to connect with him this week.

Draw:

1. Jesus started dinner by doing a dirty job that no one else wanted. What was that job? (He washed his friend's feet.) Why did Jesus wash their feet? What did he want them to remember? (To serve others.)

Draw some feet, a towel, or water. This is to remind us all to serve others, even if it's a dirty job.

2. Jesus told His friends to expect a helper. Who was that helper? (The Holy Spirit) Everyone draw something that helps you remember the Holy Spirit. It could be a heart, a picture of you, or a picture of a smiling face.

3. Jesus told his friends to stay connected to him like what? (Vines to a branch) Can everyone draw some vines or branches to help remind us to stay connected?

4. Finally, Jesus and his friends shared some bread and wine together. What is that called? (Communion) Can you draw bread and wine to help us remember to stop and take time to remember Jesus this way?

**Click [here](#) for a unique way to integrate the Last supper lesson into a family meal.**