

A SPECIAL SUPPER

BABIES
UNIT 2
SESSION 1

LEADER BIBLE STUDY



CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

Food and holidays go hand in hand. For many of us, our favorite part of any major holiday is the meal that goes with it. Whether it is the Thanksgiving turkey, Christmas prime rib, Easter ham, or 4th of July BBQ (not to mention the sides), we look forward to each one in its season. And even though the food is memorable, what makes holiday meals special are the people and the relationships they represent.

The Passover meal held deep meaning for the Jewish people. They cherished it because it commemorated God's deliverance of His people, through miraculous circumstances, from captivity in Egypt. Each year, Passover reminded them of what God did and promised to do again.

They would gather around as a family, and the family leader would explain each element of the meal. As they ate the unleavened bread, he would explain that God told them to leave immediately without having time for bread to rise. And when they ate the lamb and drank from the cup, they remembered God spared their children from death by the lamb's sacrifice, and blood spread on the doorpost to signify their faith in God.

On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus took that same Passover meal and changed the depth of its meaning. He showed them the bread, which symbolized the quickness with which God can act and the immediacy of our obedience when God calls. The bread now also represents the quickness with which God dealt with our sin in the death of Jesus. At that moment, Jesus declared that He would be laying down His life for them and us.

Then He showed them the cup, which had symbolized the blood over the doorpost of the lamb that protected the people from death. The cup now represented His blood, saving us from eternal death.

How can you make your celebration of the Lord's Supper more meaningful the next time you celebrate it? As you pray this week, ask God to help you understand the depth of His love for you during this Easter season.

TEACHER TIP

By meeting the babies' needs, you are letting them know you care about them. Your loving and prompt responses to their crying or cooing helps them begin to trust you. The babies will feel secure and open to new experiences.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus did everything God told Him to do.

LIFE POINT

People remember the things that Jesus did.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:17-29

BIBLE VERSE

Jesus said, "Remember Me." *Luke 22:19*

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