

# WELCOME!

**This booklet is a tool that will help you:**

- read what the Bible says about the Lord's Supper (communion)
- dedicate time and attention toward understanding the Lord's Supper
- think about how the Lord's Supper is meaningful to you and your relationship with God

This booklet of activities can be completed within one week, but feel free to take your time and give it the space and attention it calls for. You can do this by yourself; with your friends; with your parents. Enjoy this guide however and with whoever helps you to get the most out of the experience.

**Are you ready? Let's begin!**

## IT BEGINS WITH THE PASSOVER

God's people, the Israelites, were held as slaves in Egypt for hundreds of years. Pharaoh was terrible and killed many of God's people. God wanted Pharaoh to release His people, the Israelites, from slavery. No matter what He did, Pharaoh refused to release them. God sent many plagues and other signs to show that He was the One True God. Pharaoh still refused, so God sent a final, terrible plague: death to every firstborn son. God offered a plan of protection from this plague to those who trusted Him. Learn how God protected and saved His people by reading the passages below:

### EXODUS 12:1-14

How did the lamb protect God's people in the Passover? Write your response below.

### EXODUS 12:31-39

Why did the bread have no yeast? Write your response below.

### DEUTERONOMY 16:1-3

God wanted His people to remember that He protected and cared for them.

Thank God for the way He protects and cares for you.

## ACTIVITY: MAKING UNLEAVENED BREAD

Please ask a grownup at home for help with this activity.

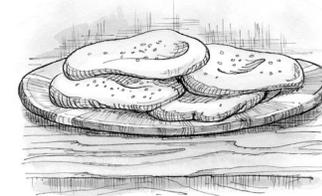
### Gather the ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/3 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 2 to 2 & 1/2 tablespoons milk

*Note: This recipe includes ingredients to make the bread tastier. A true Passover unleavened bread would include only water, flour and oil.*

### Directions

Sift together the flour, sugar and salt. Cut in shortening. Add a little bit of milk at a time, enough to form into dough. Using a floured rolling pin, roll the dough to about 1/4 inch thick. Cut into 2 inch squares or any other shape. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until done. As you bake, talk about what you think it would have been like for the Israelites as they made unleavened bread and celebrated the Passover feast each year.



As you eat the bread or while it's baking, talk about these questions as a family:

- God protected the Israelites in a cool way. When was a time that God protected you?
- God asked the Israelites to eat the Passover meal as a way to remember and celebrate the way that He saved them. What has God done in your life that you want to celebrate?

## JESUS REDEFINES PASSOVER

The Passover meal is a reminder of the lamb that was killed when God rescued the Israelites from the Egyptians. God sent Jesus to be OUR Passover lamb. He died so that WE could be saved. Jesus came to fulfill what the Passover meal represented: God's power to save His people.

When Jesus came to earth, Jewish people had been celebrating Passover feasts for a long time. It was no surprise to the disciples that Jesus asked them to prepare a place for them to celebrate Passover. What surprised them was what happened during that meal. Jesus changed what it was about!

### Read Luke 22: 7-20

When Jesus gave His disciples the **bread & cup**, what did He tell them they should remember?

## WHAT IS COMMUNION?

In Luke 22 we read about the Passover meal Jesus shared with His disciples. This is also called The Last Supper.

When we take communion nowadays, we remember the Last Supper when Jesus gave new meaning to the bread and the cup.

We remember Him.

## WHAT NOW?

That depends...

### You may feel ready to participate in communion.

There are many different ways that communion is practiced in churches around the world. **At Blackhawk Church, anyone who has made the decision to follow Jesus is welcome to participate.**

If you have come to that place in your faith, talk to your parents or guardians about when you might take your first communion.

### Not sure where you are in your faith? That's okay.

One of the most important decisions you will ever make is whether or not you believe that Jesus is your Passover lamb, that He died so that you could be saved. This is the message of the gospel - that Jesus lived, died and rose from the grave. Because He loves you.

Want to know more about that? Talk to your parents or guardians and together read through the explanation of the gospel on the following pages.

## DO YOU OR YOUR GROWNUPS HAVE A QUESTION?

Contact us at [children@blackhawkchurch.org](mailto:children@blackhawkchurch.org)

We'd also love to hear about your next steps. Share your story with us!

# A DEEPER LOOK AT THE GOSPEL

The gospel story can be broken down into four parts:

1. **CREATION**: the way the world OUGHT to be
2. **FALL**: the way the world IS
3. **RESCUE**: the way the world CAN look
4. **NEW CREATION**: the way the world WILL be

## 1. CREATION

The Bible tells us that God created everything. It was perfect! How the world was in the beginning is exactly how God thought it OUGHT to be.

God created us because He loves us. He never wants to force us to love Him so He gives us a choice if we want to follow Him or not.

Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:16-17

## 2. FALL

Adam and Eve did not make the wise choice and did not listen to what God said was best for them. Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They were the first to sin which caused the world to be broken.

That is how the world IS now.

We see how the world is broken around us today: people are not nice to the things God created like trees and animals. People are also not nice to each other. If we are honest, we see it inside of us, too. We think, say, and do things that upset God because it hurts the things He created. This is not how God wants the world to be.

Our sin keeps us from being with God because God is perfect and can't be around sin.

Genesis 3:1-7, Romans 3:23, 1 Samuel 2:2, Isaiah 59:1-2, Romans 6:23

## 3. RESCUE

BUT because God loves us so much, He made a way for us to be with Him. In the Bible, John 3:16 says, "God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life". That son is JESUS! He lived a perfect life, always made the wise choice, and never sinned.

He showed us what the world CAN look like if we follow Him.

He died on the cross for us because sin is serious and God has to punish sin. Jesus took the blame so that when we trust Him, God doesn't see our sin anymore. He forgives us completely. Jesus rose from the dead so we too can live with Him forever. Jesus invites us to be a part of His rescue plan for the world by helping us to tell others about what Jesus did for us.

Isaiah 53:4-5, 1 John 4:10, 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

## 4. NEW CREATION

The world is still broken and there is still sin, but God promises that one day Jesus will come again. He WILL make the world perfect again. He will make heaven and earth perfect and wipe away all tears, sadness, sickness and death forever. Do you know what else? We will be with Him forever!

Revelation 21:1-5, Revelation 22:1-5

# CREATIVE SPACE