



## Resource Pack

*Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.*

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WEEK 2

# Jesus & Meals

Habits & Practices of Jesus / Luke 5:27-35 & 22:7-23

OVERVIEW

GATHER

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*the habits and  
practices of Jesus*

# Jesus & Meals

*Luke 5:27-35 & 22:7-23*



## HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **The Habits and Practices of Jesus**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within  
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact [hello@stbartskids.org](mailto:hello@stbartskids.org)

## TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

## MATERIALS

- Toy Food and Accessories
- Children's table and chairs
- Baby dolls
- Prams
- High chairs
- Toy Food
- Toy Bottles, Plates, Cutlery, etc
- Printout Worksheet #1
- Colouring Pencils / Crayons
- Food Stickers or Pictures of Food
- Glue (if using pictures)
- Clipboards if needed
- Playdough
- Playdough accessories
- Wipes for cleaning
- Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue
- Poster paper
- Marker
- Set of Memory Game Cards (Feelings and Emotions), or similar. Sourced from [Modern Teaching Aids](#)
- Lego
- Paper Plates
- Coloured Pencil/Pens
- Pack of Conversation Starter Cards  
We used these ones from [OfficeWorks Kadink Let's Chat Conversation Starter Cards](#)
- Bibles
- Printout Worksheet #2
- Music source and playlist

## ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the second in a three week series based on The Habits and Practices of Jesus.

## SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES

Habits & Practices of Jesus Luke 5:27-35 & 22:7-23

BIBLE FOCUS

TOPIC

Jesus & Meals

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OVERVIEW

### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus modelled the importance of sharing meals with others. Table fellowship is where ministry happens - where we can welcome others and show love, hospitality, and mercy.

### SERIES OVERVIEW

#### The Habits and Practices of Jesus

Jesus' life was profoundly shaped by regular habits and practices that shaped his spiritual and missional life. He regularly retreated in prayer, seemed to always be sharing meals with others, and rested as was his custom. These habits were not without their controversy as he prayed with unrivalled authority, feasted whilst others fasted, shared table-fellowship with all the wrong people, and brought wholeness and healing on the Sabbath. Yet, these practices not only instruct us (as we seek to order in our lives in light of our Saviour) but also point to the way that our future is fulfilled in Christ. Over three weeks we'll explore these key habits and practices of Jesus that are on repeat throughout the Gospel of Luke.

### MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Meals with Jesus: The Last Supper](#)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [Jesus and Prayer | God's Story](#)
2. [Some Recommended Prayer Resources for Families](#)

### SONGS

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Because You First Loved Me](#)
2. [Hello! | Lifetree Kids](#)
3. [Every Move I Make](#)

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#### PRIMARY

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**TEACHING TIME**

## Jesus & Meals

Can you think of a time you shared a meal with someone? Perhaps you had extra people in your family come over for a birthday lunch? Did they only come over because they were really hungry? No, they came over because it was a special occasion and you wanted to be together. Sharing a meal is a special way of being together.

Jesus often shared meals with people that He wanted to spend time with too. He had a very special reason for doing so and sometimes His guests were very unusual. He didn't invite the richest people or the most religious people or the most popular people. Jesus invited people who specifically needed to know they were loved by God.

Many of these people the bible refers to as 'sinners'. This means they were outcasts, nobody liked them and they had poor reputations. These were people the religious leaders of the day liked to

keep separated from. They were considered 'unclean'. But Jesus flipped the tables. He said these are the very people he came for - people who acknowledged their need for Him. People who needed a doctor!

Jesus didn't require people to change or live perfect lives before coming to him. He sought people out, met them where they were at and invited them to come and eat with Him. By sharing a meal, Jesus showed people what it was like to have a loving relationship with God himself!

One of the most important meals Jesus shared was with his disciples the night before he died. We too partake in this meal (communion) when we acknowledge our need for Jesus. It's a meal we're all invited to.

Meals with Jesus tell a story of people drawing near who acknowledge they need Him. Not the healthy, but the sick! Like Jesus, we can influence others by opening up our homes and lives in ways that point people to God too. Who could you invite to share a meal?

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS****1. Early Childhood**

When do you share meals with your family?

**2. Lower Primary**

Why did Jesus share meals with people?

**3. Middle Primary**

What are some practical ways we too can show people what it's like to be loved by God?

