



3rd – 5th

March 28-29, 2015

DATE

The Last Supper

LESSON TITLE

John 13-17 (and God's Story: Last Supper)
Adventure Bible (pp. 1184-1190)

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can serve God by serving others.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

When kids first arrive, talk about Easter. Ask them if they've ever heard of Jesus' rescue. Be prepared to answer any questions they may have.

check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to share their black construction paper serving plan!

large group heads up

Jesus had one last supper before he died to rescue us. This was a time for him to share really important information with his disciples. One thing he shared was how he calls his followers to show his love to others by serving them. That's what today is all about!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

LAST SUPPER

**Break into small groups for this activity. Grab a large piece of colored, tear-off paper or one of the pre-cut pieces in your room.*

- Give each kid a **marker**
- Invite them to “dinner” with you (pretend that this **colored paper** is actually a lovely tablecloth)
- Tell kids to pretend that they're astronauts, headed into outer space. This was the last meal they'd have on earth with their friends...*for 5 years.*
- With that in mind, complete these steps:
 - Draw their ideal meal (sketch the foods they'd want to eat for a last meal)
 - Share drawings
 - Draw names of people they'd invite to join them
 - Share names
 - ASK: What would you do or talk about at your last meal? Why?
- Let kids share the best and worst parts of their week.

Before you head into Large Group, remind them of your expectations for behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) recognize that the last supper was an important time for Jesus and the disciples, (2) understand that Jesus commands us to serve others and (3) identify specific ways they can serve.

Why? Jesus took the time to wash the disciples' feet, so we know serving others is a priority for him. It's how we show others what his love looks and feels like!

Tip: Be sure to tie in the messiness of the chalk to the messiness that can come with serving!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why was the last supper important?
2. What did Jesus say and do at the last supper?
3. What does it mean to serve others?
4. Why does Jesus want us to serve others?

BRAINSTORM TOGETHER

- Place **1 large, tear-off sheet of paper** in the center of the group
- Ask: How can we serve others? (Did anybody hear from God regarding one way he wants them to serve this week?)
- **Write/draw** as many ways to serve as you can think of
- Review all the ideas as a group

PLAN TO SERVE

This week, let's make a plan to serve. Let's visualize. There's a lot of different ways we can do that, but here are some options:

- Give each kid **a piece of black construction paper**
- Using **colored chalk**, write the name of the person you'd like to show Jesus' love by serving
- Let kids choose an act of service from the tear-off sheet of paper
- Then use **chalk** to draw a picture of themselves helping the person
- Remind kids: like this chalk drawing, sometimes serving others is messy. Sometimes it's not fun. But it's something Jesus asks us to do...and if we do it with a cheerful heart like the guy in the video, we can find joy in serving like Jesus!

***Pray, asking God to help us be more of a servant like Jesus.**

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*Extra Time? Make a second “serving plan” using a **second piece of black construction paper**. Or grab a group game from the room and bring it to the table.*

special notes

By the end of today, kids should understand that serving others is really important to Jesus...and have a practical idea of how to serve others in their own lives.

presenter tips

You can preview today's videos.

Find the God's Story here:

<https://vimeo.com/30378807>

Find the Happiness is Helping Others here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcrulov45bl>

script

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Hi everybody, welcome to Kids' Club! It's great to see you here today. You've just been pretending to have a meal together...a very important one. Why was this meal a big deal? (Let kids share: yes, it was your LAST meal for a while. So it needed to be special. I'd like to hear about what you guys said.

So if this were your last meal on earth before leaving to go into space for 5 years, what would you guys eat? (Let kids share their foods.) Yum, you guys are making me hungry! And who would you invite? (Let kids share.) Yeah, you'd probably want people you care about to come.

One last question: What would you do or talk about at this dinner? (Let kids share.) Wow, those sound like fun! Would it be different than what you'd talk about at a normal dinner? (Let kids say: yes.) Yes, you'd want this dinner to be special.

JESUS' LAST SUPPER

Well, today, we're talking about the last meal Jesus had before he died on the cross to rescue us from our sins. He would come back to life for a short time, but then he'd go to heaven. And even though we can talk to him and listen to him because he's with us all the time, it would be one of the last times he was on the earth as a man.

So he invited his closest friends, the 12 disciples. And he talked about some things that were very important to him.

(Show picture of a vine and branches.) Throughout dinner, Jesus told his disciples how to act and then said he wanted them to be connected to him like a vine is connected to branches, or a leaf is connected to a tree. I mean, if we rip the grapevine off that branch, what will happen?



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(Let kids respond.) Yeah, it'll die. And we won't be able to act like Jesus if we aren't connected to him by talking to him and listening to him.

JESUS TAUGHT US TO SERVE

So when Jesus taught his disciples how to act, keep in mind, he wants them (and us) to be connected to him, constantly asking him for help. But at the dinner, he gave them a special example of what it means to serve others.

