

### **Scripture Passage:** Luke 22: 7-23

**Story Point:** The night before Jesus died on the cross, he met with his disciples for a special meal. He knew that it was the last time he would get to have dinner with them before his suffering, and there were some important things that he did and said while they were gathered. Jesus wanted them to know how much he loved them, and he commanded them to love others. He washed their feet to show that he was a servant and expected them to serve one another.

During the meal, Jesus took bread to share with those at the table. When he broke the bread, he told the disciples, “This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he passed around the wine and said, “this is my blood, poured out for you.” The disciples may not have understood it, but Jesus was telling them that he was doing something new and amazing. Before Jesus, the people of God were required to make animal sacrifices for their sins. Jesus was communicating that his blood was going to cover sin once and for all. As he passed around the bread and wine, he told his friends to remember him and what he did. He gave up his life so that we could live with him. He covered our sins with his blood.

Now, when we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we remember that our sins are covered by his blood. We remember that we have a responsibility to love and serve others as Christ loved and served us. We also look forward in hope to Christ’s return when we will be able to enjoy the great feast together with all believers in the presence of King Jesus. This is a blessed and beautiful thing that we have! Jesus wants us to know that he is with us always. He loves us and promises to take care of us.

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### **Discussion Questions:**

- What did Jesus say that the bread represents?
- What did Jesus say that the wine represents?
- What is something important that your parents have told you to remember?
- What does this meal help us to remember?
- How does this meal help us in this life while we wait for Jesus to return?
- How does this meal give us hope?