**4. Upper Primary**

What does it mean that Jesus came for the sick and not the healthy?

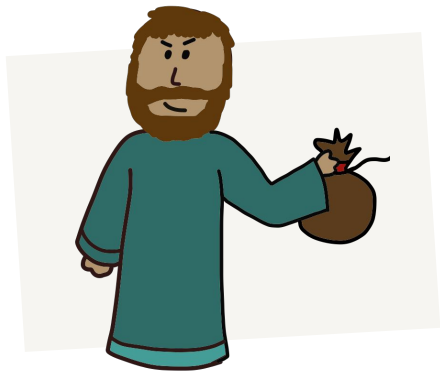
**FOCUS**

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**WARM-UPS**

- Have you (or someone you know) ever had to call an ambulance? Why?
- Have you (or someone you know) ever had to call an ambulance to take you/them to the movies, or to your/their favourite restaurant? Why not?

## Early Childhood



One day Jesus came across a tax collector sitting at the tax booth. His name was Levi.

## Jesus &amp; Meals



"Follow me," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up, left everything and followed him.



Then Levi gave a huge feast for Jesus at his house. A large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.

## Early Childhood



But the religious leaders complained to Jesus' disciples. They said, "Why are you eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?"

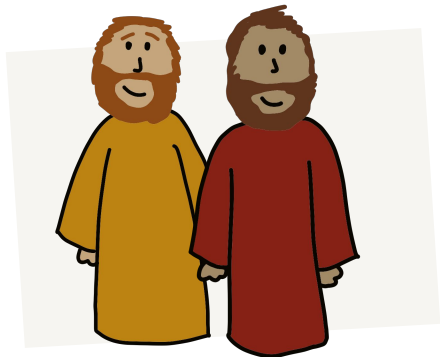


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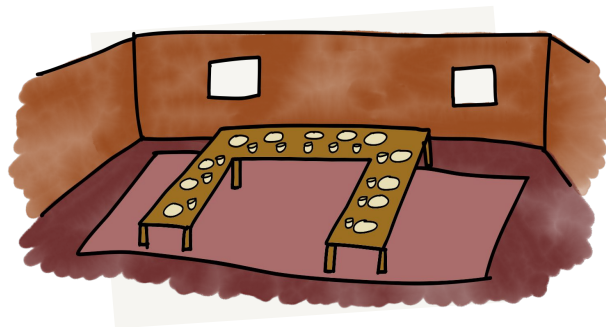
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At the time the Passover was to be celebrated, Jesus sent Peter and John ahead to prepare the Passover meal.



Jesus said to them, “When you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you.



Follow him and he will show you the room we will use. Get it ready for us to eat there.”

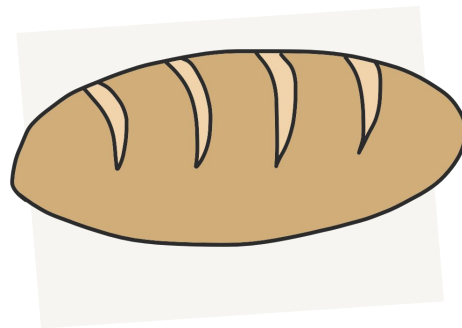
## Early Childhood



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When they had gathered for the meal, Jesus took the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this cup and share it among yourselves.”



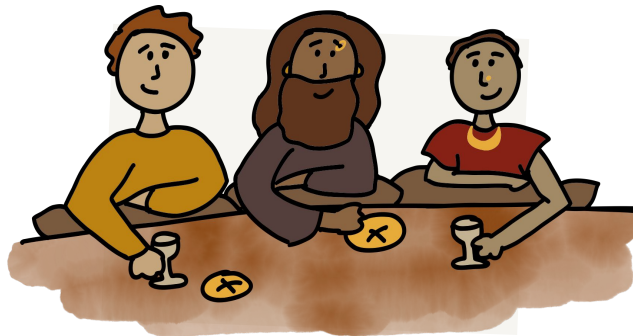
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Lower Primary

## Jesus & Meals

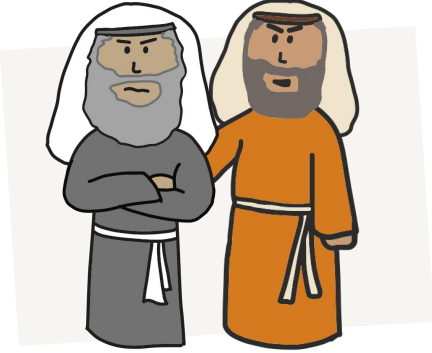


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## Lower Primary



30 But the religious leaders complained to Jesus' disciples. They said, "Why are you eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?"



