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Series: **Jesus Gave Himself For Me**
Winter Year 1, Lesson 44

The Last Supper

Bible Event: Matthew 26:20-30

Take Home Point: *JESUS GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME –
Remember Jesus.

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (*CAPS*). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Jesus Link: Jesus spends every moment caring for us: he even spent his last night on earth with his disciples.

What kids will learn about God in this worship experience:

- Children will learn that Jesus wants us to remember that he is with us, no matter where we go. As a special reminder of this, he gave us bread and wine to eat and drink so that Jesus is always in us. This also reminds us that Jesus gave himself for us, that we might be forgiven of our sins. With this in mind, the kids will take home: ***JESUS GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME –*Remember Jesus.***
- Children will respond to God's love as they pray to him, thanking him for loving them and sending Jesus for them. They will offer their songs of worship, their offerings and their actions of love as they actively learn God's Word.



Welcome Zone: (15-20 minutes)

Purpose: While kids arrive give them a simple learning readiness activity that requires minimal supervision. This might include a video, games, blocks, or puzzles.

Video Suggestion: *Beginner's Bible – The Story of Easter.* Sony Music Entertainment. 1995 (Cue: 10:32 to 12:40)

Activity Suggestion: Blocks, toys, puzzles, paper, and crayons.



Opening Worship: (10-15 minutes)

Children can bring forward the cross, candles, Bible, offering plate, and treasure box. The treasure box contains the props used to tell or dramatize the Bible event. Open with a simple prayer having the children repeat after you. Collect offering and talk about how God will use it.

Praise Songs:

Choose two or three songs and list them here.

Bible Event: A Visit from the Traveler

The traveler is a character costumed in traveling gear: backpack, walking stick, hiking hat and shoes. He explains that he has traveled all around the world discovering wonderful deeds that God has done. He tells of an adventure he just discovered in God's Word as he pulls the Bible out of his backpack. As he tells the Bible event, he pulls out objects from his backpack that illustrate the story.

Hi, boys and girls. I've been traveling and finding out wonderful things that God has been doing. I've been learning how God sent us his own son, Jesus, to help us. Maybe you've heard about Jesus. Maybe you already know that Jesus came along time ago and gave his life for us when he died on the cross. That took away our sin. That was the best thing God could do to help us. But I would like to tell you about something special Jesus did the night before he went to the cross and died for us.

It was when he gave us a special meal to remember him with. Let me look in the Bible. Here it is – Jesus gives us the Lord's Supper. My goodness, he is giving us something we're to do even today when we remember him. Wow. That explains something I've seen in my travels. Just this week, I looked into church where I saw all your moms and dads. Did you know I saw them eating in church? They were eating little pieces of bread (Shows the communion bread.) and drinking little cups of wine or juice! (Shows the communion cup.) So I decided to find out why they were eating in church.

Anyway, I found out that your parents eat the bread and drink that special juice called on Sundays because Jesus taught them to! They call it the Lord's Supper and they eat it to remember Jesus.

A long time ago, Jesus was eating with his good friends, the 12 disciples. They were sitting together at a table and talking about what was going to happen. Jesus knew that he would be going to the cross the very next day and this would be the last time he was going to eat with his friends. He knew that his friends would be sad when he left them. So he gave them something to remember him with.

Jesus gave his disciples the bread and the wine and told them to eat it. When they did, they would remember that Jesus gave them his life. They called it the Last Supper since it was the last meal Jesus would have with his disciples before he died on the cross.

So, when your parents eat the special bread and drink the special wine at church, they are remembering Jesus and remembering that their sins are forgiven since Jesus died on the cross for us. Eating the bread and drinking the wine is a special way to know that Jesus is in us wherever we go. He wants us to have the strength to follow him wherever he leads us. And, in a way, this meal helps give us that strength because we remember Jesus.

Let's see what else is in my backpack. I've got some granola and a juice box. This gives me energy for the journeys I take. It feeds my body. But the Lord's Supper helps me in a different way. It helps my heart and my mind. Remember that Jesus is with us. Maybe we all can remember that! ***JESUS GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME – Remember Jesus.**

Pray with the children, having them repeat each phrase.

Dear God, (repeat)
Thank you for sending Jesus. (repeat)
Thank you for having him die for me. (repeat)
We will remember him. (repeat)
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! (repeat)
Amen. (repeat)



Action Zones: (20-30 minutes)

Purpose: Children move at their leisure to the activities according to their interest. Adults are assigned to oversee each of the zones watching for safety, assisting any activity, and helping the children connect to the lesson of the day. All zones are introduced at the beginning of Zone Time. Some suggested zones are included below. It is usually best to have all children go to the Snack Zone first. Sing a blessing song or say a snack prayer together before dismissing to the zones.