Today, we're going to talk a little bit more about that example. See, Jesus didn't just *talk* about serving people, he did something to *show* his disciples how to serve people. So let's watch a video about Jesus' last supper. As you watch, see how Jesus showed his disciples what it means to serve, and see if you can figure out WHY Jesus wants us to serve others.

Video: God's Story / The Last Supper

Wow, pretty cool that Jesus had that special dinner to tell his disciples important information, isn't it!? And Jesus talked about serving others, obeying him and staying connected to God. But they didn't just talk. What did Jesus DO to show the disciples what serving looks like? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he washed his disciples' feet.

Think about that for a second: What do you think this shows us about serving? (Let kids respond.) Yes, it means Jesus is asking us to do gross jobs, things that others don't want to do. Now, is it always easy to and fun to do gross jobs? (Let kids respond: No!) No, it's not. In fact, sometimes it's not fun at all.

But does anybody remember WHY Jesus wants us to serve others? (Let kids respond.) That's right, by serving others, we show them what Jesus is like and what he did when he lived here on earth. And because we want to be like Jesus, we do what he did.

WHAT SERVING LOOKS LIKE FOR US

Nowadays though, people don't wash each other's feet. And because we have showers and bathtubs—and often wear shoes and socks—it's really not that helpful. But let's think of some other ways we can serve.

For example, a couple weeks ago, we had Beans and Rice Week. Did anybody do something special to try to save some money so that you could give it away? (Let 3-4 kids share.) Wow, that's awesome. I did _____ so that I could save money and give it away! (*share a personal example*) And giving up something so that we can help others is an example of *serving* them.

But there are lots of other ways to serve. We're going to watch a video about a guy who was all about serving others. It's not in English, but if you can't understand, that's OK. And if you can't read the words, that's OK too! Just watch what he's doing and see if you can find at least ONE way he served others. Ready?

Video: Happiness is Helping Others (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcrulov45bl>)



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So how did that guy serve others? (Kids may say: gave a dry plant water, helped a woman push her cart, fed a hungry dog, gave a homeless girl and her mom some money, gave bananas to an old woman, gave up his seat, fed chickens, etc.) Yes, and he did it over...and over...and over again, didn't he? Even when people shook their heads at him or didn't understand what he was doing. This guys was acting like Jesus...and he actually really enjoyed serving, didn't he!?

And even though the video didn't talk about Jesus, it's clear that the people who saw the guy noticed that he was different than anybody else. If we choose to act like Jesus, people will see that we are different. We might even get a chance to tell them why we serve. Does anyone remember why we serve? (Let kids respond.) Right! We serve because we want to show Jesus' love to others.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Let's brainstorm together: Close your eyes and think of the nicest thing anybody has ever done for you. Maybe they helped you with homework or bought you a gift or gave you a snack when you were really hungry. Just think in your head. (Pause.) They served you!

Now, stand up! (Let kids stand.) Find one new friend. **Ask them their name and the nicest thing anybody's ever done for them.** (Let kids mingle and share, then sit.) What were some of the nice things that have happened? (Let 3-5 kids share.) Wow, those *are* nice! Raise your hand if YOU could do that nice thing (let kids respond).

You guys, you all just got ideas of actual ways we can serve each other! Even if you couldn't do the thing you heard, I bet one of these ideas could work for you.

RESPOND AND PRAY

Now, before we worship, let's pray and ask God to show us ways to serve others and show them Jesus love. We're going sit quietly for a moment. As we sit, ask God to show you ways to serve. He might give you an idea or show you a picture of a person to serve. Or he might give you an idea during small group. But let's sit and talk to him now. We're connected, remember? Like the vine and branches!

(Give kids a moment to sit with God. Then wrap up in prayer for them.)

WORSHIP

Now let's praise Jesus! That's telling him we love him, and it's another way to stay connected to him. The first song is about being connected to Jesus like a best friend. The second is all about how he wants us to follow him and stay with him always!

Music Video: More Like You Are

Song: Come With Me

(You've already prayed, so after the songs, dismiss kids to small groups.)



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per kid
marker

Per group
1 large tear-off piece of colored paper

small group supplies

Per kid
2 pieces of black construction paper

1 large tear-off sheet of paper
assorted colored chalk

Per group
Adventure Bible (pp. 1184-1190)
Markers

large group supplies

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a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Image: vine and branches
3. Video: God's Story / Last Supper (<https://vimeo.com/30378807>)
4. Video: Happiness is helping Others (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcrulov45bl>)
5. Music Video: More Like You Are (with lyrics; <https://vimeo.com/108496622>)
6. Song: Come With Me (musicians, fast-moving; <https://vimeo.com/60948345>)

connect questions

Tell me about the Last Supper.
Why does Jesus want us to serve others?

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Daily Talk Starts – separate doc.