

THE THREAD | The Gospel Come To Life

Lesson 10: The Last Supper

Dear Parents,

Hey again! Our group is still marching through the big-picture story of the Bible in our study called *The Thread*. This was the tenth of 13 lessons looking at *The Gospel Come To Life*. This lesson was entitled “The Last Supper.” It was a really incredible time together, learning about the meal Jesus ate with His disciples before His arrest and subsequent crucifixion. The Passover feast happened annually and was an important celebration for the Jewish people. It symbolized their freedom from slavery and the reality that the angel of death literally passed over their homes. In this meal, Jesus helped His disciples understand that what He was about to do would atone for their sins and the sin of all mankind.

Lesson Overview: In this lesson, we’re at a crucial point in your big-picture story of the Bible. When Jesus sat down with His 12 closest disciples to celebrate Passover, everyone in the room was keenly aware of the meaning of this meal. But they probably did not expect Christ to reference Himself in the meal. At the last supper Jesus has with His 12 closest friends, He points back to the blood and body He has already spoken of to them. Jesus is about to shed His blood and be nailed to a cross for the sake of sinful humankind. As with so many of the rest of our times together in this curriculum, we have the blessing of looking back on exactly what Christ meant while these 12 men grappled to truly understand the power of the moment. In this lesson, our students will understand the new meaning Jesus added to the Passover and what it means to have Jesus as their Advocate before God.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: Understand that Jesus added new meaning to the Passover feast, using the wine and bread to symbolize the great price He would soon pay on the cross. See that Jesus’ death on the Cross was the sacrifice that atoned for the sins of the world.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned: Consider what it means to them that Jesus is their Advocate before God the Father, personally taking away the punishment for their sins.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Luke 22:7-23; 1 John 2:1-2

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps. . .

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- You talked a lot about the idea of atonement this week. What does this mean to you personally?
- Why do you think Jesus used the Passover celebration to talk to His disciples about what He was going to do?
- If you were in that room for the Last Supper with Jesus, how would you have responded?
- How does the power of Jesus taking our sins affect you? (Tell your story of how this affects you.)

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.