

what is COMMUNION?

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**COMMUNION IS A CELEBRATION
THAT STARTED AT THE LAST
SUPPER OF JESUS.**

The Bible says: “Then Jesus went into Jerusalem. The city was filled with excitement. It was almost time for the Jewish Passover Feast. Jesus knew that it was time for him to leave this world and go back to the Father. He had always loved those who were his own in the world, and he loved them all the way to the end. Jesus and his followers were at the evening meal.

“So during the meal Jesus stood up and took off his outer clothing. Taking a towel, he wrapped it around his waist. Then he poured water into a bowl and began to wash the followers’ feet. He dried them with the towel that was wrapped around him. Jesus came to Simon Peter.





“But Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’ Jesus answered, ‘You don’t understand what I am doing now. But you will understand later. I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet. So you also should wash each other’s feet. I did this as an example for you. So you should do as I have done for you. If you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.’

“Then Jesus took some bread. He thanked God for it, broke it, and gave it to the apostles. Then Jesus said, ‘This bread is my body that I am giving for you. Do this to remember me.’



“In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup and said, ‘This cup shows the new agreement that God makes with his people. This new agreement begins with my blood which is poured out for you.’ They sang a hymn. Then they went out to the Mount of

Olives.” Matthew 21:10; John 13:1-2, 4-7, 14-15, 17; Luke 22:19-20; Matthew 26:30





ALL MIXED UP

PUT THESE EVENTS IN THE ORDER THAT THEY HAPPENED AT THE TIME THAT THE FIRST COMMUNION WAS CELEBRATED. *The first event that happened has a number 1 beside it. Find the second event and place a number 2 beside it. Now finish numbering the rest of the events listed below.*



JESUS WASHED THE FEET OF HIS DISCIPLES.



THEY SANG A HYMN.



JESUS GAVE THEM A PIECE OF BREAD.



JESUS SHARED THE CUP WITH THEM.



1 JESUS WENT TO JERUSALEM AT THE TIME OF THE PASSOVER FEAST.

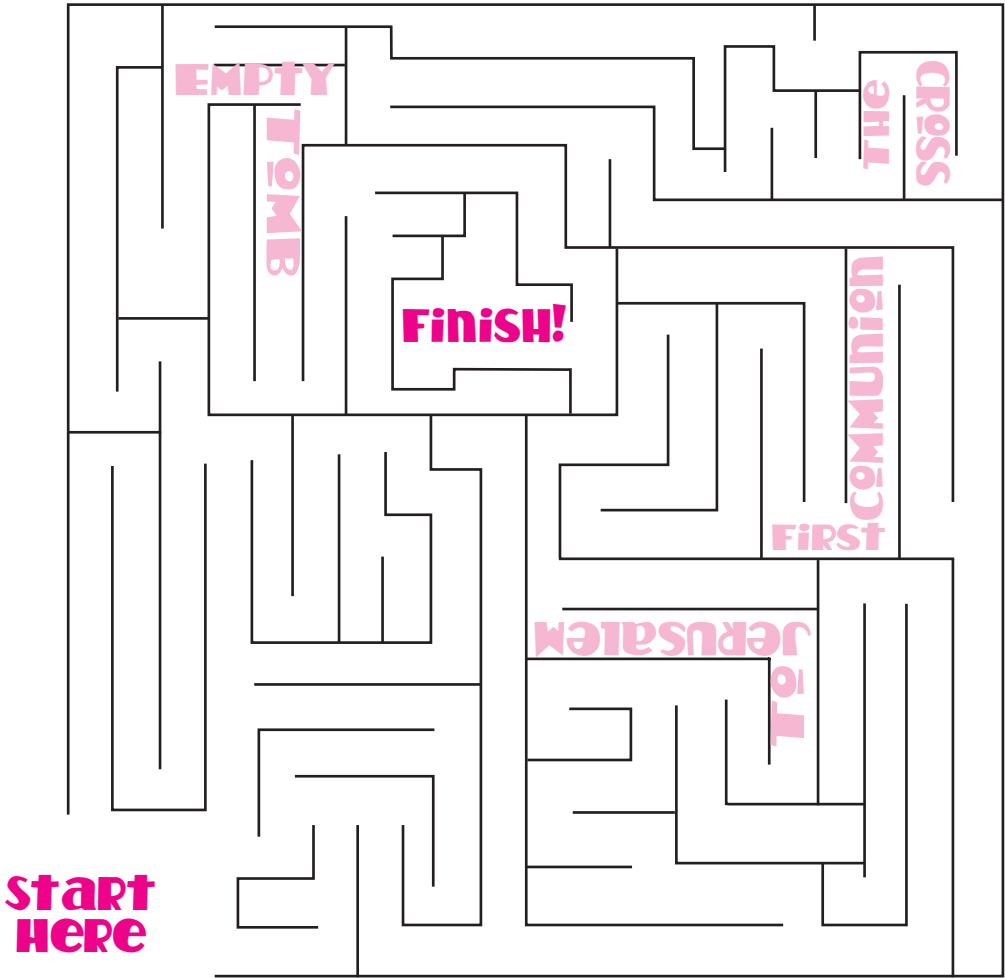


JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES WENT TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.



DO YOU KNOW WHEN JESUS CELEBRATED THE FIRST COMMUNION WITH HIS DISCIPLES?

Hint: Find your way through this maze to help you review when the first communion took place. Draw a line from "START HERE" to "FINISH" without crossing any black lines.





THE FIRST COMMUNION WAS CELEBRATED DURING A SPECIAL HOLIDAY TIME CALLED PASSOVER.

The Passover was a holiday when all Jewish people celebrated the time many years before when the Lord had delivered the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. Wicked Pharaoh, their king, had forced the Hebrew people to be slaves and make bricks, which were used to build large cities. Then the wicked king Pharaoh ordered that every Hebrew baby boy be killed.

The Lord sent Moses to deliver the Hebrew people. But the wicked king would not let them leave the country of Egypt. The Lord told Moses that each family who trusted in the Lord was to sacrifice a lamb and paint some of the blood on the edges of the front door of their house. When the angel of the Lord passed over the homes in Egypt on that first Passover, those who obeyed and did what the Lord had said were protected. Nothing bad happened to them. Wicked Pharaoh finally allowed them to leave the country of Egypt and worship the Lord.





The Lord told them to celebrate this holiday and remember that He delivered them. Jews celebrate this deliverance from slavery each year when they observe the holiday of Pesach, which is called "Passover" in English. God chose this Passover holiday time for Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus is God's lamb who shed His blood for us.



"Look, the Lamb of God. He takes away the sins of the world!" John 1:29

After the death of Jesus, God didn't want us to use priests or animal sacrifices. Now we go directly to God by praying.



**COMMUNION IS A CELEBRATION
WHERE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
REMEMBER HIM.**

Jesus introduced the first communion to His followers on the evening just before He was arrested and put on the cross. He shared the first communion with His disciples so that they would celebrate communion with His other followers after He had returned to heaven. It is His way to help us remember how much He loves His people and what He did so we could join God's family. Communion celebrations are a reminder of the past, present and future ministry of Christ. Jesus expects us to follow His example and celebrate communion often.



Jesus said, "Do this to remember me." 1 Corinthians 11:24

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT JESUS? _____

