

Luke 22:14-22 **Matthew 26:28** MEMORY VERSE

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:28

When Michael was a little boy his parents both sang in the choir. Michael's parents asked a kind, elderly lady named Kate if their son could sit with her each week during worship. Kate loved children and was delighted to have little Michael sit with her. After Michael had professed his faith in Christ, Michael sat with Kate one morning during the Lord's Supper service. As the bread was passed, Kate took hers, passing the plate to Michael. After taking his, Kate leaned over and said to him, "I like to break mine in half. It reminds me of Jesus' broken body for me." Michael in turn, broke his in two pieces. From that day on, he remembered Kate's simple words and simple teaching, always serving as a reminder to Him of Jesus' sacrifice.

Read Luke 22:14–22. Jesus used elements of the Passover to explain to His disciples the meaning of the new covenant, which would be established with His sacrifice-the giving of Himself, His body, and His blood for the redemption of humanity.

The Lord's Supper stands as a constant reminder of what Christ has done for us. By participating in this observance we always remember His sacrifice for our sin. Because of this, the Lord's Supper holds great meaning for every believer.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

The family discusses: What parts of the Lord's Supper are the most meaningful to you, and why? What sort of mood does the Lord's Supper create in you? Sad, joyful, contemplative, introspective, nervous, sorrowful?

Explore . . .

First, a family member reads Luke 22:14-22. Then, the family discusses: Why do you think it was important for Jesus to institute this new meaning into the Passover Feast with His disciples? Why do you think it is important for us today?

Transform . . .

The family discusses: What needs to take place in your mind and heart as you participate in the experience of the Lord's Supper? What are some visual reminders that help you reflect on Jesus' sacrifice? How can the Lord's Supper both help you remember Christ's sacrifice and help to transform your life?

Pray that your family members will find the Lord's Supper to be experiential in remembrance and transformation, as Christ intended for it to be.

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