

City LG—November 29th, 2020

Today's Bible Story: I Could Not Ask for More (Lord's Supper / Last Supper) • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

Today's Bottom Line: Get in the habit of being grateful.

Monthly Memory Verse: Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever. Psalm 136:1 (NIRV)

Pre-Service Video: Shout Out Showdowns (Weeks 1-4)

NOTE: Start this Video 10 Minutes before your Service Start Time

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: "At the Top of My Lungs" and "Zeal"

Worship Leader prays...

"Hi, everyone! I've got a really cool story for you today that has to do with a celebration. (*Hold up Bible.*) We have lots of celebrations in life that remind us of what's important. We have holidays that help us remember things God has done, like Christmas and Easter. There's another very special celebration that happens in churches all over the world, and it's called communion. Communion is a super-cool way for us to celebrate what Jesus has done for us. It helps us remember how thankful we are to Him!"

"And that's not all! There's so much MORE to the story of communion that we can discover when we look back at God's Story in the Old Testament. (*Hold up Bible.*) You see, the night before Jesus died on the cross, He and his closest friends ate a special dinner called the Passover meal.

SLIDE: Bible story image #1: The Last Supper (wide view)

"You might wonder, 'What's a Passover meal?' Great question! God's people, the Israelites, had been celebrating Passover for a long, long time.

"It all began in Egypt, where the Israelites were forced to work as slaves for hundreds of years. God sent Moses to stand up to Pharaoh, who was like the king, and demand freedom for the Israelites.

SLIDE: Bible story image #2: Moses and Pharaoh

"Over and over, Pharaoh promised to let God's people go . . . but then every time he would change his mind. Each time, God sent a plague, a terrible warning, so that Pharaoh would release the Israelites. But Pharaoh wouldn't listen."

"The tenth plague was the most terrible of all. The oldest son in every family would die. But God made a way to save the sons of the Israelites. Each family was told to kill a lamb and put some of the blood on the top and sides of the door frame of their house. That way the plague would 'pass over' them.

"That night, after the terrible plague, Pharaoh finally ordered the Israelites to leave. They packed up so quickly that they didn't have time for their bread to rise, so they baked flat bread. God led them out of Egypt to freedom.

SLIDE: Bible story image #3: Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea

"God told His people to celebrate the Passover to remember what He had done for them. He said . . .

Open the Bible to Exodus 12:14 (NIRV) and read.

“Always remember this day. You and your children after you must celebrate this day as a feast to honor the LORD. (NirV)

SLIDE: Bible story image #4: Family celebrating Passover

“As God instructed, the Israelites made a habit of celebrating Passover with a meal that included lamb and flat bread—like the bread they’d taken on their journey out of Egypt.”

“Now let’s fast forward many, many years to when Jesus was on Earth. Jesus Himself grew up celebrating the Passover every single year! But when He shared the Passover with his friends the night before he died . . .

SLIDE: Bible story image #1: The Last Supper (wide view)

“. . . Jesus did something different. He CHANGED the Passover meal.

“The apostle Paul wrote about that evening, years later, in his letter to the Corinthians.

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NirV) and read.

“On the night the Lord Jesus was handed over to his enemies, he took bread. When he had given thanks, he broke it. He said, ‘This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do it in memory of me.’ In the same way, after supper he took the cup. He said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do it in memory of me.’ You eat the bread and drink the cup. When you do this, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.

SLIDE: Bible story image #5: The Last Supper (Jesus holding the bread and the cup)

“The bread of communion is a reminder of how Jesus died on the cross for us. The drink is a reminder of how Jesus allowed His OWN blood to be spilled so that WE could live.

“Remember, the Passover feast was a way for God’s people to remember how He had rescued them from Egypt—when they put the blood of a lamb on their doorways. In a similar way, Jesus was setting up a NEW celebration for the people who would follow Him. He wanted them to see how HE had come to be the Savior of the whole world. That’s what we celebrate today! Let’s take a look at this week’s episode to tell us more!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime 8:30)

“Jesus took an old habit of gratitude—the Passover—and He turned it into a BRAND-NEW habit of gratitude: the Lord’s Supper or communion. As we eat the bread and drink the juice, we remember what Jesus has done for us. We remember that God has made it possible for everyone to be rescued from sin and death, because Jesus lived, died, then came alive again! We celebrate communion as a way to share our gratitude for Jesus.

“We need to find those kinds of reminders every day that will help us remember to be thankful—to God and to other people. We need to do this . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Get in the habit of being grateful.

“Jesus and His followers stopped to thank God regularly. We can, too! So let’s **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful.** In fact, let’s pray and thank God right now.”

PRAY: “Dear God, You have done so many wonderful things for us. You sent Jesus to be our Savior! Please help us **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful**—when we do things like celebrating communion together, and as we live every day with a thankful attitude. Help us **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful** to You. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Wow. We have the biggest reason EVER to be grateful, because of all that Jesus has done for us. Jesus gave His LIFE for us! He made it possible for us to have a close relationship with God that will last forever. That’s something we should remember often and be thankful for. For those of us who believe in Jesus and have decided to follow Him, communion is a way for us to do just that!

“Communion can help us **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful.** And that will help us live in a thankful way, every day. It’ll help us remember to take time to say thank you—to God and the people God put in our lives.

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Get in the habit of being grateful.

“There are other great ways we can do that, too. You can make a habit of talking to God and thanking Him for all the good things in your life. Maybe you talk to God and thank Him before you eat a meal, or you pray and thank Him before you go to sleep at night. Those are all great ways to **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful.** Maybe your mom or dad like to remind you to say thank you when someone gives you a gift or does something nice for you. Do you know why they do that? They want you to **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful.** Ok, it’s almost time for our All Together Activities, but first, we need to see who the Shout Out Showdown Champion is. Let’s watch!”

CG: Shout Out Showdown Finale (Runtime: 2:00)

NOTE: Once the video is over, lead the kids in the “All Together Activities” as detailed on the attached sheet.