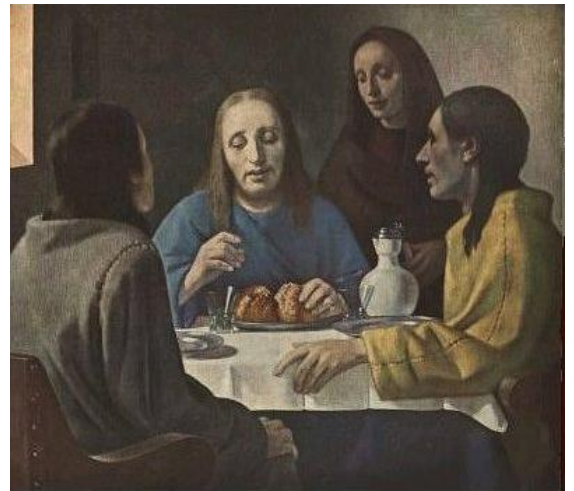


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JESUS MEETS HIS FRIENDS AGAIN

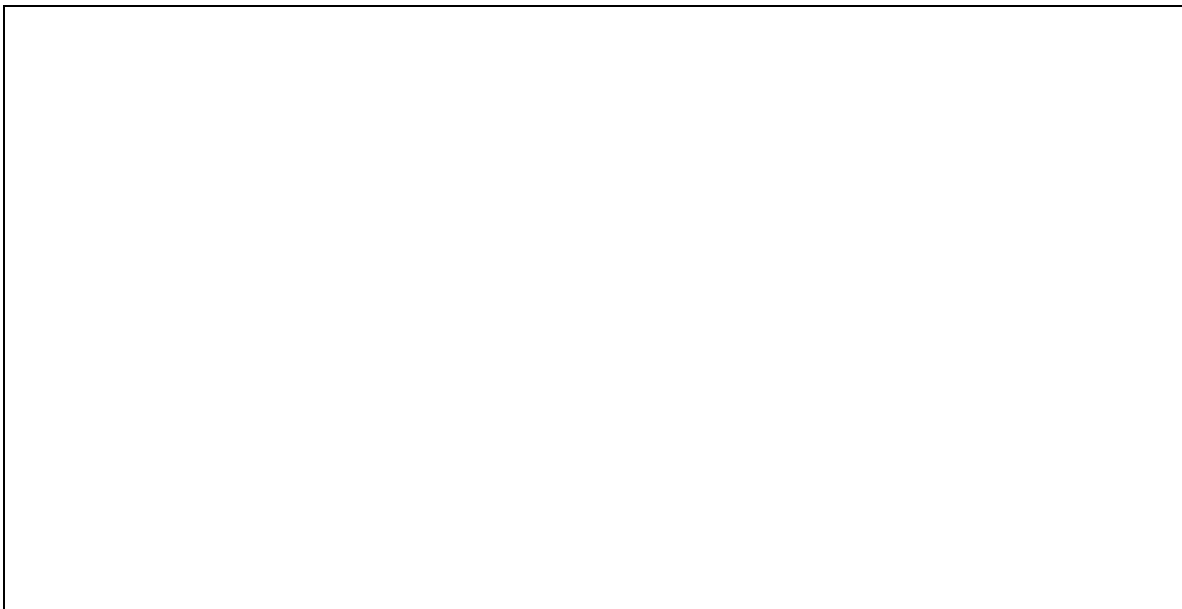
Jesus died but rose again from the dead. The Bible tells us a wonderful story of how Jesus came back to see his friends again. Read Luke 24:1-35 to see what happened.



After you have finished reading, talk about these things:

- ◆ How do you think Jesus' friends felt when Jesus died?
- ◆ How did Jesus' friends know that he was alive?
- ◆ Why do you think that his friends did not recognize Jesus before he broke the bread?
- ◆ If Jesus came to your house to dinner, would *you* recognize him?
- ◆ What do you notice about the picture above?

Draw a picture in the space below of Jesus eating with your family.



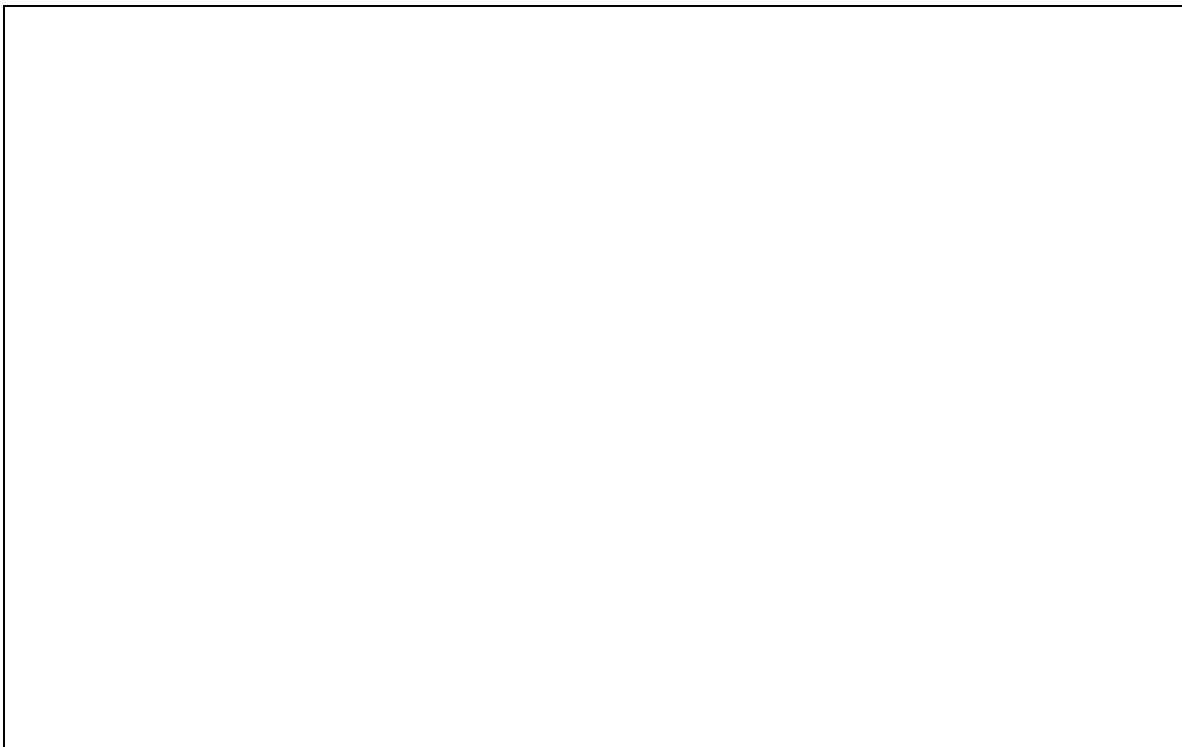
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JESUS GIVES US A SPECIAL MEAL

