

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level 3 • Unit 5 • Week 4

THE PASSOVER

OBJECTIVE:

To discuss the symbolism of the New Testament Passover and the fact that Jesus died for us.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Do: Tell the students about the best meal you ever ate—what you ate and where you ate it.

Ask: What is the best meal you ever ate and where were you?

Say: We will be discussing a very important supper that Jesus Christ ate with His disciples. But first, we need to prepare for our meal.

Ask: How many of your families use place mats on their tables at home?

Say: We are going to make place mats on which to eat our meal.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Make place mats.

There are different ways you may choose to make place mats:

1. The students could weave two colors of construction paper.
2. Give each student an 9x12 inch or 12x18 inch sheet of construction paper. Let them make, draw, cut out and glue their own design.
3. Use wallpaper (call a wallpaper outlet and ask if they have an outdated sample book that they would allow you to have). Cut and glue designs from the wallpaper onto construction paper.
4. Optional—cover with contact paper.

BIBLE LESSON:

Supplies: Paper plates
Napkins
Poster board
Cheese, grapes or other snack

Before class make a poster with the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"—on it.

- Do: Give each student a paper plate and napkin to place on their place mat. At the end of the lesson, let the students eat their snacks.
- Say: Today we're going to talk about what Christ and His disciples did at Passover before his crucifixion. God's people call this the New Testament Passover.
- Ask: Have you ever wondered why your parents keep the Passover and what they do at the Passover services?
- Say: When Christ and His disciples kept the New Testament Passover, Christ changed the Passover symbols.
- Say: The Passover is a very serious time for your parents and all who are baptized. We are to examine our lives to see where we need to improve in something. For example, we may need to pray more, be more thoughtful of others, or call those who are sick. We also think about the pain Jesus Christ suffered when He died and that He died for the sins of all mankind.
- Say: Your parents come into the Passover service very quiet and very humble.
- Ask: What does humble mean?
- Say: Being humble is not bragging or showing off. Being humble is showing respect and honor to another person. Your parents come to Passover services to show great respect and honor to God.
- Ask: Are you humble if you get into arguments, make fun of or say mean things to others?
- Say: No, you are showing disrespect to the other person.
- Ask: Have you ever heard of the Golden Rule?
- Do: Display the Golden Rule on poster board. Read it together.

Ask: What does this saying mean?

Say: Yes, we want people to treat us with respect and kindness. In return, we need to treat others in the same way. This is part of being humble. God wants each of us to be humble.

Say: During the Passover services, scriptures are read of what happened the night of the New Testament Passover.

Read: John 13:4-5.

Say: Jesus Christ told His disciples to do this to one another. And when they did so, they are to remember that they were not better than any other person. They were to have the attitude of being humble, helping each other and other people. They were not to feel they were better than others. They were to be servants just like Jesus Christ.

During the footwashing part of the Passover service today the women go into a separate room and wash each other's feet. The men wash other men's feet in another room.

Read: Matthew 26:26.

Say: After the Roman soldiers had beaten and tortured Jesus, you could hardly recognize Him. The unleavened bread represents Jesus Christ's broken body. Your parents are then given unleavened bread (matzos) to eat. This represents Christ's broken body.

Read: Matthew 26:27-28.

Say: Next, your parents drink a little wine. The wine represents the blood which came from the body of Jesus when His side was pierced with a spear. This is the blood Jesus shed which wash away the sins of mankind.

Say: After the supper Jesus and His disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane so Jesus could pray. Jesus knew He had little time left before He was crucified.

Say: Judas Iscariot, one of the 12 disciples, betrayed Jesus.

Ask: Do you know what "betray" means?

Say: Betray means to turn on someone. Judas was supposed to have been Jesus' friend. But after Satan entered into him, he decided to turn Jesus over to His enemies, the leaders of the Jews, for money.

Ask: Do you think Jesus knew Judas was going to betray Him?

Say: Yes, when Jesus and His disciples were eating the New Testament Passover, Jesus told His

disciples one of them would betray Him.

Ask: How much money did Judas receive for betraying Jesus?

Say: He was paid 30 pieces of silver.

Say: As Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas brought a great crowd of people sent by the Jewish leaders. Judas gave Jesus a kiss so the people would know who Jesus was. Jesus was then arrested and crucified the next day. Judas felt ashamed when he heard that Jesus was to be crucified. Judas hadn't wanted Jesus to die. Judas couldn't stand the pain and guilt he felt from betraying Jesus. So Judas hanged himself, instead of asking to be forgiven for his sin. If you commit a sin and want to be forgiven by God, ask God to forgive you. There is no sin too big or too great that cannot be forgiven if you are sorry.

Say: We are to keep the New Testament Passover as a memorial to Jesus Christ's death. Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins.

MUSIC:

Say: Before your parents leave the Passover services, they sing a song.

Do: Sing an appropriate song from the United Church of God hymnal.

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 5: 7 "Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."

Do: Use a piece of poster board to write the following scripture and display. Read the memory verse. Then have the students read it with you.

Ask: Who died for our sins?

Ask: What are we observing when your parents keep the Passover every spring?

Say: Christ died for your sins so that all people can be forgiven for their sins. He gives us the chance to start over and live His way of life.

Ask: How do we know if we are living God's way of life?

Say: We live His way of life if we keep His commandments.

family activity

THE POINT:

We are to keep the Passover as a memorial of Jesus Christ's death. Christ died so our sins could be forgiven.

ASK ME...

What do the bread and wine represent in the Passover service?

Who betrayed Jesus?

Why did Jesus have to die?

What is the Golden Rule and what is its meaning?

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Prepare a special meal. As a family, discuss the New Testament Passover.

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