

Parent Notes

In this week's lesson your child learned

- Before he died on the Cross, Jesus shared a special meal with his friends.
- Even though he was afraid, Jesus wanted to do what God the Father asked him to do.



It Helps to Know

Scripture tells us that

- at the Last Supper, Jesus began by washing the feet of his disciples, humbling himself and taking the role of a servant at the Passover meal.
- as he celebrated the Passover with his disciples, Jesus offered himself as the new Paschal Lamb who would be sacrificed to save all people, saying, "This is my body, which will be given up for you.... This cup is the new covenant" (Luke 22:19-20).

Keep It Simple

- As a family, go to Holy Thursday Mass. This will be a great opportunity for your child to see the Scripture he or she has learned "come to life."
- Discuss ways to serve others, just as Jesus washed the Apostles' feet. Name specific examples of ways family members can "serve" one another.

How Four- and Five-Year-Olds Understand the Lesson, by Joseph White, Ph.D.

While four- and five-year-olds generally cannot grasp the concept of transubstantiation, they can understand that Jesus shared a special meal with his disciples that we continue to celebrate today in the Mass. They are also capable of understanding how Jesus served his disciples in the washing of the feet and the fear Jesus felt when he knew he was about to die. With children this age, we can say, "Jesus was afraid, but he wanted to do what God the Father wanted him to do."

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Our Lenten Walk with Jesus

This Week's Scripture Story

focuses on the events of the Last Supper.

At the Last Supper

On the night before he died, Jesus was having his last meal with the Apostles. Before they ate, Jesus poured water into a basin and washed the Apostles' feet. He wiped them dry with a towel.

Jesus explained to the Apostles that he did this to set an example for them. He said, "As I treat you, you must treat one another."

Then Jesus took bread, blessed it, and broke it. He gave the bread to his friends and said, "This is my body, which will be given for you. Do this in memory of me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup and said, "This is my blood. It will be shed for you."

*Based on John 13:1-15
and Luke 22:14-20*



Holy Week

Lesson 25, Ages 4-5



Sharing Faith at Home Share the Scripture with your child by reading the story aloud at mealtime and talking about the events. Discussion starter: What are some things Jesus did at the Last Supper?



Through the Week

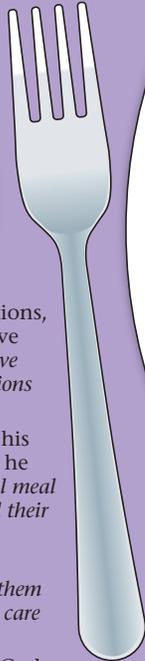
Start each day with a family reminder to do one extra kind thing for someone—at home, at preschool, or at work—that day.



Ask Me!

Ask your child these questions, and see if he or she can give you the answers. (If not, give a hint, and review the questions again later.)

1. What did Jesus do with his friends the night before he died? (He shared a special meal with them and he washed their feet.)
2. Why did Jesus wash the Apostles' feet? (to teach them that we must all love and care for one another)
3. Did Jesus do the things God the Father asked him to do, even though they were hard? (Yes.)



Setting the Family Table

At the Last Supper

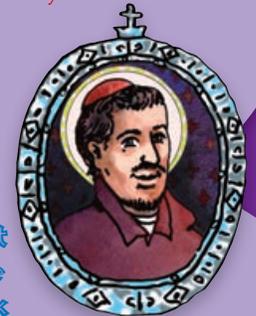
Circle the things that would have been in the room where Jesus and the Apostles had the Last Supper. **Choose** one of the items you circled and **tell** how it was part of the Last Supper.



Mealtime Prayer

Dear Jesus,
you showed us that we should help one another.
Give us the courage to follow your example, and help us grow in our love for you.
Amen.

Pray this prayer as a family.



Saint of the Week

Peter Claver (1581–1654)
Feast Day: September 9

Did you know?

Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit priest, spent more than thirty years in Cartagena (modern Colombia) ministering to the Africans brought there aboard the slave ships. He dedicated his life to this work and to fighting against the sin of slavery.

Saint Peter Claver, pray for us!

