

The Last Supper: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: I will follow Jesus by serving others like He did.

SuperVerse: *Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered Himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.*

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

Bible Story: Matthew 21:1–17; 26:1–30; John 12:1–19; 13:1–17

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game Materials

Needed:

- Four small balls—two per team
- Twenty disposable cups—ten per team
- Optional: masking tape

We have been learning about the last meal that Jesus shared with His disciples and about being a humble servant by following His example.

- Select a video to have playing as children enter the Large Group room. Videos are under Resources on the top menu bar.
- Play videos in order of appearance in the Video Player or Leader Guide.
- Let's watch our Signposts video to learn more about the Jewish feast of Passover, which was the last supper Jesus had before He died on the cross.

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Last Supper Cup Pattern, or you may use matzo crackers
- Tape
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Set to Serve (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story by setting up cups to serve others.

- Jesus didn't come to Earth to be served—He humbled Himself and came to serve others—and that is what our game is about—serving one another.

Game Instructions:

- The children will serve each other by setting up their team's cups into a pyramid: four on the bottom, three on the next level, two on the next row, then one at the top. Each player on a team will get two turns in a row to try to knock down all the cups by rolling the ball. That player then will serve by stacking the cups for the next player. Have a helper keep score of how many cups each team stacks up—rather than knocks down—to reward the efforts to rebuild.

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Optional: two poster boards—see Alternate Memorization Activity
- Marker
- Word Cards
- Scissors
- Tape
- Extra Superbook Secret Servant Packets for children who missed previous lessons
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching: The Last Supper (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss Jesus' final meal with His disciples.

- Each year, the festival of Passover is still observed and celebrated by Jewish people today. The Passover meal is called the Seder—(SAY-der).
- Look a little deeper at what Passover is and what took place in the upper room that night.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Ask for volunteers to share how they have been able to serve.
- Have children continue to pray and look for opportunities to serve.

SuperVerse: Superbook Match (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the Superverse with a group activity.

- When we live a life filled with love and service, God is pleased!
- Players on two teams choose cards from a pile. Then, the players race to find the matching phrase under the correct flaps on their SuperVerse poster board.

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Something pleasant-smelling such as a flower, vanilla, or cinnamon
- Cloth soaked in vinegar
- Two sealable plastic bags
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer: Pleasing Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- When we serve God and others in obedience and humility, it is a pleasing aroma to God!
- Lead children in a prayer. I will pause after each phrase so you can pray it out loud, too.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Spoon Object Lesson: Have fun serving others a snack. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Paint Craft: Personalize gloves to use in service to others. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Shoes Object Lesson: Follow Jesus' footsteps to be a living sermon. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Paper Craft: Make a paper cup. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Guest Speaker: Discuss the elements of communion. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min