

Story 5: The Last Supper

Main Bible verse
[Matthew 26:26]

While they were eating, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body."

The Feast of Unleavened Bread was approaching. The Passover, part of the Feast, reminds Israelites of their liberation from slavery in Egypt and their freedom as a nation. For the Israelites, the Passover was an extremely joyful day and must be celebrated. Jesus knew that His time on earth was coming to an end and that He would be ascending to heaven soon. And so the day before the Passover, He gathered the disciples for a special last supper. When all the disciples were seated at the table, Jesus began to wash their feet. The disciples were amazed. Although the disciples were reluctant, Jesus washed the feet of each disciple in turn. The disciples did not know what to do. Finally, it was Peter's turn. Peter said, "Lord, are you going to wash my dirty feet as though you are a servant? No, you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." Peter then changed his mind and asked Jesus to wash not only his feet, but also his hands and head. After washing the feet of all his disciples, Jesus sat at the table and spoke to them. "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." The disciples cherished Jesus' words in their hearts.

Jesus then took the bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to the disciples.

In the same way, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to the disciples. After dinner, Jesus spoke to the disciples. "Although you have all followed me up until now, soon you will all leave me and scatter."

Jesus continued, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later. I am going to heaven to prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with me so that you also may be where I am."

Jesus promised his disciples that He would be back for them and enjoyed the last supper with them.

To this day, Jesus' disciples commemorate the sharing of the bread and wine at the last supper.

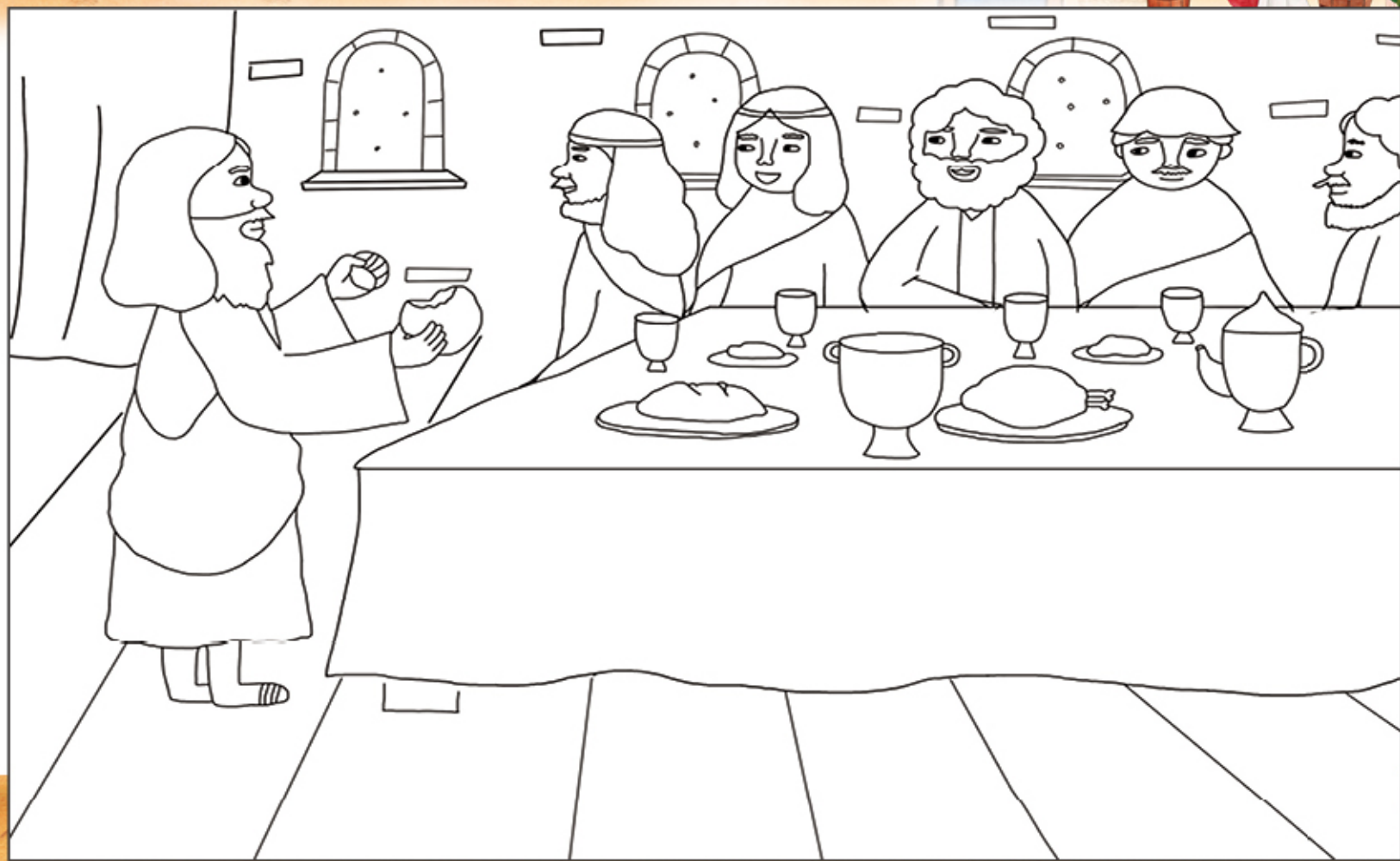
Today, this is known as "celebrating the Lord's Supper."

