Bible Story: The Last Supper • Matthew 26:17-30; Luke 22:7-23
Teaching Focus: The family of God.
Weekly Verse: *"The family of God is the church."* • 1 Timothy 3:15 NIRV

1. **Opening & Prayer**

"Have you ever shared a special meal with people you love? Today we'll see how Jesus used a meal with His disciples to help them remember Him. As you watch, listen for what the bread and cup helped Jesus' followers remember."

Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus and for giving us a church family. Help us remember what Jesus did for us and choose words and actions that honor Him. In Jesus' name, amen."

2. **Video Lesson on Jellyfin**

3. **Discussion**

"Let's talk about what we learned in today's Bible Story. Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples. He used the bread and cup to help His followers remember that He would give His body and blood for them. Jesus' followers still remember what He did, and we belong together as God's family, the church."

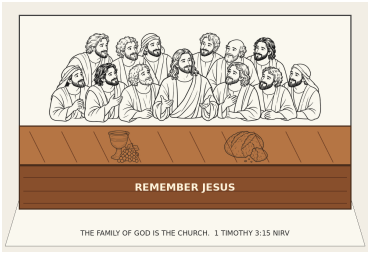
- "The video host asked, 'What does it mean to live a life that brings honor to Jesus?' What is one choice you can make this week that honors Jesus?"
  (We honor Jesus when we listen to Him, obey Him, love others, tell the truth, help people, and remember what He did for us.)
- "Our Weekly Verse from 1 Timothy 3:15 NIRV says, 'The family of God is the church.' The church is not only a building. It is the people who follow Jesus. How can we act like a loving family at church?"
  (We can welcome and include others, pray for one another, help, forgive, share, and learn about Jesus together.)

"When we remember what Jesus did for us, we can love others and live in a way that honors Him. At church, we learn, worship, pray, and remember Jesus together because we are part of God's family. Remember our ***[Teaching Focus] The family of God."***

4. **The Last Supper Pop-Up Table**

What You Need:

- ☐ One-page "The Last Supper Pop-Up Table" printable on white regular computer paper, one per child
- ☐ cardstock folded hot dog style, one per child
- ☐ Crayons or markers
- ☐ Completed sample



What You Do:

Before the Activity:

• Print the pop-up table page in landscape orientation on white computer paper, one per child.

• Make one completed sample. Crease the three solid horizontal lines across the full width of the page. Accordion-fold the sheet valley, mountain, valley so the tabletop projects forward, the table front drops down, and the bottom section rests flat. Then glue it to the cardstock paper that has been folded hot dog style.

• Lightly pre-crease the three horizontal fold lines for kindergarteners or children who need fine-motor support.

• And pre-crease the back support cardstock paper hot dog style.

During the Activity:

• Give each child a printable and have the children write their names on the line.

• Invite the children to color Jesus, the twelve disciples, the bread, the cup, and the three fold sections while the page is still flat.

• Lay the page faceup and crease each of the three full-width solid lines.

• At the upper line, make a valley fold so the tabletop projects forward.

• At the middle line, reverse the fold so the table front drops downward.

• At the lower line, reverse the fold again so the bottom section rests flat. Use the completed sample as a visual guide.

• Stand the upper section upright and adjust the three creases until the tabletop is level and the table front is straight.

• Then glue it to the support cardstock paper that has been folded hot dog style.

After the Activity:

• Let the children hold their folded displays open and point to the bread and cup as they tell one thing they remember about Jesus.

• Read the Weekly Verse on the card together and connect the craft to the ***[Teaching Focus] The family of God.***

What You Say:

Before the Activity:

> "Jesus shared a special meal with His disciples. Today we'll make the table pop out from the page. The bread and cup will help us remember what Jesus did for us."

During the Activity:

> "At the Last Supper, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup. He told His disciples to remember Him. As we color and form the table, think about how Jesus gave His life for us and how His followers remember Him together."

After the Activity:

> "Our Weekly Verse says, 'The family of God is the church.' The church is made of people who follow Jesus. We remember Jesus, worship, pray, and care for one another together. Remember our ***[Teaching Focus] The family of God."***

EveryChild Pro-Tips

• Offer a page with the three full-width fold lines already creased.

• Let a child color while a leader or buddy forms the pop-up section.

• Demonstrate the folds slowly with the completed sample and repeat one step at a time.

• Let children keep the page flat if forming the pop-up is difficult. The pictures and verse still provide a meaningful reminder.

5. Make Room at the Table (Optional, if time allows)

What You Need:

- ☐ Painter's tape
- ☐ Music and a device to play it (use the worship loop on Jellyfin)
- ☐ floor tables

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

• Use the floor tables for this game. Leave clear walking paths between them.

• Explain that the children will walk slowly around the tables while the music plays. When the music stops, everyone finds a place around a table.

• Explain that no one is eliminated. Children should make room, wave others over, and make sure no one is left alone.

During the Activity:

• Start the music and have the children walk slowly around the outside of the taped tables.

• Stop the music and say, 'Make room at the table!' Help every child find a place around a taped table.

• Read one simple group prompt. Everyone at each table completes it together.

• Begin the music again and continue for six short rounds. Encourage children to choose a different table and welcome different friends each round.

Group Prompts:

• Say together, 'The family of God is the church.'

• Wave to someone and say, 'You are welcome!'

• Show one way you can help someone.

• Say together, 'We remember Jesus!'

• Name one kind choice that honors Jesus.

• Put your hands over your heart and thank Jesus for His love.

After the Activity:

• Gather everyone around one large taped table area and repeat the Weekly Verse together.

• Remind the children that everyone who follows Jesus is part of God's family, the church.

What You Say:

> "You made room for one another and helped everyone belong. Jesus shared the Last Supper with His disciples, and His followers still remember Him together. God's family welcomes, helps, prays for, and loves one another. Remember our ***[Teaching Focus] The family of God."***