

A Good Shepherd Story of Jesus

The Last Supper

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INTRODUCTION TO LENT

The season of Lent is another "waiting time". The Good Shepherd program makes it easy for children to see the time pass as they prepare to experience Easter.

The stage is set for Lent by using a series of seven cards. The first six cards are purple with one side showing a blackened silhouette and the seventh card is white with one side showing a blackened silhouette. Each week the cards are removed from the Lent basket and laid out in a straight line to your left with the solid side facing upward. As each week's story is shared, the card is turned over. The first week the purple card with the silhouette symbolizing the story of "Waving Palms" is revealed. The second week that card and the one with the silhouette symbolizing the story of "The Tax Collector and the Pharisee" are revealed. And so on. Each week we begin with card one, asking the children to mentally recall each part of the Lent story, before telling the current week's story.

During the story response time, the children are encouraged to take the Lent basket and the story basket from the shelf and see if they can tell the story each week. By using the Lent cards and the story figures the children look ahead with great anticipation to the joy and wonder of Easter.

Each lesson in the Lent series tells you which story, story figures and Lent cards are to be used. During the "circle of light" be sure to place the appropriate bookmark representing each week's story in the Good Shepherd classroom Bible. This allows the children, non-readers as well as readers, to become familiar with where the Lent stories are found in the Bible.

During this time called Lent we learn a lot about Jesus, the stories he told and the things he did. We learn about his relationships with his friends and the people who followed him. The message of Lent is heard as we gradually begin to understand that Jesus showed himself to be the Messiah.

MATERIALS USED DURING LENT --- YEAR THREE

The medium Lent basket on the shelf contains:

- a set of 7 cards are used each week in the following order:
 - a purple card with a palm branch silhouette
 - a purple card with a praying hands silhouette
 - a purple card with chalice and paten silhouette
 - a purple card with a gavel silhouette
 - a purple card with a robe silhouette
 - a purple card with a pitcher and basin silhouette
 - a white card with an empty tomb and cross silhouette

The story sets are used in the following order:

- Waving Palms basket
- The Tax Collector and the Pharisee basket
- The Last Supper basket
- Jesus is Put on Trial basket
- Herod, Meet Jesus basket
- Jesus Before Pilate basket
- Crucifixion and Resurrection basket

Items needed from the worship shelf for Lent:

- chalice (for use with the Last Supper basket)*
- paten (for use with the Last Supper basket)*

If communion is served during the "circle of light" the week The Last Supper story is presented you will need to purchase bread and grape juice.

*These items are not furnished for you. We recommend their use and hope you can acquire them locally.

THE LAST SUPPER MATERIALS

- large wicker basket to hold:

- wooden figure of Jesus
- wooden figure of Judas
- **11** wooden disciple figures
- wooden table

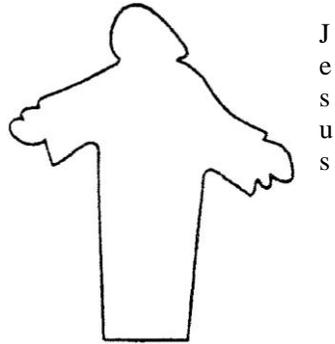
- from worship shelf

- chalice"
- paten *
- Lent basket containing 7 cards

- for use in the observance of communion:

- a loaf of bread on a plate"
- grape juice (prepared in small cups on a tray for the children)*

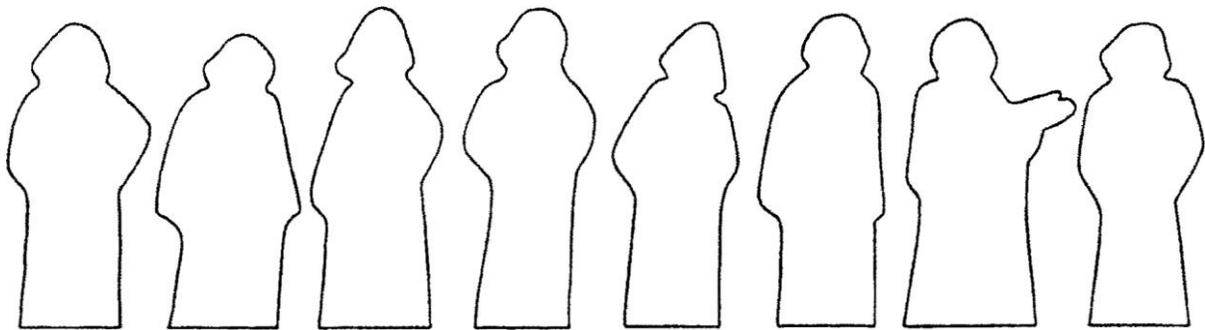
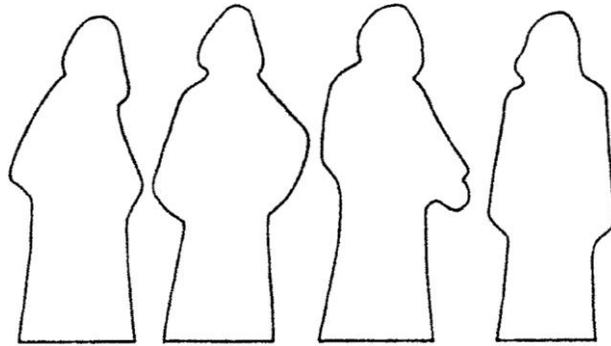
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(Judas)

