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Browncroft Family Ministry Conversation Guide

WHAT TO SAY

"During a festival called Passover (a time to remember how God freed His people from slavery), Jesus and His friends sat down to dinner together for Jesus' **last supper** before He was betrayed by one of his friends, arrested, and eventually put to death on a cross. Jesus knew this would happen. During that famous Last Supper, while they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. He broke it into pieces and gave it to his closest friends, his disciples. He said, **"Take this and eat it, for this is my body."**

Then He took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God. He gave it to them and said, **"Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the promise between God and His people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many."**

Jesus is our Savior. He gave His life on the cross for each and every one of us. For you! He did this because it was the only way we could experience the fullness of His Father's love, receive His forgiveness of our sins, and so we could be with Him forever in the home he planned for us! "Communion" means sharing together. When we join in and do **communion** together—it's to remember and share a part of all that Jesus has done for us, and is doing for us.

WHAT WE DO AS A CHURCH

During communion you will get a piece of bread and a little bit of drink like wine. When we eat the bread, we remember that Jesus' body was broken for our sins. When we drink the juice, we remember the promise that we can be set free from all sin through Jesus' shed blood. We take a special moment to be quiet and think about all of our sins – all the things we need to say "I'm sorry" for, and we ask Jesus to forgive us. The beautiful part is, He always will! We take a moment to pray and say "Thank you, Jesus, for your sacrifice, You have set me free!" By faith and trust in Jesus, we are made new!

Follow up questions:

What did it feel like to eat the bread and drink the juice?

Did you hear any words that were confusing?

What are you still curious about?

Would you like to do that again next time?

Parent Tips:

Read the part of Matthew chapter 26 on the back, to help prepare you for the conversation.

Don't stress. It's okay if you can't answer every question – just don't make up answers. Rather, honestly say that you will look into your child's question.

Remember, Jesus wants us to just "be" with Him, not to strive or get everything right. That's true for kids and parents!

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The Lord's Supper (NiRV)

¹⁷It was the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The disciples came to Jesus. They asked, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

¹⁸He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man. Tell him, The Teacher says, My time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover at your house with my disciples."

¹⁹So the disciples did what Jesus had told them to do. They prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰When evening came, Jesus was at the table with his twelve disciples. ²¹While they were eating, he said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. One of you will hand me over to my enemies."

²²The disciples became very sad. One after the other, they began to say to him, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord, do you?"

²³Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will hand me over. ²⁴The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But how terrible it will be for the one who hands over the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²⁵Judas was the one who was going to hand him over. He said, "Surely you don't mean me, Teacher, do you?" Jesus answered, "You have said so."

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body."

²⁷Then he took a cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many people. ²⁹Here is what I tell you. From now on, I won't drink wine with you again until the day I drink it with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives...

