

WEEK 3

Remember Me

The Story of the Last Supper

Week's Objective:

To learn about what took place during the Last Supper. God wants us to always remember what Jesus did for us and the sacrifice He made. Let's remember that God wants us to **Be Reflective!**

Prayer as you Prepare:

Father, thank You for the Last Supper and its powerful reminder of Jesus and His sacrifice. Give us thankful hearts as we reflect on the Last Supper. Help my students to appreciate what they have and to praise Jesus for making it all possible. Amen.

IN THE CLASSROOM...

COLORING PAGE: Picture of the Last Supper and extra activity on the back

Hear It:

OBJECT LESSON: BREAD & GRAPE JUICE

*Bread and grape juice (Gluten Free option if needed)

[LEADER SAY]: This looks like everyday food! But, sometimes we use one thing to remind us of something else. For example, when we see red, white and blue together we probably think of the American flag and the United States. When we see a dove you think of peace. In the same way, this bread and grape juice are reminders or symbols of something. These everyday foods are reminders of Jesus and what He did for us.

God does so many amazing things in all of our lives. He always wants us to remember those great things, especially when hard times come. One of the greatest things God did for us, and wants us to remember, was sending His only Son as a sacrifice for us. What great love!

I want to share with you a Bible story that uses these items as a reminder for us to reflect on still today. Let's listen to the Bible story to hear more.

STORY SUPPORT: SIT AROUND THE TABLE

*Table and chairs

Change up the location of today's Bible story to sit your small group around a table. If you have time, maybe even do a little "research" as to where each disciple sat for the Last Supper. Bring the Bible story to life by sitting your small group around a table and talking to them just as Jesus would have spoken to His disciples that night.

Find It:

1. What was the name of the special holiday meal Jesus was preparing for His disciples?
Passover
2. Did the disciples eat this meal for breakfast or dinner?
For dinner
3. What did Jesus serve the disciples to eat?
Flat bread, lamb, fruit and herbs
4. What did Jesus say the bread was a symbol of?
His body
5. What did Jesus say the wine was a symbol of?
His blood
6. Are you thankful that Jesus died on the cross for you?
Yes
7. Do people still celebrate this meal today?
Yes
8. What do we call this special meal today?
Communion
9. When we reflect on what Jesus has done for you, what do you think/feel?
Answers will vary. Some feelings may be sadness, joy, relief or comfort. Hopefully your students think about Jesus' love and the ultimate sacrifice He made for us because of that love.
10. What is one way you can thank Jesus for what He has done for you?
Answers will vary. Some ways to show thanks could include giving Him our tithe, taking Communion, writing Him a poem or simply talking to Him with love through prayer.

Say It:

Romans 7:25a – "I give thanks to God. I will do it through Jesus Christ our Lord..."

See It:

Just another visual reminder of the Last Supper.

Be It:

[LEADER SAY]: Our Bible story this week reminds us that God wants us to be reflective. That is a big word. What do you think it means to be "reflective?"

To be "reflective" means we remember something and really think about it. We do not just quickly recall it, we take time to think about it, picture it and remember every detail. For example, we have SO much to be thankful for. What are some things God has done in your life? Take time and be reflective with these things that we can thank Jesus for.

What are some things we could do to remember the special things Jesus has done just for us? For example, some people wear crosses for necklaces to remember what Jesus did for them. What could you use to remember God's love in your life?

Leaders share your own personal ways that you remember God every day. Help your students to be reflective by being reflective yourself.

CHALLENGE: THANKFUL

[LEADER SAY]: This week, your "Be it Challenge" is to show God and others how you are reflective. Your challenge is to remember something God has done in your life that you are really thankful for. Once you pick something, think of one way to use an everyday object, such as a pencil or book, to remember that thing.

Good luck with your challenge! Do not forget that I want to know if you completed your challenge next week.

Show It:

Like a tape recorder, we replay thoughts and memories in our minds over and over again when we are reflective.

ACTIVITY: REMEMBER JESUS

Objective – To always be reflective, thinking about and appreciating all that God gives us and what Jesus did for us.

Materials – Half sheets of paper, pencils, tape and mailbox with cross on it

[LEADER SAY]: We are going to tell Jesus how much we love Him and how thankful we are for Him. Not only that, but we all have things in our lives that we can be thankful for because God gave them to us...pretty much everything. Let's be reflective and think of specific things we are thankful for and remember Jesus for.

I want you to write a note to Jesus, telling him what you remember being thankful for. Do not forget to tell Him exactly what you are thankful for. The cross is another reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. It causes us to be reflective, remembering what Jesus did for us. Take your time being reflective and being thankful.

Write an example of what their notes could look like to get them started. After they are finished with their notes, give kids an opportunity to share one reflection of what they are thankful for. They can then put their note in the mailbox.

Discussion –

1. Why should we be thankful to Jesus?
2. Who else are you thankful for? Why?
3. How can you remember to be reflective every day?

FOLLOW-UP:

Would you rather only be allowed to eat vegetables and lamb the rest of your life or fruit and stale bread?