



Jesus Feeds the Disciples

(based on Mark 14:12-25)

Passover was a special time in Jerusalem. Thousands of people came from all over the land to celebrate. Every spare room in the city was filled with people preparing for the Passover meal.

Jesus wanted to celebrate Passover with his friends. He sent Peter and John to Jerusalem to get everything ready.

“Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a jar of water,” Jesus instructed. “Follow him and he will lead you to a house with a large room for us to use. Go and get everything ready for our Passover meal.”

Peter and John followed Jesus’ directions and found the room that Jesus had reserved. They began to prepare the Passover meal.

Soon everything was ready. Jesus and the other disciples arrived and everyone sat down on the cushions around the tables.

During the Passover meal, Jewish people gathered to remember how Moses led their people out of Egypt to a new home. But on this night Jesus did something different. He took bread and held it up to give thanks to God. Then he broke it apart and gave it to his friends.

“Eat this bread and remember that I am always with you,” he said.

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine and held it up to give thanks to God. He passed the cup around the table for everyone to drink.

“Drink this wine,” Jesus told them. “Remember me and all I have taught you.”

Jesus seemed sad as they ate together. He knew that trouble was coming. His friends didn’t know it yet, but it was the last supper they would eat together.



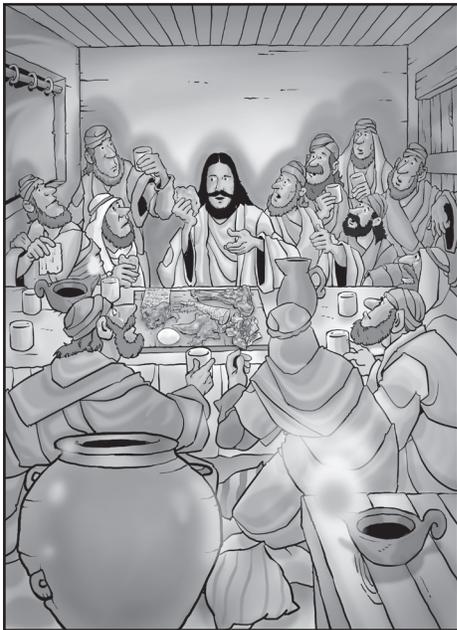
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Use one or more activities from each section to explore grace and gratitude with your children this week.

Recognizing God's Grace

- Read and enjoy the story with your children—imagine and wonder.
- What food items do you eat every day? Aren't you glad God blesses you with food to enjoy?
- Talk with your children about traditions your family holds for holiday meals and birthday celebrations. Do you prepare special foods or other practices?



Responding to God's Grace

- Offer play dough and guide your children to form a chalice.
- Bake bread with your children. Let the children take turns reading the recipe, measuring the ingredients, and adding them to the mixture, as they are able. Let everyone take a turn kneading the dough. Bake and enjoy.
- Help your children talk with the pastor about why your congregation celebrates communion, and what it means in your church.

Celebrating in Gratitude

- Buy a few different kinds of grape juice. Use clear drinking glasses, and let everyone taste the juices. Which one is your favorite?
- Eat a family meal together at the table.
- Pray:

God is great, God is good. Let us thank God for our food. Amen.