Through the Lord's Supper, we remember Jesus who died on the cross for our sins, think about what He did for us, and give Him thanks.



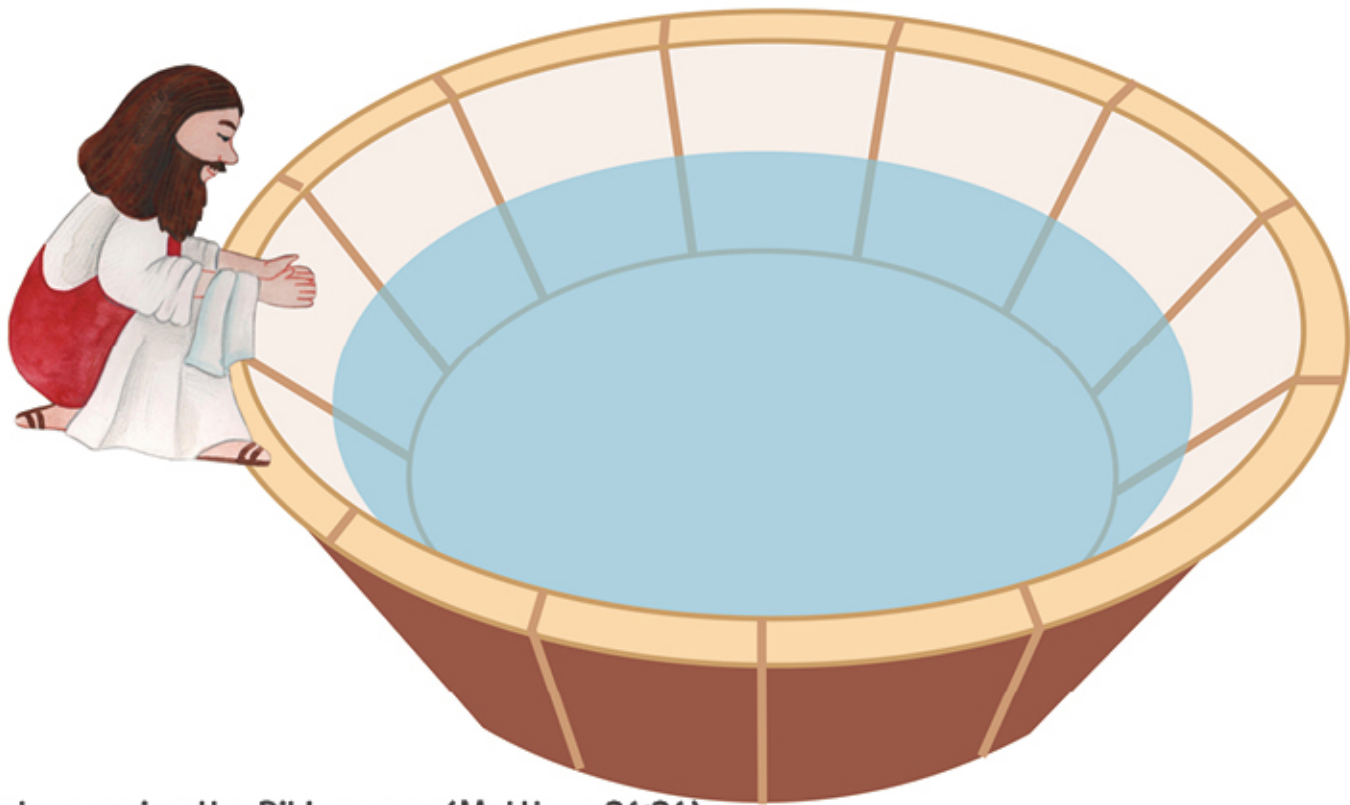
Activity 1.

Think about what we learned today and color the picture below.



Activity 2.

Draw your feet inside the tub of water.



- Trace and memorize the Bible verse. (Matthew 26:26)

“Take, this and eat it. This is my body.”