

MD KIDS Preschool CURRICULUM

Week 24: The Passover (from Luke 22:7-20)

To the Teacher:

This week we help the kids understand something Jesus called us to do continuously to remind ourselves of his sacrifice. This is both a sorrowful and joyful rhythm we are inviting them into.

Big Idea and Missio Basic: Jesus became the new Passover Lamb, sacrificed to pay for the sins of everyone.

Starter Ideas: You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. Playdough: Allow the kids to play with playdough and tools.
2. Free Play: Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
3. Coloring Page: Set out the coloring page and crayons and allow the kiddos to color.

Circle Time: When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

Welcome Song: (To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

Welcome, [Name]

Welcome, [Name]

Hear God's Word

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We can trust in Jesus.

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Welcome, friends.

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Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus' special words. Jesus used these words of peace when

the disciples were scared. Jesus said, “Peace be with you.” We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, “Peace be with you.”

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God’s peace by shaking their hand and saying, “Peace be with you.” Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched! **Let’s all say Jesus’ words of peace. “Peace be with you.”** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

Prayer Time:

Praying for Others: Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them. Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

Praying Together: (*touch your nose for ‘smell’, your ears for ‘hear’, etc.*)

*God, help us use our **ears** to **hear** you, our **eyes** to **see** you, and our **brains** to **understand** your word. Thank you Jesus that you live in a body like ours. God, thank You that Jesus’ blood saves us so death will pass over us and we can live forever with You! Thank You also that Jesus did not stay dead but lives forever, just like all of us who trust in You will live forever! Amen.*

Starter: ‘Last Supper Kids Video’ <https://youtu.be/SigoALSS1R8>

Discussion to introduce the Story:

Have you ever painted a picture of an event before the event happened? Do you think anybody could do that? It would be hard if you didn’t know what was going to happen yet, wouldn’t it? But God knows what will happen, doesn’t He? He filled the Old Testament with pictures He painted of who? (Jesus) The Old Testament always points us to Jesus.□

Story: from Luke 22:7-20

[READ]

Do you remember the story of Moses and the Israelites on the night they were to paint their doorposts with the blood of a perfect lamb? Do you remember why they had to do that? Because the angel of death would come that night and kill all of the first-born boys unless they had the blood on their doorposts. So, the Israelites lives were saved by the sacrifice and blood of the lamb. Every year after that they would remember how God saved them by celebrating the Passover meal.

That story was a picture of who? It was to show us what Jesus would do. He is the Lamb of God. And He would die on the cross and shed his blood to save us from our sins.

But, the disciples didn’t understand that yet. Jesus had to show them that He himself was the Passover Lamb. So, when they all sat down to the Passover

meal He said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood." And He told them that from that day forward when they celebrated the Passover they were to do it to remember him.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

[Reflection Questions]

- What Jewish holiday were Jesus and the disciples celebrating? (*the Passover*)
- What was the Passover story?
 - The night Israel left slavery from Egypt God told them to paint their doorposts with the blood of a pure lamb. A plague came over Egypt killing their firstborn but spared every home with the lamb's blood.
 - Each year after the Jews celebrated the Passover feast to remember the plague passing over their home by God's grace.
- Where did Jesus tell the disciples to get the passover meal ready?
- What did Jesus say the bread represented? (*his body broken*)
- What did Jesus say the wine represented? (*his blood spilled*)
- How is Jesus' body and blood like the body and blood of the Passover lamb?
 - The Passover lamb saved the Jews from death and slavery
 - Jesus' death on the cross saves us from being slaves to sin and eternal death

Snack Time: Let's take a big stretch! Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today's snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today's snack is veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

BLESS Activity: **For kids to do during the week**

Eat: This week you will probably eat lots of meals with your family. Ask your family to make one of those meals special, taking time to remind each other of Jesus' sacrifice as you eat and drink.□

Optional Playground Time: If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that preschool class playground time does not start until 12PM.

Closing Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for your word, The Bible.

Thank you for sending Jesus in a real body so we can get to know you.

Help us to trust that your word is true.

Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.