For kids and families from Kindergarten - year 3 Last supper Luke 22:1-23

Aim

This term we have been looking at Jesus the MESSIAH and encouraging the children to understand that Jesus has a special job to do, and is the one that God promised He would send to save His people from their sin.

Game

Play a remembrance /memory game. You could choose one of the following:

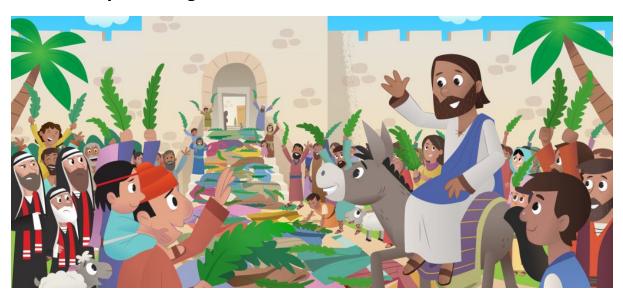
- Collect around 15-20 household objects and put on a tray or table. Child closes eyes and you remove one... they try to remember which one is missing? Replace and try again.
 - You can make it harder by removing more items each time... How many can they remember? Maybe they could test you out too!
- Or a Memory card game where you turn cards over and match the cards. If you get a match you keep the set.

Story:

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be looking at Jesus (the Messiah - the one God promised to send) and what He had to do to rescue God's people. At first we may wonder why some things happened to Jesus, but God knew everything that would occur and was in control. It would happen just as He planned.

He knew how things would end – He knew what the big picture was.

Look at the picture together...



Ask the children what the picture reminds them about. - Hopefully they will remember that last week we learnt about Jesus entering Jerusalem.. The people celebrated because they thought the promised Messiah had come, but they really didn't understand what that meant and what was to happen.

Was everyone happy to see Jesus coming into Jerusalem? No. The Pharisees were jealous of Jesus and wanted to kill him.

It was time for Jewish people to celebrate a special festival together. The *Passover* was a very special time for them to get together and remember how God had rescued His people from slavery hundreds of years ago. Each year they would prepare a special meal and share it together, remembering that God had done some amazing miracles to save the Israelites and bring them to their own special land.

Jesus and his followers were Jewish people too, and so would have wanted to celebrate this very special festival too.

This celebration was going to be a very special one for them

Watch the youtube animated movie clip by clicking on the link: (K/1 class watched part one last week)

The Story of Easter (The Last Supper)

So Jesus and his friends were eating together to remember how God had saved his people from slavery..

But now Jesus was giving his friends and followers a new thing to do to remember how he was going to save God's people (again)...

Read Luke 22:19 (we usually use the CEV)

19 Jesus took some bread in his hands and gave thanks for it. He broke the bread and handed it to his apostles. Then he said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Eat this as a way of remembering me!"

Jesus was going to die so that everyone who believes in Him is forgiven, He saves us all by dying for us... and this is what He wants his friends, and all of us, to remember..

Read Luke 22:20

After the meal he took another cup of wine in his hands. Then he said, "This is my blood. It is poured out for you, and with it God makes his new agreement.

So Jesus is telling His disciples that the bread and the wine are now a new way to remember what He is going to do ... how He is going to rescue God's people.

So God had a rescue plan for His people... It involved the one He promised He would send - His **Messiah**.

What did He need to rescue His people from? From the punishment we deserve because of our sin.

How did He plan to rescue them? Jesus was going to die for them, and for us all.

What do we need to remember? We need to remember what Jesus did for us, that He rescued us.

Pray together:

Thanking God for sending Jesus to rescue us.

And asking Him to help us to remember what He has done for us all.

<u>Craft</u>

For this week's craft with your child you could recreate the last supper and make some (bread/damper/ pikelets) they are like flat bread. Eat roast lamb (if you have some!!!), flat bread (That you make) and red juice/or water.

How to make Unleavened (or Flat) bread

How to make homemade Bread

How to make Damper

How to make Pikelet

Maybe you can send me a photo of your delicious last supper meal that you and your family are enjoying.

(To share and encourage one another on the church website during these times.)