

FAITH AT HOME

A Parent Companion



PASSOVER AND LAST SUPPER

LESSON

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Lesson Overview:

Today's lesson looks at the connection between the Passover Meal and the Last Supper. When the people of Israel were slaves in the land of Egypt, God freed them from slavery during the Exodus. The Passover occurred in the midst of the Exodus, on the night when God sent the angel of death into Egypt to strike down their first born, God asked Israel to eat unleavened bread and to sacrifice a pure lamb and sprinkle its blood over the door. The lamb's blood served as a sign of the faith of God's people and the angel of death passed over the house. In the midst of Jesus' work of salvation, a new Passover called the Paschal Mystery, Jesus offered Himself as the pure lamb of God. At the Last Supper, Jesus transformed bread into His own flesh and wine into His blood, as the new paschal lamb, whose blood protects us from death and whose flesh nourishes us. Jesus' Resurrection gives us new life, freeing us from the slavery of sin and opening a new promised land in Heaven to us.



Christ's Farewell to His Apostles by Duccio
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Review with your child:

1. What event in the Old Testament relates to the Paschal Mystery? **The Passover.**
2. How is Jesus like the Passover lamb? **He was unblemished and His blood was spilled to give us new life from our sins.**
3. Why did Jesus choose the Last Supper to institute the Eucharist? **The Last Supper was the Passover meal, and He is the sacrificial Lamb whose blood was shed for salvation, like the Passover lamb.**

SAINTS AMONG US

Eucharist



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FAITH IN ACTION

Just as we feast on special occasions, we can also attend Mass to add a deeper spiritual dimension to our celebrations. In addition to religious holydays, such as Sundays, Christmas and Easter, we can attend Mass on other special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays, such as Thanksgiving. Attending Mass will help us to praise God for the gifts we are celebrating.

AT HOME

1. Practice saying the Prayer Before Communion at home.
2. Ask your child about how the Mass is like the Passover meal.

PRAYERS

Prayer Before Communion

Lord Jesus, come to me.

Lord, Jesus, give me your love.

Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.

Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



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