Preschool–Grade 6

The Last Supper

Sunday School Lesson for Kindergarten to 2nd Grade, 45 minutes

Main point: Jesus showed us how to serve others, and He gave us the bread and the cup so we would remember Him.
Bible passage: Luke 22:7–20 and John 13:1–17. Read them before class.
Memory verse: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." *John 13:34 (KJV)*
You need: a Bible, an empty plastic pitcher or jug, a hand towel, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: set two chairs in a far corner of the room. That is the "upper room." Put bookmarks in your Bible at Luke 22:19 and John 13:14.

1. Opening game: Follow the Pitcher (5 minutes)

Choose one child to be the leader and give them the empty pitcher. Everyone else lines up behind the leader and follows them all around the room: around the tables, under an arm bridge, on tiptoe, in slow motion. At the end, the leader walks into the "upper room" corner, and everyone sits down. Give other children a turn. Say: "Today we will hear how Jesus told two of His disciples to follow a man carrying a pitcher of water, and he led them to a big room upstairs."

2. Bible story: The Last Supper (10 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Luke 22, so the kids can see the story comes from God's Word. Tell it in your own words:

It was time for the **Passover**, a special feast (Luke 22:1, 22:7). Every year God's people ate the passover meal to remember how God brought them out of Egypt long ago (Exodus 12:14, 12:26–27). Jesus sent two of His disciples, Peter and John, to get the meal ready (Luke 22:8). He told them to go into the city, where a man carrying a pitcher of water would meet them, and to follow him into the house (22:10). The owner of the house would show them a **large upper room**, a big room upstairs, with everything ready (22:11–12). Peter and John went, and they found it just as Jesus said. They made ready the passover (22:13).

When it was time, Jesus sat down with His twelve apostles (22:14). He told them He had wanted very much to eat this passover with them before He suffered (22:15).

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The story continues: During supper, Jesus got up. He laid aside His outer clothes and tied a towel around His waist (John 13:4). He poured water into a **basin**, a big bowl, and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel (13:5)! When He came to Peter, Peter said, "Lord, dost thou wash my feet?" That means, "Lord, are You going to wash my feet?" Peter said, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus said, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Then Peter said, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head" (13:6–9)!

When Jesus sat down again, He said they called Him Master and Lord, and they were right (13:12–13). **Read John 13:14–15 from your Bible.** Say: "Jesus is the Lord, and He served His disciples. He gave us an **example**, a way to follow, so we would serve each other too."

Jesus took **bread**, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them. He said, "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). That means, "Do this to remember Me." Then He took **the cup** and said, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you" (22:20). Jesus was telling them He was going to give His life for them.

Jesus also said that one of the twelve would **betray** Him, which means hand Him over to the leaders who wanted to put Him to death (Luke 22:2, 22:21; John 13:21). The disciples looked at each other and wondered who it could be (John 13:22). It was **Judas Iscariot**. Judas went out, and it was night (13:26, 13:30). Jesus knew all of this before it happened, and He still loved His disciples to the end (13:1, 13:11). The next day Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and on the third day He rose again (Luke 23–24)!

3. Questions to ask (5 minutes)

1. Which two disciples got the passover meal ready? *(Peter and John, Luke 22:8)*
2. Who did they follow to find the upper room? *(A man carrying a pitcher of water, 22:10)*
3. What did Jesus wash? *(The disciples' feet, John 13:5)*
4. Why did Jesus wash their feet? *(To give them an example, so they would serve each other too, 13:14–15)*
5. What did Jesus say when He gave them the bread? *("This do in remembrance of me," Luke 22:19)*

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4. Memory verse: Pass the Towel (5 minutes)

Explain the old words: a **commandment** is something God tells us to do, and **ye** means you. Kids sit in a circle. Say the verse in parts: *A new commandment / I give unto you, / That ye love one another; / as I have loved you, / that ye also love one another. / John 13:34.* Pass the towel around the circle. Each child who gets the towel says the next part, and everyone helps. Go around until every child has said a part, then say the whole verse together, louder each time.

5. What this means for us (5 minutes)

Say: "Jesus said the bread was His body given for us, and the cup was His blood shed for us. God loves you very much. But everyone has done wrong things. The Bible calls that sin: 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23, KJV). That means none of us is as good as God. Jesus is God who came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, and He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us how to obey the gospel, the good news about Jesus: 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.' (Acts 2:38, KJV) To **repent** means we are sorry for our sin and we turn away from it. We are **baptized**, buried all the way under the water, in Jesus' name, so our sins are washed away (Romans 6:4; Acts 22:16). **Remission** means God takes our sins away. And God fills us with the **Holy Ghost**, His own Spirit, and we speak in other tongues, words God gives us, just like the believers did in the Bible (Acts 2:4)."

Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

This week: do one helping job at home without being asked, and remember that Jesus served His disciples.

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6. Activity (10–15 minutes)

Choose one: the **Last Supper word search** (vbshq.com/puzzles/last-supper-word-search), crossword (vbshq.com/puzzles/last-supper-crossword), maze (vbshq.com/puzzles/last-supper-maze) or worksheet (vbshq.com/worksheets/last-supper-worksheet), the coloring page or craft (vbshq.com/bible-stories/last-supper), or **Busy Helpers:** call out a helping job, and the kids act it out: "Carry the water!" "Sweep the floor!" "Set the table!" "Hold the door!" "Dry the dishes!" When you say "Love one another!", everyone gives a thumbs-up to a friend. Play it faster and faster.

7. Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for Jesus, who served His disciples and gave His life for us. Help us remember Him, and help us serve and love one another. In Jesus' name, amen."

If a child asks why Judas did it: stay with the text. The chief priests promised Judas money, and the Bible says Satan entered into him (Luke 22:3–5). Jesus knew, and He still loved His disciples. We can ask God to help us stay true to Jesus.
If a child asks about the Lord's supper at church: Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). Tell them their pastor can explain how your church remembers Jesus that way.

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