Before Jesus died, he had a special meal with his friends and disciples. It was called the "Passover." Now, followers of Jesus call this meal "communion" or "The Lord's Supper." Read about how it started in Matthew 26:17-30.

Draw a picture here of the people who might have been sitting around the table with Jesus. Do you think there were only men there? Might women and children also have been there?



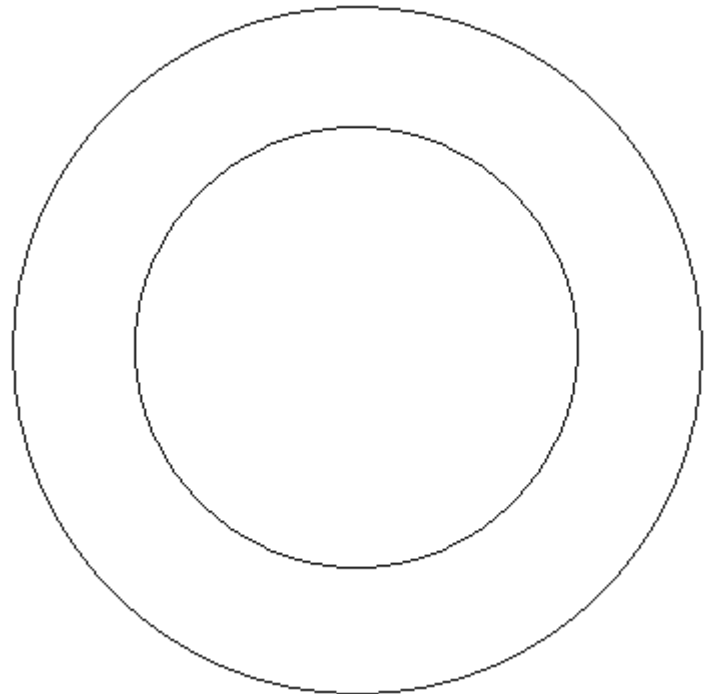
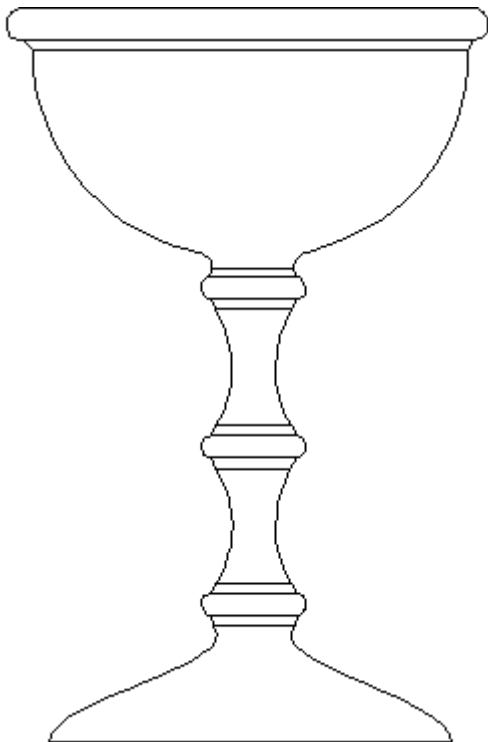
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BREAD AND WINE

When we celebrate communion, we use small pieces of bread and wine...although we usually use grape juice instead of real wine so children and people who can't take wine will also be able to participate.



Often the chalice (cup) and the serving plates are very beautiful and have symbols (pictures) on them that represent the Christian faith. Here is a blank chalice and serving plate. Make it beautiful by using crayons to add colourful Christian symbols. (Hint: butterflies=resurrection; flames=Holy Spirit, rainbow=God's promises, triangle or 3 leafed clover=the Trinity.)



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THE DAY OF ASCENSION

In the season of Eastertide we celebrate a mystery—the mystery that Jesus died and that God make him alive again.

We celebrate this happy news on Ascension Day. Read the story of Ascension Day from your Bible. It can be found in Luke 24:44-53 and in Acts 1:1-11.

There is an old tradition of saying these words: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** Repeat them with your family until you have them memorized. Often these words are used at communion and in worship services.

Light a candle and, after it is lit, repeat the words:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Christ has died.
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