

## Children's Worship 3/15/2020

<p><b>Welcome</b> 1 min</p>	<p><b>Display Power Point Slide 1 – The ArC Logo</b></p> <p>Welcome children to Children's Worship. Explain that we are here to worship God by singing, reading the Bible, learning about God, praying and giving offering. Introduce yourself by name every week.</p>
<p><b>Introduce Series - Lent</b> 5 min</p>	<p>The past few months we have been learning about Jesus life on Earth. We learned about many of the people He included in His ministry and how He taught and helped everyone.</p> <p>But Jesus didn't live on Earth forever. He actually only lived to be 33 years old. At the age of 33, Jesus died, but three days later He came back to life! We have a holiday that celebrates Jesus coming back to life. Does anyone know what it is called? (<i>Easter</i>)</p> <p>That's right, Easter. At Christmas time, which is Jesus' birth, we learned that the church has a time to prepare for Christmas. What was it called? (<i>Advent</i>) During Advent, we prepared to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.</p> <p>The church also has a time to prepare for Easter. It is called Lent.</p> <p><b>Display PowerPoint Slide 2 – Lent Series Logo</b></p> <p>During Lent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus coming back to life on Easter. One way to prepare is to learn about Easter and the events that led to Easter. If you remember, during Advent we learned about how Jesus was born (Mary finding out she was pregnant, travelling to Bethlehem, Jesus being born in stable, shepherds, wise men). During Lent we are going to learn how Jesus died and came back to life.</p> <p>While many people loved Jesus while He was on Earth, some people did not. Remember we said Jesus was very popular. Sometimes when a person is popular other people can become jealous of that. There were people during Jesus' time who did not like Him. They were jealous of His popularity and they were</p>

	<p>afraid He would take away their power. These people plotted to have Jesus arrested and put to death. This month we are going to learn about these events and focus on how Jesus and the people around Him responded.</p>
<p><b>Read &amp; Discuss</b> <b>Today's Scripture Lesson – The Last Supper</b> 10 min</p>	<p>Jesus knew He was going to be arrested and that He was going to die. Jesus knew His disciples would be very sad. Even though Jesus was going to come back to life, He would only have a short time before He would go back to heaven. Jesus wanted to make sure His disciples would continue to teach others about God when He was gone!</p> <p>Jesus wanted to give His disciples a way to remember Him when He was gone – when He wasn't on Earth anymore. Jesus knew that even when people try really hard to remember something or someone, it can be hard.</p> <p>But I bet you guys have really good memories! What do you think? Well let's test that out.</p> <p><b>Ask a volunteer to come forward, probably at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader or up. Tell the other in the audience they can test their own memories too, but they need to keep their answers in their heads.</b></p> <p><b>Show each Power Point slide for 3 seconds and then have the volunteer name the items on the slide. The slides have progressively more items. Eventually they won't be able to remember them all.</b></p> <p>Good try! How many of you were able to remember everything? It's hard, especially if there are a lot of things. If Jesus was the ONLY thing we needed to remember that would be easy. But we have lots of distractions in our life. We need to remember our science homework, we need to remember to make our beds, we need to remember our lines for the school play, we need to remember our math facts, we need to remember how to play soccer, we need to remember our mom's birthday. And so many other things!</p> <p>Jesus knew His disciples, and us, would need a <u>really</u> good way</p>

to remember Him. Right before Jesus was to be arrested and die, there was a holiday called Passover. When you get together with friends for a holiday, what is something you do? (*Eat!*)

Jesus and His disciples got together for a Passover meal. Since it was the last time they would eat together this meal is known as the Last Supper. During the Last Supper, Jesus told His disciples to do some things in order to remember Him. Let's read from the Bible to see what those things were.

**Read Luke 22:7-20**

What were the two things Jesus shared with His disciples at the meal? (*Bread and wine*)

What did Jesus say the disciples should do with the bread and wine in the future? (*Remember Him every time they eat and drink it*)

Jesus said any time the disciples, or us today, eat the bread and drink the wine, we should remember Him.

Let's watch a video that tells us the story of the Last Supper. This video will show the Last Supper and it will also begin to talk about how Jesus was arrested. One of His own disciples betrayed Him. That is something we will learn more about next week, but the video gives you a sneak peek.

**Play The Last Supper video, Slide 13**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SigoALSS1R8>

Today when we eat the bread and drink the wine (or juice) in church it is called Communion. We have Communion as a way to remember Jesus' love and how He died so all of our sins, our mistakes, can be forgiven.

We said it can be hard to remember things, but when we do something over and over and use the same words and touch the same things and smell the same smells and taste the same foods, it becomes easier to remember. When we sing the alphabet song over and over we remember the letters. When

	<p>we have Communion over and over, we remember Jesus! That is why we have Communion all the time at church. It's why Pastor Chris says the same words every time and it's why we use the same bread and juice every time. We are following Jesus' example from the Last Supper and we are remembering Jesus.</p> <p>Communion is a very special time in church. In fact, it's called a sacrament, which is a very special ritual in the church. It's so special that only a pastor can lead communion. (You can't go home and have bread and juice and call it communion!) When you participate in Communion you should take it very seriously. It should be a time to remember Jesus' love and say thank you that He died so all our mistakes can be forgiven.</p> <p>When you are in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade you can take a special class here at church to learn more about Communion.</p> <p>Since you all thought you have really good memories, today when you go back to your classrooms you will be playing games that will test your memory of Communion! So I hope you were paying attention here today – it will help you in the games!</p>
<p><b>Offering, Song &amp; Closing Prayer</b> 3 min</p>	<p>Encourage children to bring offering to altar. Offering can be treasure (money), time or talent (cards completed in classroom).</p> <p>This song talks about growing up to be like Jesus. There are some references to some of the scriptures we've learned about in the last few months.</p> <p><b>Display PowerPoint Slide 14</b> <b>Grow Up Like Jesus</b> <a href="https://vimeo.com/49923932">https://vimeo.com/49923932</a></p>
<p><b>Joys and Concerns and Closing Prayer</b> 3 min</p>	<p>Joys and Concerns were written on cards in the classrooms. Classroom teachers will have provided the cards to you when they arrived at Children's Worship.</p> <p><b>Share some of the Joys and Concerns with the group.</b></p>

**Incorporate them into the beginning of the closing prayer  
before reading the responsive portion below.**

Read the prayer responsively. You read one line at a time and  
the kids repeat after you.

Dear God,  
Thank you  
For giving us a way  
To remember you.  
Help us  
Remember your love  
When we take communion.  
Amen