## letters from Jerusalem





#### **Week Three Overview**

**Color of the Week** - Purple (wear this color this week)

Family Devotion - The Last Supper (Luke 22:7-23)

Bible Memory Verse - Luke 22:19b

**Bible Story Art** - Draw a picture of the story of Jesus and the disciples eating the Last Supper

Family Craft - We Remember Jesus Banner

Family Activity - The Last Supper Family Meal

Family Letters - Write a Letter to Grandparents

Family Snack - Cinnamon Bread

# Family Devotion Luke 22:7-23

#### Dear Family.

The day has come for the Passover meal. All of us disciples are excited to celebrate this day with Jesus. This morning, Jesus came to Peter and I and asked us to get everything set up for the Passover meal. When we asked Him where we are to set it up, He gave us explicit instructions. You know Jesus...He gives great details about doing things. By now, you would think we would understand His ways, but we don't. But even though we didn't understand, we followed His instructions completely.

He told Peter and I to enter the city and find a man carrying a jar of water. We are to follow him to the house that he enters and ask the homeowner where the guest room is in which Jesus can eat the Passover meal with His disciples. Jesus said this man will show us a large room upstairs that will be furnished. This is where we are to make the preparations for the Passover meal.

So, as Peter and I journeyed to the city, we discussed all the things Jesus just said to us. We had lots of questions. Like, how are we supposed to know if the man with the jar of water is the right man? There could be several men carrying jars of water. And do we trust this man to lead us to the right house? How will we know for sure that we are doing everything Jesus asks us to do? Peter and I concluded that we have to trust Jesus completely. He has never led us astray and we should know by now that everything He says is true.

So, do you think we found the man carrying the jar of water who led us to the house where we are to make the Passover preparations? Yes, of course we did! Once again, Jesus never fails. Everything was just as He told us it would be.

We got the meal ready and then Jesus and the other disciples showed up. We ate, we laughed,

# Family Devotion Luke 22:7-23

and we reclined at the table together. It sure was a great meal and we really enjoyed eating with Jesus.

But during our time together that night, Jesus said some things that made us wonder what was about to happen. He told us He was super excited about eating this Passover meal with us before He suffers. Suffers from what? What does He mean by that? There is no way we will let Jesus suffer from anything.

Then He took bread, gave thanks to God, and broke it. When He gave the bread to us, He said, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Then He took the cup, gave thanks to God for it, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." When He said these things, we all began looking around the table at each other. Every one of us was confused by what He said. What does He mean that bread is His body? Why are we to remember Him when we eat bread? And the cup is His blood? What? And what kind of new covenant is He talking about? We were all confused.

At the end of the meal, Jesus said something that had all of us fearful. He told us that one of us would betray Him! That's when we all started talking about who would do something like that to Jesus. Why would we betray the man who has taught us so much? Why would we betray the man who has done miraculous things? Why would we betray the man who is our Teacher and our Friend? That makes no sense! I pray it's not me. I can't believe I would ever do something like that!

Tonight's meal started off great, but it ended with lots of questions and lots of worry from the disciples. Please pray for us. None of us want to be the one to betray Jesus.

Miss and love you all. John

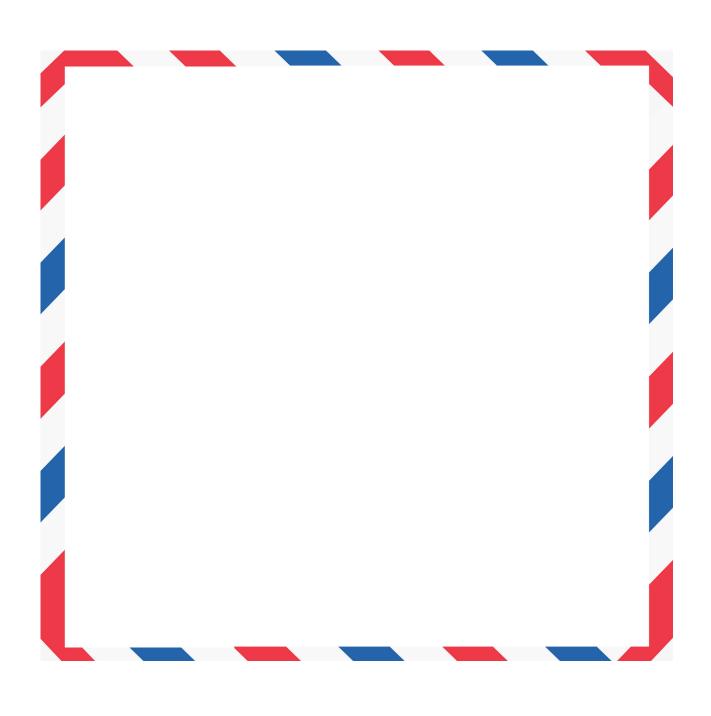
## Bible Memory Verse

Hang this page on your fridge this week to help you memorize this verse.

"This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
Luke 22:19b

# Bible Story Art

In the space below, draw a picture of the story of Jesus and the disciples together at the Last Supper.





### We Remember Jesus Banner

Supplies Needed: brown butcher paper, markers

Jesus told the disciples to remember Him every time they ate the bread and drank the wine. Today, you are going to remember Jesus by creating a banner to celebrate Him.

Roll out the butcher paper on the floor. In the middle of the paper write in large letters, "We Remember Jesus." Then have family members take markers and write down things they remember about Jesus. This could be things He did or people He healed or even different names for Jesus. You can also draw pictures of things Jesus did.

You will use this banner as a table runner for the Family Activity (on the next page). You can also hang the banner in your home for the rest of Lent and when you look at it, you will be reminded of Jesus and all He has done for you.



### The Last Supper Family Meal

**Supplies Needed:** We Remember Jesus banner, rolls, cheese cubes, strawberries, grape juice

For supper tonight, have a simple meal (like one the disciples might have had with Jesus the night of the Last Supper).

Set your table with the We Remember Jesus banner you just created. Set out simple plates and cups (disposable works great with kids).

Your simple meal can include rolls, cheese cubes, and strawberries. Serve grape juice to drink.

As you eat, read the story of The Last Supper. End your meal together in prayer asking God to help each of you always remember Jesus and what He did for you.



### Letter to Grandparents

**Supplies Needed:** stationery, envelope, pen, stamp

Each week your family will write letters to people to encourage them in their faith!

This week write a letter to one of your grandparents. Tell them about the story you have learned about Jesus eating the Last Supper with His disciples. Tell them about things you remember about Jesus from the Bible. Remind them that Jesus loves them!

Then drop the letter in the mail!



#### **Cinnamon Bread**

**Supplies Needed:** 1 can refrigerated crescent rolls, ground cinnamon, sugar, softened butter

Your family will be baking cinnamon bread to go along with the story of Jesus eating the Last Supper with His disciples.

Heat oven to 375°. Unroll the crescent dough to form eight triangles and place on an ungreased baking sheet. Spread softened butter on each triangle. Sprinkle the cinnamon and sugar over the butter. Roll each triangle into a crescent shape. Bake 10-12 minutes.

You can make together to eat as a family or you can even make enough to deliver to friends and family to remind them about Jesus and His love for them.