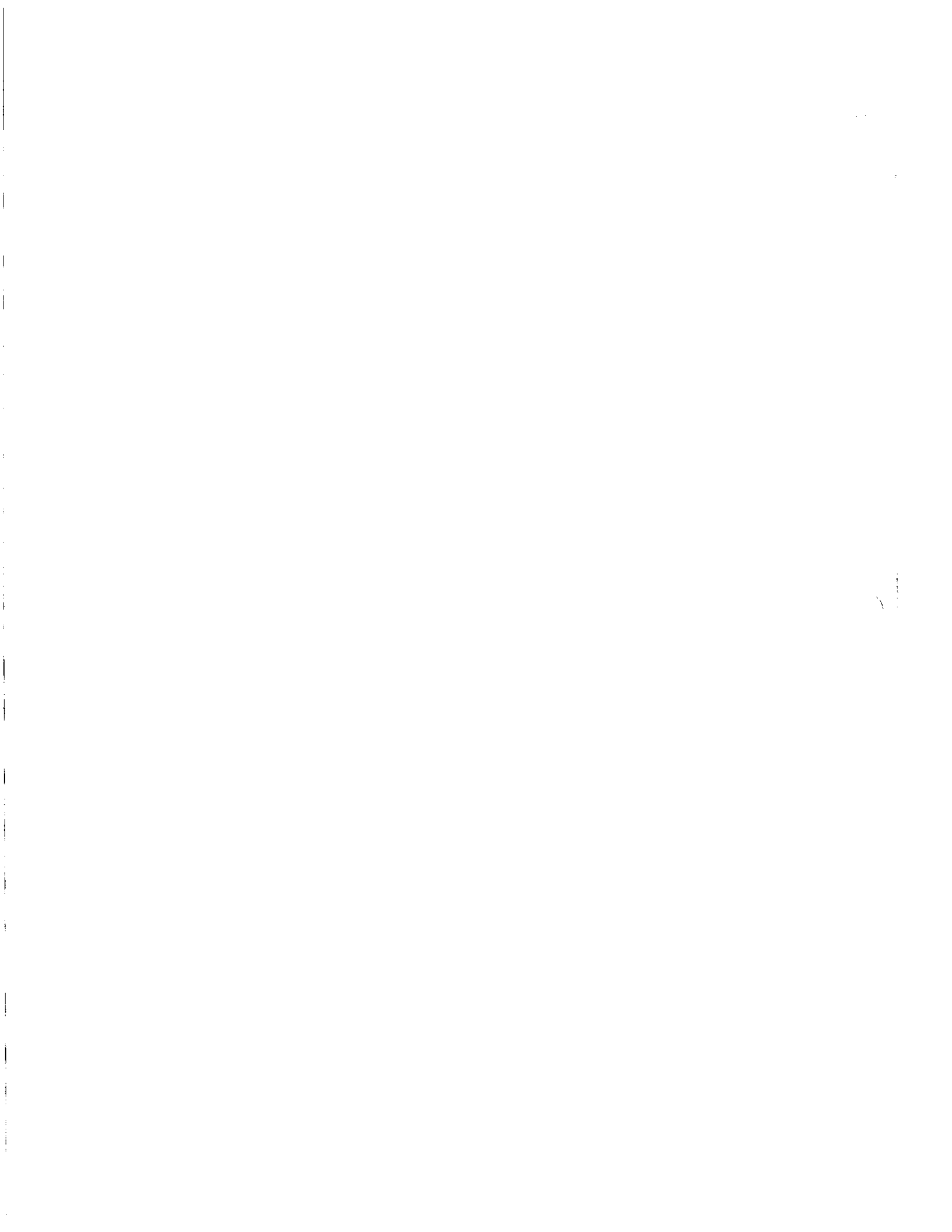


# The Last Supper



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## Small Group Builders

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Try these tips to build relationships, trust, and friendship with your small group of kids when you have a few minutes at the beginning of Sunday school or between activities.

- **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loved his disciples no matter what they did. That is called unconditional love. Share ways that you feel unconditional love—from Jesus, from a friend, or from your family. Talk about how receiving unconditional love makes you feel.

- **Help Sheet**

It was hard for Peter to ask for help from Jesus, and it can be hard for us to ask for help, too. Place a sheet or towel on the floor. Take turns standing on the “help sheet” and asking for help from Jesus or the people in your group. Even though asking for help is hard, it is important. You can do it!

- **What Kind of Bread?**

Jesus broke bread with his disciples on the night of the Last Supper. Talk about your congregation’s communion practices. What kind of bread does your church use during communion? How is the bread broken and distributed to everyone who communes? How does it feel to receive bread? How does it feel to receive a blessing? When and how does your congregation prepare people for their first communion? Remember that not all lower elementary kids may receive communion.

## Conversation Sparks

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Spark some faith-filled conversation during time you wait for activities to start or between activities. Use these questions with the kids in your group whenever you have a minute or two.

- Has anyone ever washed your feet? How did it feel?
- We remember Jesus’ Last Supper at communion. Have you tried communion? What do you know about it?
- What would you do if Jesus started to wash your feet?
- What do you think the disciples were thinking when their leader washed their feet?
- When your feet get dirty, what do you do?
- What are some ways you can care for those around you like Jesus did?

## Transition Tips

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As your group moves from one place to another, keep things fun and story-focused! Try these tips as you transition.

