

First Communion Learning Center 8

The Last Supper

"Happy are those who hear God's Word and obey it."
Luke 11:28

1. Read together: It was the night before Jesus died that He celebrated a meal with His Apostles. Meals are times we share our food. It is a time of bringing people together. Jesus chose a meal as the time to give us the Holy Eucharist. Jesus shared this important meal with His Apostles (Friends) because He loved them so much.
2. Read "The Lord's Supper"
3. Read together: At communion time when the priest says, "The Body of Christ," the priest is actually asking each of us "Do you believe that this is the Body and Blood of Jesus?" When we answer "Amen", we mean "YES, Father, I do believe this is Jesus." Our faith brings Jesus into our mind and body. His strength flows through us to show us how to love as He would love. At that moment, our hearts are joined with Jesus. He knows what we need. After you receive communion and are back in your seat, thank Jesus for coming to you. Quietly share a few moments with Jesus in prayer. Jesus comes to you each and every time you receive communion. He stays with us this way because He loves us so much.
4. Before your child's First Communion, read these passages from the Bible about the Last Supper to your child.
 - a. Matthew 26:26-30
 - b. Mark 14:22-26
 - c. Luke 22:14-20
 - d. John 6:51-58



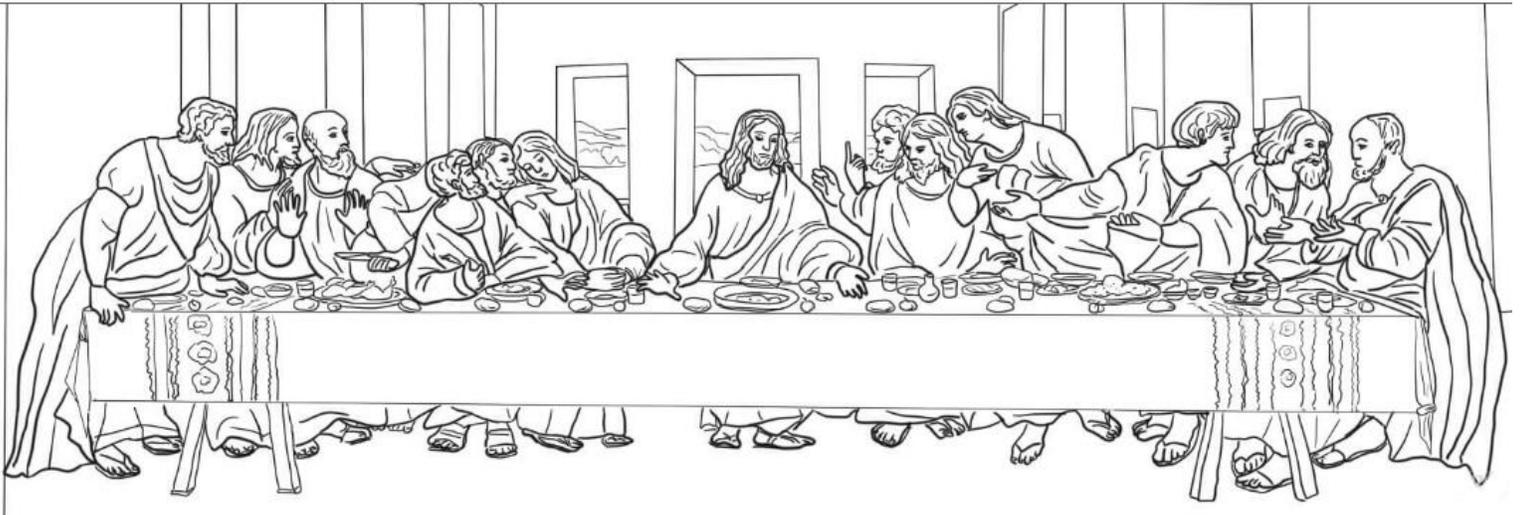
The Lord's Supper

The Tuesday before Jesus died, His enemies held a meeting to plan how they might take Him and kill Him.

At that time the devil entered the heart of Judas, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus, and made Judas willing to betray Jesus. Judas went to the enemies of Jesus and promised to help them capture Jesus if they would give him thirty pieces of silver.

On Thursday evening Jesus and His disciples were in a large upstairs room. Jesus had just washed their feet and they were about to have a last supper together. After they had taken their places at the table Jesus said: "One of you will betray Me."

The disciples were sad when they heard this, and one after another asked: "Lord, is it I?" Even Judas dared to ask: "Master, is it I?"



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Jesus answered, "Yes," and told Judas to go quickly and do his wicked deed. Judas left in a hurry and it was night.

As the rest were eating, Jesus took some bread, gave thanks to His heavenly Father, and broke it. Then gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took a cup of wine and after giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Take, drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Matthew 26:14-29; Luke 22 19-20