Disciples



THE LAST SUPPER LUKE 22:14-39, 1fATTHE\|V 26:20-29

ACTIONS

After speaking, stand and get the Lent basket from the worship shelf and the Last Supper basket from its shelf. Bring them to the circlet setting the Lent basket to your left and other basket to your right. Return to the worship shelf and get the chalice and paten. Place them next to the story basket.

Allow 10-15 seconds of silence as you reverently touch the Lent cards or wooden figures to center yourself and the children.

Point to the worship shelf.

Remove the six purple cards from the Lent basket and lay them out with the plain purple side showing in a straight line starting to your outer left.

Remove the white card from the Lent basket and lay it next to the purple card closest to you with the plain white side showing.

Turn the first purple card over so the silhouette of the palm branch shows. Touch it reverently.

Turn the second purple card over so the silhouette of praying hands shows. Touch it reverently.

Turn the third purple care over so the silhouette of the chalice and paten (plate) shows. Touch it reverently

WORDS

Watch carefully where I go to get these materials so you will know where to find them if you choose to make this your work today or another day.

All the words to this story are inside of me. Will you make silence with me so I can find all the words to this story?

The worship cloth is purple and we know we are waiting. This is the fourth week of Lent.

These are Lent cards.

They will help us understand the stories we hear during Lent and make us ready for the time we are waiting for ... Easter.

The first week of Lent we learned about Jesus coming into the city of Jerusalem while the people waved palms.

The second week of Lent we learned when 'Me pray to remember to be humble and not we're better than anyone else.

Today is the third week in Lent and we will hear how Jesus shared the Last Supper with his Disciples.

Place the table to left center of the storytelling area. Then reverently place the chalice and paten to right center.

Place Jesus and the disciples around the table.

Gently touch the Jesus figure.

Take the imaginary bread from the paten and lift it up.

Pantomime breaking the bread in two and placing a small piece in front of each disciple.

Lift the chalice up in thanksgiving.

Move your hand slowly around the table.

Touch first one disciple and then another.

Touch the Judas figure.

Nod slowly and sadly.

Move the Judas figure away from the table.

Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem.

It was time to celebrate Passover, the feast to remind the people of God that they had been freed in Egypt .long ago.

Jesus and his disciples were all together in an upper room where they would eat the Passover meal.

Jesus told his disciples, "I have wanted very much to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. "

Then Jesus took the bread and gave thanks for it.

Then Jesus broke the bread and gave some to each of the disciples saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me. "

Jesus took the cup of wine and said, "This cup which is poured for you is a new covenant of my blood. Drink all of it. "

Next Jesus said, "One of you will betray me."

Each of the disciples began to ask if he was the one who would betray Jesus.

Finally Judas Iscariot asked "Is it I?"

"You have said," Jesus told him.

Then Judas got up and left the table.

Then Jesus and his disciples got ready to go into the garden.

WONDERING QUESTIONS:

■ wonder what kind of bread they ate to celebrate the Passover?

■ wonder if Judas was sad when Jesus said that he would betray Jesus?

■ wonder if the other disciples understood what Judas was going to do?

Place the wooden figures into the story basket.

Pick up the first three Lent cards and place them in the Lent basket.

Pick up the three remaining purple cards and then pick up the white card and place them in the Lent basket.

After speaking, carry the story basket back to its shelf and the Lent basket back to the worship shelf. Make another trip to place the chalice and paten on the worship shelf. Return to the circle.

Dismiss children to their work ONLY after everyone has had a chance to choose their work.

Watch carefully how ■ put these materials away so you will know how to use them if you choose to make this your work today or another day.

This is the third week of Lent.

We will wait and make ourselves ready for four more weeks, then it will be Easter.

Watch carefully where I return this story --o you will know where to find it if you choose to make this your work today or another day.

I wonder what you will make your work on this day? Will you work with the story? Let's begin.

COMUNION

The children will be called back to the circle early so they can share the meal of bread and juice before the ceremony of lights. After the children are seated in the circle, quietly get the chalice and paten from the worship shelf and place them to one side of you. Have the Loving Hands place the tray with small cups of juice on it and the plate holding a loaf of bread to the other side of you (storyteller).