31-35 Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor. Sick people do. I have not come to get those who think they are right with God to follow me. I have come to get sinners to turn away from their sins."

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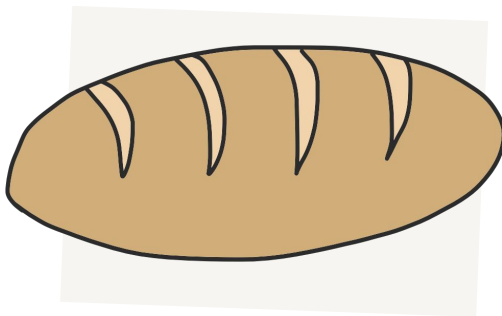


14-16 When they had gathered for the meal, Jesus said to them, “I have really looked forward to eating this Passover meal with you. I wanted to do this before I suffer.”

## Lower Primary



17-18 After Jesus took the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this cup and share it among yourselves.”



19 Then Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to them and said, “This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, you will remember me.”

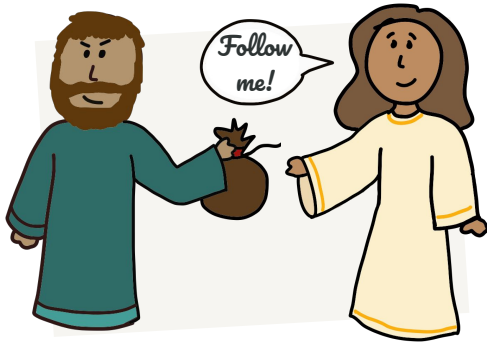
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20-23 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup. He said, “This cup is my blood that is poured out for you.”

## Middle Primary

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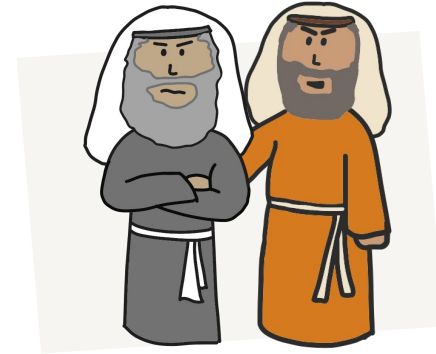


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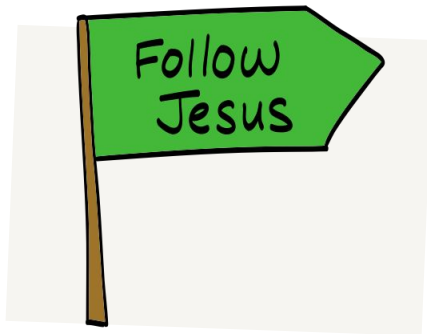


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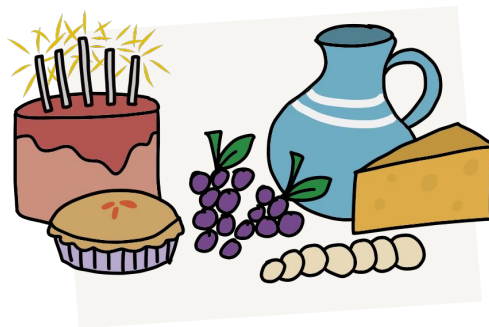
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31 Jesus answered them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor. Sick people do.”



32 I have not come to get those who think they are right with God to follow me. I have come to get sinners to turn away from their sins.”

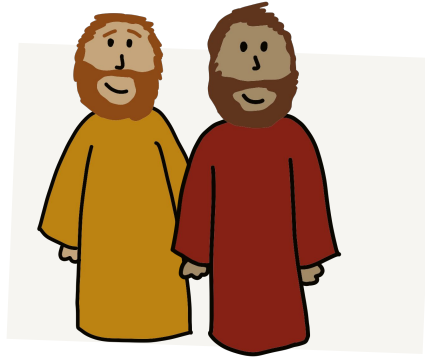


33 Some of the people who were there said to Jesus, “John’s disciples often pray and fast. So do the disciples of the Pharisees. But yours go on eating and drinking.”

