Luke 22 - Jesus pursues His vision

Vs 1-6 – Judas betrays

Have you ever voluntarily hurt someone? God?

Describe betrayal. Is there anyone looking at you as a betrayer?

Vs 7-38 – Jesus has his last meal

Vs 7-13

Where/when else has Jesus had resources provided in an "unexpected" way?

What is the hardest "blind" instruction you have had to follow?

How does someone with no relationship respond to a "blind" instruction?

Vs 14-23

What is the meaning behind the Passover meal?

How does Jesus enlarge on that meaning?

How would you explain communion to someone else?

Vs 24-30

What does Jesus say that leadership looks like?

How does Jesus example combine service with vision?

How/when have you gotten service and vision out of balance?

Vs 31-34

How is Peter's story similar to Job's story?

What comfort do you find in Peter's story?

Vs 35-38

What do these verses say about resources? About protection?

What is Jesus trying to prepare His disciples for?

What is the hardest challenge you have faced and how did you prepare for it?

Vs 39-46 – Jesus prays

What role did prayer play in Jesus' life?

What role does prayer play in your life?

Vs 47-53 – Jesus is arrested

Describe the difference between a token kiss, a sincere kiss, and a betrayal kiss.

Why did Jesus have his disciples take swords if they weren't supposed to use them?

If you were the servant of the high priest, how would Jesus healing your ear change your relationship to the high priest?

What does Jesus' response to his arrest say about his arrestors? About Jesus?

Vs 54-62 – Peter betrays Jesus

What is the difference between Peter's betrayal of Jesus and Judas' betrayal of Jesus?

Which looks more like your betrayals of Jesus?

Vs 63-65 - Jesus is abused

Which do you find harder to take without retaliation – physical or emotional abuse?

How can Jesus' example help you do the right thing?

Vs 66-71 – Jesus answers the BIG question

Were those asking the question "Are you the Christ?" looking for the Messiah or looking for an imposter?

What does this say about their faith in God?

How does the attitude behind a question help or hinder one from seeing and hearing the truth?

KID'S THEME: A NEW COVENANT - THE LORD'S SUPPER (Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:7-20)

(NEW Covenant (talk about making deals or agreements with a handshake or exchange of something or dinner celebration), NEW relationship with God (talk about the old covenant (having butler?/interpreter?) vs. new covenant (no butler/interpreter) for approaching God), NEW forgiveness (talk about new (confession/prayer) vs. old (sacrifices) for forgiveness)

MEMORY VERSE: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood..." I Cor. 11:25

STORY: It was almost time for the feast. God had told His people to eat this feast every year so that they wouldn't forget the things God had done for them.

Jesus sent His helpers, Peter and John, to find a place to have their feast and to prepare the food. When it was time to eat, Jesus told his helpers, "I have looked forward to eating this feast with you." Jesus prayed over the grape juice and said, "Take this and drink it. This cup is the new covenant in my blood." Then Jesus took some bread and said, "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember Me."

What do we do to help people remember us? (Photos, gifts, etc.)
Make piecrust bread (have kids help?) & fry it in an electric skillet.
Bring grapes to crush for juice or already crushed juice.
Let the kids have a "meal" of the above.

Play the "remember" game. Have a tray filled with items. Send away one of the kids. Remove one item and ask them to come back and tell you what is missing. Is it easy to remember?

SONGS: "This is the Day"
"Trust in the Lord with your HEART"

Peter tells a lie: telling the truth (We're hot and cold just like Peter!)
What is the LESSON THEME, or GOAL that you want the kids to learn?
Jesus loves and forgives us. We should not give up trying to obey and trust Him.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God" John 14:1

Craft:

Run off turtles on cardstock. Have kids glue cheerios (?) on shell & color rest. What kind of turtle are you? When you are afraid do you hide in your shell, pretend it didn't happen, lie? Or do you stick your neck out and tell the truth?

KEY PHRASES:

Jesus loves and forgives us. We should not give up trying to obey and trust Him.

SONGS:

"SSHH!"

"I Will Trust & Not Be Afraid"

"Supersoap"

GAMES:

Doing anything in the #3. It was 3 times in a row that Peter lied.

Farm animal sounds & actions - don't forget the rooster!

Gossip game - in this game you are trying to tell the truth, even though the message may come out differently. How is that different from lying?