The Last Supper – Mark 14:12-26

The disciples asked Jesus where they were to prepare for the Passover meal. Passover is a Jewish festival celebrated to remind the Israelites how God had rescued them from slavery in Egypt.

Jesus told the disciples to go into the city and find the house where they would celebrate together.

That evening while Jesus and the disciples were sharing the Passover meal, Jesus said a strange thing. He said, "One of you will betray me."

The disciples were confused and upset. They didn't yet understand that Jesus was going to die. Each disciple asked Jesus, "It isn't me, is it?"

Later on during the meal, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. Jesus said, "Take and eat. This is my body."

Then Jesus took the cup and said a prayer of thanks. He said, "Take this and share it among you."

Jesus told his disciples that the bread and the cup symbolized a new covenant with God.

After they sang songs of praise, Jesus and his disciples went to the Mount of Olives together to pray.

Family Spiritual Practice

Read the story of The Last Supper together.

Wonder: What would it be like to share a meal with Jesus?

Do: Plan a special meal together. Let children help choose the menu, set the table, and prepare the food. At your special meal, take turns sharing what makes each family member special.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus. Thank you for our family and friends and the special times we spend together.