## Middle Primary



34-35 Jesus answered, “Can you make the friends of the groom fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the groom will be taken away from them. In those days they will fast.”

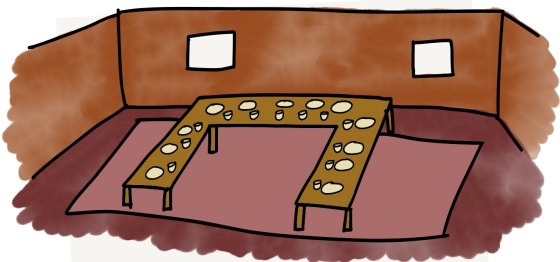


Ch22 Vs7-8 At the time the Passover was to be celebrated, Jesus sent Peter and John ahead to prepare the Passover meal.



9-10 “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked. Jesus replied, “When you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house he enters.”

## Middle Primary



11 Then say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples?’



12-13 He will show you a large upstairs room. Get it ready for us to eat there.” Peter and John left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover meal.



14-15 When the time came, Jesus and his disciples took their places at the table. He said to them, “I have really looked forward to eating this Passover meal with you. I wanted to do this before I suffer.

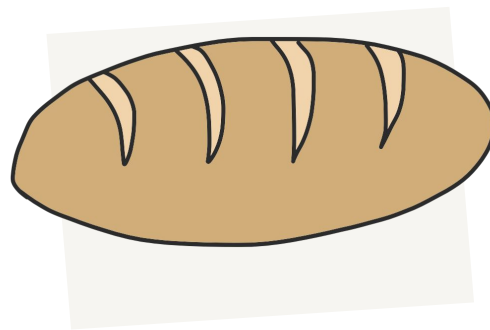
## Middle Primary



16 I tell you, I will not eat the Passover meal again until it is celebrated in God's kingdom."



17-18 After Jesus took the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this cup and share it among yourselves. I tell you, I will not drink wine with you again until God's kingdom comes."



19 Then Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to them and said, "This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, you will remember me."

## Middle Primary



20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup. He said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood that is poured out for you.



21-23 But someone who is here with us now is going to hand me over to my enemies. The Son of Man will go to his death, just as God has already decided.



But how terrible it will be for the one who hands him over!” The disciples began to ask one another about this. They wondered which one of them would do it.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook [Luke 5:27-35 & 22:7-23](#)

- 1. Have you ever shared a meal with someone?**  
Invite children to talk about special occasions they may have celebrated which involved food - birthdays, Christmas etc.
- 2. What do you like most about sharing a meal?**  
Talk about what happens at shared meals. Does Mummy and/or Daddy make special food? Do friends or members of your family come over? Do you play games together?
- 3. Jesus shared meals with many people. Why do you think He did this?**  
Jesus loved people and he wanted to spend time with people.
- 4. Did Jesus only share meals with good people?**  
No, Jesus shared meals with people who wouldn't normally get invited anywhere. The kindness of Jesus led people to know God.

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"  
Luke 5:29-30

## FOCUS

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## Early Childhood

## PRAYER

Dear God,

THANK YOU that Jesus welcomed people and shared meals with them.

THANK YOU that Jesus has welcomed us into God's family.

PLEASE HELP US to show love, kindness, and hospitality to others.

Amen.

## FOCUS

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## Lower Primary

## PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that Jesus used meals to welcome people, show mercy, and point them to you. Help us to be people who open our lives to others, showing hospitality and love. Please help our homes, families, and church to be places where people experience the love of Jesus.

Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 5:27-35 & 22:7-23 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

1. **Have you ever invited someone to your house for a meal?**

Invite children to talk about special occasions they may have celebrated with food (birthdays) or family traditions that involve eating together (Christmas Day).

2. **Jesus loved sharing meals with people. Do you know why?**

Jesus loved people and wanted to spend time with people so they knew they were loved too.

3. **Did Jesus only share meals with good people?**

No, Jesus shared meals with people who were often left out. People who were poor and weren't liked by others.

4. **This made some people very angry. They didn't like Jesus spending time with 'bad' people. How did Jesus respond to them?**

Jesus told them about healthy people and sick people. He said, you wouldn't call an ambulance to the house of a healthy person would you? No. Jesus said it wasn't healthy people He came for (people who had no need of Him) but sick people (people who knew they needed Jesus....and that includes you and me).

