

Imagining the Last Supper

1. If possible show the children how the various artists have painted the Last Supper. Ask them to point out similarities, differences, and characteristics that stand out.
2. Explain that in Jesus' time, people did not sit in chairs around a table like we do today. The tables back then were low and people reclined, or lay, on the floor around the table. Point out that the phrase "reclined at table" is in scripture, Matthew 26:20.
3. Ask the children to close their eyes and imagine Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper.
4. After a while, ask the children to gather around you as the disciples gathered around the table at the Last Supper. Re-read the passage from John 16:5-7 (use the textbook or a Bible) aloud to the children. Ask them to close their eyes and imagine that they are present at the Last Supper to hear these words.