During the Zone Time, children may arrive from mid-service dismissal if this is an option at your church. Be prepared to welcome the children and invite them to choose a zone.

Snack Zone: Hand out flat bread, or pita bread and grape juice. This makes our bodies feel better. But when people take the Lord's Supper at church, it helps their minds and hearts feel better, too.

Craft Zone: Paint a picture of a bunch of grapes. Pour Biocolor's purple paint into a shallow dish. Dip the bottom of a communion cup into the paint, then onto the template to create a bunch of grapes.

Option: use crayons to draw the grapes.

Play Zone: Play Concentration with the church symbol memory cards. These cards are made easily by using cardstock and Bible stickers.

Option: Use a deck of cards. Point out that it is important to remember what Jesus did.

Quiet Reading Zone: Basket of books.

Music Zone: Try a memory game with rhythm. Make up a pattern or beat with music, hands or percussion instruments. Have the kids copy your pattern.

Coloring Zone: Color page with markers or crayons.

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Closing Worship: (20 minutes)

Purpose: As you empty the zones and clean up, begin the music so the children can start wandering over.

Worship Songs:

Choose one or two songs and list them here.

Bible Application with Puppet Presentation:

Purpose: The puppet demonstrates the need that will be met in today's lesson. The scripts are not written verbatim, but give a story line in which the group leader can interact with the puppet.

Bubba comes onstage eating popcorn. It's really good, yummy, buttery popcorn and it reminds him of the movies. He thinks for a minute. A lot of foods remind Bubba of special places and times. Bubba wants to play a game with the kids. Bubba tells them a special time or place and they tell him what food it reminds them of. It's the "Remember Foods" game. Here are a few examples:

- Thanksgiving – kids answer turkey, pumpkin pie, etc.
- Picnic – kids answer watermelon, potato salad, etc.
- Baseball game – kids answer hotdogs, popcorn, and sunflower seeds.
- Birthday party – cake and ice cream
- Halloween – candy corn

Go through several of these and end with Jesus:

- Jesus – bread and wine.

Bubba asks why that's Jesus' food. The large group presenter explains that bread and wine is what adults eat at the Lord's Supper in church to remind them that Jesus is always with us and that he died on the cross to forgive our sins. It is the most important remember food of them all. Remember: ***JESUS GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME – Remember Jesus.**

Prayer Time:

Purpose: Allow children to contribute their own prayers. This will teach them to turn to God in both good times and in times of trouble. End with the Lord's Prayer.

"Children Pray" Options: (select one from the options below)

_____ **Prayer Train Option:** Children line up and take turns stepping in front of the microphone and speak their brief prayers of thanksgiving.

_____ **Prayer Chair:** Children stand in a circle around one child sitting on a chair in the middle. All children in the circle will lay a hand on the child sitting in the chair as they say a prayer together.

_____ **Popcorn Prayer:** The leader moves through the crowd with a microphone and taps children on the head to stand and speak their prayer.

Lord's Prayer: Lead the children through the Lord's Prayer, phrase by phrase, or let them pray the entire Prayer along with you.

Blessing:

May God, who is all around you,
pour his love upon you.

(Beginning at the bottom of the circle, slowly make large circle with your hands. Finish by bringing your hands down and wiggling your fingers to resemble rain.)

And Jesus, his life a sacrifice,
walk right there beside you.

(Slowly make a large sign of the cross. Then move your hands out to the sides.)

And may God's Holy Spirit,
the one who lives inside you,

(Cross hands over your heart.)

keep you strong,
comfort, lead and guide you!

(Move to a "strong man" position. Then cross your arms with your hands on corresponding upper arms to communicate comfort. Bring one hand forward with "lead" and the other with "guide" to complete the blessing.)

Song of Sending:

Choose one song and list it here.



Closing Zones:

Purpose: Children go to an activity zone such as, the coloring zone, quiet reading zone, and children's Christian music video zone, as they wait for their parents.

Supplies:

Welcome Zone:

- *Beginners Bible-The Story of Easter* –order from: <http://www.e-cdrom.com/cd7793.html> or from: http://www.kidsclick.com/descrip/begbible_easter.htm
- blocks, toys, puzzles, paper, and crayons

Opening Worship:

- Traveler's gear in his backpack
- Bible
- communion bread and cups
- granola and juice box

Action Zones:

Snack:

- flat bread or pita bread
- grape juice

Craft:

- purple paint
- communion cup

Play:

- concentration with biblical/church symbol cards

Quiet Reading:

- basket of books

Music:

- rhythm workshop – percussion instruments

Coloring:

- coloring page
- markers and crayons

Closing Worship:

- Bubba, the puppet

Closing Zones:

- colored pencils
- paper
- basket of books

