

Children's Church  
or  
Sunday School  
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BIBLE DOCTRINE  
**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Objects to have: A photograph of someone you love. Another photograph of someone you love and you doing something together.

Introduction of lesson: I brought with me today a photo of my Dad. My dad is not here. My dad is in Heaven. I miss him. Sometimes I like to think and remember my dad. This picture is not my dad, but it reminds me of my dad. See this picture? It is of my Dad and me. I remember when it was taken. It was Christmas 1962. I remember as a six year old boy, how exciting that Christmas was. I sat in front of my dad as I opened my gifts. He leaned down and whispered in my ear. "Son make sure you keep all the tags from you presents." As I opened each gift, I would peel the tag off and put it in my top pocket. After all the gifts were open my dad asked if I kept the tags. "Yes, sir." I responded, and I pulled all the tags out of my pocket. Suddenly my dad burst out laughing. "No, son. You were to keep each tag with each gift so we know who gave you what." Oh, how sweet that memory is. I enjoy thinking about spending time with my dad. These pictures remind me of my dad. They are not my dad. They just remind me of my dad.

Jesus wants us to think about him. He wants us to take time to remember the times we have with him. He wants us to take time to remember the time we got saved. So he gave us a photograph of him, to remind us of him. That photograph is not a picture like my dad's picture. It is called the Lord's Supper.

Years ago when Jesus lived here on this earth, there was a feast that all the Jews celebrated. It was called the feast of the Passover. Jesus had come together with his disciple to have the feast with them. At this feast all the people would sit at a large table and eat a great meal. At the meal they would serve; grape juice, bread and a roasted Lamb. Oh, what a feast it was.

Jesus knew in just a few days he would die on the cross for the sins of man. He wanted to give his friends and fellow workers something to remember him by. As he sat at the meal, "... he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19.

With that he passed the bread around the table. All of them ate the bread. Jesus is the bread of life. In just a few days he would offer his body as a sacrifice for our sins. He wanted them to remember that he did this for them. Then, "Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:20

He wanted each of us to remember the blood that he shed to pay for each of our sins. Jesus loves us very much. He wants us to keep a close relationship with him. He wants us to think about him. He wants us to remember him.

As I showed you a picture of dad, the Lord gave us a picture of him. That is what we just heard about. It is bread and grape juice of the Lord's Supper.

The bread represented the Lord's body. It helps us to remember that he came here, and walked on this earth with us.

The grape juice represents his blood. It reminds us that Jesus died on the cross for our sin. Through the blood of Jesus we can be saved from Hell to Heaven.

Every time we have the Lord's Supper in church, it is to remind us of what Jesus means to us. What can we think about when we see the bread and that juice? We should think about how Jesus died on the cross. What happened when Jesus went to the cross? He was whipped for us. What else happened to Jesus when he died? They pierced his side with a spear. What else happened? They nailed his hands and his feet to the cross. There are many things we could think about.

We also need to take time to remember things that Jesus has done in our life. I think about the day I was saved. I think about the people that were involved with my salvation. I think about what was said to me the day I was saved. I think about when I prayed and asked Jesus to come into my heart. I think about Hell and how glad I am that I am not going there. I think how I would be if Jesus did not save me.

I take time to think about different things Jesus and I have done together. I think about when I got my first hair cut that Jesus was proud of. I think about the first man I led to Christ. I think about how I would read the Bible when I got saved. I think about all the time I spent in prayer when I first was saved. I think about the people who have worked side by side with me in the Lords work.

I pray and thank our Heavenly Father for loving me so much as to save me. I think about the first time I will see him face to face. I thank Jesus for dying for me. I thank the Holy Spirit for putting up with me while I live in this old flesh.

The Lord's Supper is a time of remembering all the things we have done with Jesus. It is a time when I love on him for saving me. It is a time to remember all those things. It is a fun time. It is an enjoyable time. It is a wonderful time. I am glade Jesus gave us this picture to remember him with.