

Maundy Thursday

Mark 14:22–25, 32–46; Matthew 26:26–30, 36–50



Jesus and the disciples shared the Passover meal together. Knowing it was the last supper before his death, Jesus told the disciples to remember him by eating the bread—his body, and drinking the wine—his blood. After supper, the disciples fell asleep while Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Led by Judas, the betrayer, the Roman authorities arrived and arrested Jesus. Everyone scattered.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Peter, James, and John were disciples. Jesus asked them to stay awake while he prayed, but they let him down by falling asleep.

Passover was an annual Jewish celebration. Jesus changed the meaning of Passover to be a new covenant for the forgiveness of sins.



The **Garden of Gethsemane**, an olive orchard, was the place where Jesus went to pray and await his arrest.

About the Video

Jesus and his disciples shared the Passover meal together. After the meal, everyone except Judas went to the garden, where Jesus waited to be arrested. While the unsuspecting disciples fell asleep, Jesus prayed. Then Judas betrayed Jesus, and everything was set in motion.

- What holidays does your family celebrate with special meals?
- How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus was arrested?
- How does your church celebrate Holy Communion?

Try This!

Remember the Last Supper together. Share bread and grape juice to remember Jesus' body and blood. Add other Passover-style foods, such as hummus, olives, or lamb chops. Share some things you've learned about Jesus.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for saving room for us by your side! We want to be there because we love you. Help us stick close to you. Amen!