- **Wash and Walk**

Peter asked Jesus to wash his hands as well as his feet. Clean hands are important. As you walk to your next activity, pretend you are washing your hands. Sing “Jesus Loves Me” while you wash and walk. Remember to clean between all of your fingers and under your nails! Pretend to dry your hands just before you start your new activity.

- **Love Chain**

Jesus held tightly to all of his disciples, no matter what. Stand in a line and hook yourselves together so that each person is holding on to the next person’s arm by the elbow. Make sure your chain is tight and cannot be broken. As you move to the next activity, think about the love Jesus shares with everyone, no matter what.

- **A Quick Thanks**

When we think about all that Jesus did for us, it’s easy to think about thanking others. A quick “thank you” is great to offer to others for the good things they do. As you skip to your next activity, give a quick thanks to everyone you meet.

- **Bread Baking**

Practice kneading bread as you travel to the next location. Knead it, punch it, roll it, shape it! Keep those hands busy as you pretend to prepare bread.

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- **Text Message**

When you send text messages on a cell phone, you shorten the message and sometimes abbreviate words. Work as a group to identify John's main message from the Bible text. Use that message to design a shortened text message that you could send to someone to explain what you have learned as a group.

- **Faith and Works**

When Jesus calls us to wash the feet of others, he is telling us that he wants us to care for others. Jesus showed us how to do good works for others out of love for them. Share with your friends ways you can do good works and care for others.

- **Imagine This**

Have the group members close their eyes. Read the following while kids listen. **Jesus walks toward you. He sits down in front of you. He puts down a bowl of water. Jesus carefully takes off your shoes and then your socks. Now Jesus lifts one of your feet and places it in the bowl of water. He washes your foot. Jesus dries the foot with a towel. Next, Jesus washes and dries your other foot.** Open your eyes and share how it felt when you imagined Jesus washing your feet.

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- Why do you think Jesus washed the feet of everyone—including Judas?
- The disciples didn't expect Jesus to wash their feet. How can we help others when they least expect it?
- What sort of shoes did the disciples wear? Do you think they really needed to have their feet washed?
- How do the important people in your life show that they care for you?
- Why is it important to be humble when we serve others?
- We remember Jesus' Last Supper when we serve communion during worship. Talk about your experiences with communion—what do you like? What do you think about?

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- **Slip Sliding Away**

Have you ever slipped on the bathroom floor after washing yourself in a bath or shower? When your feet get wet, things can get very slick! As you relocate, slide along the way as if your feet were wet and slippery from being washed. Don't fall!

- **Follow Me**

Jesus asks us to follow his example. The leader of the line chooses an action to do while walking with the group. The entire line follows the leader's example by doing exactly the same thing. As the leader changes to a different action, remember to follow along! Keep moving ahead as you change actions and leaders.

- **Send and Receive**

Jesus talks about sending and receiving love. Take an item from your room and pass it down your line as you move to the next place. When you have received and sent this "love" all the way down the line, start sending it back up to the front. Remember to keep moving—sending and receiving love can be tricky!

- **Balancing Challenge**

Jesus poured water into a basin sitting on the floor. Pick up that basin full of water. Yikes! It's full! Try your hardest to keep all of the water in your pretend basin as you move forward. Make sure you don't spill!

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- **Tracking Teachings**

Jesus calls himself “teacher” many times. Look in your Bible and find another story where Jesus taught others. How many things can you teach to others about Jesus?

- **Servant and Master**

Jesus tells us that the masters are not greater than the servants. Divide into pairs. One person is the master and one is the servant. Choose a task that everyone can do, like pulling a chair out for someone or helping someone take off a coat. First, have the servant do the task for the master. Then have the master do the same task for the servant. If there is more time, have the pairs switch roles. How did it feel to be the master? The servant? Share your experiences as a group.

- **Setting an Example**

Jesus set an excellent example of how we should care for others. Do you ever set an example for others? Who else is a good example or role model for you? Talk about your answers and try to think of new ways to be a good example to others.

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- How do you think it felt for Jesus to know this was the last night he would be with his disciples?
- Why do you think Simon Peter was so unsure about having his feet washed by Jesus?
- Would you have let Jesus wash your feet?
- How do we still remember Jesus’ Last Supper during our worship?
- Do you remember the first time you took communion? Talk about it as a group.
- What does Jesus teach us about caring for others? How can we be like Jesus to those around us?

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- **I Love You More**

Jesus loves us more than anything. Think about one thing or person you really love. When your group relocates, take turns saying, "I love you more than. . . ." Remember to be sincere and grace-filled as you pass out love along the way.

- **Backward Words, Sdrow Drawkcab!**

Jesus often teaches us by giving us messages that seem backward. The world says that masters are more important than servants, but Jesus says that masters are *not* better than servants. Can you figure out some backward messages of your own? Celebrate Jesus' backward messages by saying your names backward as you move to your next destination. Can you figure out other backward words?

- **Wiping Your Feet**

When entering someone's house, it is important to wipe your feet. That would have been very important in Jesus' time because the roads were dusty and very dirty. Wipe your feet on the floor as you go toward your next activity. Make sure you get them clean!

- **The Great Grape Stomp**

During Bible times, wine was made by stomping grapes. As you move to the next location, stomp your way there as if you are stomping on grapes. Don't slip on the grape juice!

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