

# April 10, 2020 PreK – GOOD FRIDAY

**Bible Passage:** The Last Supper / Matthew 26, John 13

**Story Point:** Jesus ate a special meal with His friends.

**Key Passage/Memory Verse:** “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5 ESV

**Big Picture Question:** Who saves us from our sin? Jesus saves us from sin.

**Christ Connection:** *Jesus loved and helped His friends and taught them to love and help each other. Jesus loved and helped us by doing for us what we could never do. Jesus is our King who died on the cross to rescue us from our sin.*

## **\* BIBLE STUDY TIPS FOR PARENTS:**

**PARENTS:** Our Easter lesson for Sunday will be including Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. Our Good Friday lesson includes the Passover dinner before Jesus’ death. Feel free to discuss with your children why we celebrate Good Friday, and why we can consider it good.

Jesus knew it was time for Him to die. He sat down with His disciples for the Passover meal and did something very unusual. Jesus washed His disciples’ feet. This humble act was usually reserved for a servant. The foot washing symbolized a spiritual cleansing. The disciples were already positionally “clean” before God (See John 13:10.) but even redeemed people still sin and need daily cleansing. (See 1 John 1:9.) In this, Jesus also set forth an example of love and humility for His disciples to mirror in their own actions toward one another. (John 13:15)

As they ate the Passover meal, Jesus broke bread and gave it to His disciples. He shared the cup with them too, explaining that the bread and cup represented His body and blood. Jesus established a new covenant.

In the Old Testament, God made a covenant—or promise—with His people. He gave them commandments to follow so they could live in right relationship with Him. But God’s people broke the covenant. They didn’t obey God, and they didn’t love Him. By dying on the cross, Jesus brought forgiveness and made the way for people to know and love God again.

Jesus and the disciples ate the first Lord’s Supper at Passover, a time when God’s people remembered how God had rescued His people from the Egyptians—passing over the houses marked with the blood of a lamb. Jesus instituted a new memorial, to Himself—the Lamb of God whose blood would bring salvation to the world.

Believers take the Lord’s Supper to remember what Jesus did for us in His death and resurrection. We remember God’s faithfulness to rescue His people, and we look forward to the day He will return.

Gently explain that the Lord’s Supper, like baptism, is an ordinance of the church and is a celebration for those who have repented of their sin and trusted in Jesus for salvation.

## **\* BIBLE STORY:**

Turn to Matthew 26 or John 13

**Say** • The Bible is a true book. The Bible tells us everything we need to know about God and His Son, Jesus.

Remind children that all the stories in the Bible fit together to tell an even bigger story. The Bible tells us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

*Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bolded version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.*

### **The Last Supper: Matthew 26**

**Jesus' friends** went into the city to get the Passover meal ready. Then they **sat at the table with Jesus**. Jesus knew it was almost time to go back to His Father in heaven.

**Jesus got up from the table. He poured water into a bowl and started washing His friends' feet.** What was Jesus doing? Only servants washed people's feet. Jesus was a King!

**Peter wanted Jesus to stop. "You will never wash my feet!" he said.**

**Jesus answered, "If I don't wash you, you do not belong to Me."**

**"Don't just wash my feet then," Peter said. "Wash my hands and head too!"** But Jesus said Peter didn't need a whole bath. Peter was already clean in his heart because he believed in Jesus and God had forgiven his sins.

**Jesus washed all of His friends' feet** and then He sat back down at the table. **"Do you know why I washed your feet?" He asked.**

Jesus taught His friends something important. **"I am your Teacher and Lord," He said. "I want you to follow My example.** Wash one another's feet. **Serve one another."**

**Jesus ate the Passover meal with His friends. While they ate, Jesus took the bread. He blessed and broke it and gave it to the other men.**

**"Take this and eat it; this is like My body," He said. Then Jesus took a cup and thanked God. He gave it to His friends and said, "Take a drink; this is like My blood."**

After the meal, Jesus and His friends sang songs and went to a mountain outside of the city.

**Christ Connection:** *Jesus loved and helped His friends and taught them to love and help each other. Jesus loved and helped us by doing for us what we could never do. Jesus is our King who died on the cross to rescue us from our sin.*

**SAY** • Jesus is the King, but He washed His friends' dirty feet. Then Jesus ate a special meal with His friends. Jesus used the food they ate to tell them that His body would be hurt and He would bleed so that He could save them from their sin.

### **KEY PASSAGE**

**Key Verse:** "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5 ESV

### **MOVEMENTS:**

**Trust in:** arms crossed over chest

**The Lord:** point up

**With all your heart:** make a heart with hands

**And do not lean:** start with hands crossed in the middle and then push out

**On your own understanding:** point to head with both fingers

**Proverbs 3:5:** Open and close book with hands

**SAY** • We can trust in the Lord because he loves us. Jesus is Lord and he did all the work to save us when He died on the cross and rose again.

### **\* PRAYER**

### **\* ACTIVITIES:**

#### **ACTIVITY PAGE & COLORING PAGE:**

Lead children to draw a line connecting matching feet.

**SAY** • We wear shoes to keep our feet safe and clean. In Bible times, people mostly wore sandals. In our story today, Jesus cleaned his friends' feet. ***Jesus loved and helped His friends and taught them to love and help each other. Jesus loved and helped us by doing for us what we could never do. Jesus is our King who died on the cross to rescue us from our sin.***

#### **MAKE FEET CARDS**

Use a marker to trace each child's foot on heavyweight paper. Cut out the foot tracing for younger preschoolers and allow older preschoolers to cut out their own foot tracing. Write the story point on each foot tracing.

**SAY** • Jesus ate a special meal with His friends. During this special meal, Jesus washed His friends' feet to give them an example to follow. Jesus loved and helped His friends and taught them to love and help one another. Jesus loved and helped us by doing for us what we could never do. Jesus is our King who died on the cross to rescue us from our sin.

### **WASH FEET:**

Fill a bucket with a couple inches of water. Set it on a towel in front of a chair. Lay another towel beside the bucket. Ask your child to take off their socks and shoes. (You can pretend to be silly by smelling their “stinky” feet!) Invite your child to sit in the chair and place their feet in the tub. Splash water over their feet. Then use a small towel to dry their feet before inviting them to step on the towel beside the tub.

**SAY** • Jesus ate a special meal with His friends. Jesus got up from the table and washed His friends feet like I washed yours. Jesus loved and helped His friends and taught them to love and help one another. Jesus loved and helped us by doing for us what we could never do: Jesus is our King who died on the cross to rescue us from our sin.

### **REVIEW QUESTIONS:**

- What did Jesus wash for His friends? (their feet)
- Why did Jesus wash His friends’ feet? (so they would follow His example and serve one another)
- What meal did Jesus and His friends eat together? (the Passover meal)
- What did Jesus do with the bread? (blessed and broke it and gave it to His friends)
- Who saves us from our sin? Jesus saves us from sin.