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The Last Supper , Jesus Shares the New Covenant

Scripture: Matthew 26:17-30, Luke 22:7-20

Theme: Jesus' body was broken and His blood was shed for us

Nursery (Ages 0-2)

Free curriculum for small and rural churches

Lesson Overview

"Love from God!" "Jesus loves you so much! He gave His body and blood to save you, just like His big hug is always there for you!" "God's love is like a cuddle, always kind, always kind!" Optional reflection: children can draw a picture of Jesus helping their friends, then share one way they can help someone else this week. This extra activity supports the lesson's theme and gives teachers a simple, lowprep option for extending the discussion.

Bible Story

"Jesus' Big Love Party"

One night, Jesus gathered his friends, Peter and the others. "Let's have a special meal together!" He said. "I love you all so much!"

He took bread and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." Then he took wine and said, "Drink this. This is my blood." "I gave it for you!" he told them.

"Do this in memory of me," Jesus said. "Whenever you eat bread and drink wine, remember how much I love you."

Peter was happy. "Lord, we are so blessed!" he said. Jesus smiled. "You are my friends. Always love like this!"

--- Why this story matters: God loves us so much! Jesus gave his special food to show us how much he cares, just like a big hug. Let's remember: "God loves you!"

Key Verse

Luke 22:19b-20 , 'This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.'

"God loves you so much!" God gave his body like a toy, a hug and a kiss to hold you near! God's blood is like a sweet cup, to show how much He cares for you! "I love you, little one!"

Activities

Activity 1:

Toddlers "drink" from a cup together, remembering Jesus' promise to always be with them.

1. Sing a simple song: Say, "Jesus loved us so much, He shared His bread with you and me!" (Sing "This Little Light of Mine" or "Jesus Loves the Little Children" to the tune.)
2. Give each child a plate and say, "Let's be like Jesus, share with our friends!" Let them draw a circle on their plate (like bread) and stick a sticker on it to "share" with a friend.
3. Pray together: Close with "Thank you, Jesus, for loving us so much!"
2. "Cup of Grace" (Water Play)
5. Pour and cheer: Fill cups with water and say, "Jesus gave us this cup to share with His friends!" Let them drink together (1-2 sips max).
6. Read the verse ("Do this in remembrance of Me") slowly, pointing to the poster.
7. Touch and pray: Say, "Jesus loves us and is with us always. Let's hug someone and say, 'Thank you, Jesus!'"
8. Note: For both activities, keep it short and happy, toddlers learn best through touch, songs, and simple actions!

Discussion Questions

- Here are four simple, open-ended questions for babies and toddlers about God's love and Jesus' new covenant:
- What color is God's love?
- (Repeat: "God loves you so much! How does that make you feel?")
- What does Jesus share with his friends?
- (Repeat: "He shares love and kindness. What's something kind you can share with someone today?")
- If Jesus was here with you, what would he say to you?
- (Repeat: "God wants you to be happy and safe. What's one way you can trust God today?")
- What is a new, big promise God made?
- (Repeat: "Jesus said he would always be with us. How can you tell God you love him?")

Prayer Focus

"Dear God, we love You so much! Shine Your love on baby and toddler in Your arms today. May they know You are always with them, like Jesus shared the bread and wine to remind us of Your love forever. Amen!"

>> Missions Spotlight

Among the Berber (Amazigh) people of North Africa, sharing a meal is a sacred act of community. The Last Supper story resonates deeply , Jesus shared a final meal with His friends before giving His life for them. Many Berber believers are discovering this truth.

-> To the Cross

At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and said, 'This is My body, broken for you.' He took the cup and said, 'This is My blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins.' The very next day, it all came true on the cross. The Last Supper and the cross are one story.