5. **Jesus was a good friend to all - poor, rich, bad and good. What does this teach us?**

We too should be a friend to everyone so that they see and hear the message of Jesus' love in and from us.

6. **Jesus ate a very special meal with His disciples before He went to the cross. Today, in church, we still share this meal together. Do you know what it is called?**

We call this meal communion or the Lord's Supper. It is a chance for everybody who loves Jesus to share a meal together.

7. **Sharing meals and spending time with others is a special way of showing people God's love. How could you share God's love today?**

Share how you are going to invite someone for lunch or ask someone to go for a walk with you. Invite children to talk with their families about spending time with others.

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

Luke 5:29-30

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## Middle Primary

## PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that Jesus used meals to welcome people, show mercy, and point them to you. Help us to be people who open our lives to others, showing hospitality and love. Please help our homes, families, and church to be places where people experience the love of Jesus.

Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 5:27-35 & 22:7-23 from SBK Middle Primary Scripture

**1. Have you ever invited someone to your house for a meal?**

Invite children to talk about special occasions they may have celebrated with food (birthdays) or family traditions that involve eating together (Christmas Day).

**2. Jesus didn't just eat meals with his friends and family. He ate with people who were 'despised' by others. Why do you think this is?**

Jesus loved all people and he wanted all people to know they were loved by God and called to know Him.

**3. This upset the religious leaders. They didn't like Jesus spending time with 'bad' people. How did Jesus answer them?**

Jesus told them about healthy people and sick people. He said, you wouldn't call an ambulance to the house of a healthy person would you? No. Jesus said it wasn't healthy people He came for (people who had no need of Him) but sick people (people who knew they needed Jesus....and that includes you and me).

**4. Jesus didn't require that people get their lives in order before they came and ate with Him. What did he require?**

He required that they simply come as they are. He didn't want them to do anything other than spend time with him.

**5. Jesus spent time with whoever needed or wanted to hear His message. What was the message?**

Through repentance and faith we can have fellowship with God, now and for all eternity.

**6. Why do you think Jesus was popular among the social outcasts of society?**

People were drawn to His compassion and sincerity. Jesus always loved the unlovely and touched the untouchable. He gave people time - He was God drawing near.

**7. Jesus ate a very special meal with His disciples before He went to the cross. Today, in church, we still share this meal together. Do you know what it is called?**

We call this meal 'communion' or the 'Lord's Supper'. It is a chance for everybody who loves Jesus and has asked for His forgiveness, to share a meal together. The bible tells us, when Jesus returns, we will ALL sit down and eat with Him. What a great party that will be!

**8. Sharing meals and spending time with others is a special way of showing people God's love. How could you share God's love today?**

Share how you are going to invite someone for lunch or ask someone to go for a walk with you. Invite children to talk with their families about spending time with others.

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## Upper Primary

## PRAYER

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Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 5:27-35 & 22:7-23 from the NIRV Bible

- 1. Can you share a time when your family shared a meal with someone you didn't know particularly well?**

Invite children to talk about a time they invited another family home for a meal. Discuss how meals represent friendship, community and love.
- 2. Jesus too shared meals with others. Why is it significant that Jesus was at Levi's house to share a meal?**

Levi was a tax collector and he would have been despised by the Jews for his cooperation with the Roman authorities. The Jewish religious leaders would never associate with people like Levi, or his friends.
- 3. What was Jesus' purpose in eating with Levi and his friends?**

Sharing a meal signified the desire for a close relationship. Sharing a meal demonstrated His love for all people and His desire that they come into a restored fellowship with God.
- 4. Why do you think Jesus was popular among the social outcasts of society?**

People were drawn to His compassion and sincerity. Jesus always loved the unlovely and touched the untouchable. He gave people time - He was God drawing near.

- 5. When questioned about why He ate with tax collectors and sinners, Jesus replied "it's not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick". What do you think he meant?**

The sick referred to those who knew they needed help. They needed forgiveness and mercy in order to know God. It is for these Jesus came (which includes you and I).
- 6. Jesus looked beyond culture and into people's hearts. Many who shared meals with Jesus, left His table with changed hearts. Can you think of examples?**

Mary and Martha. Levi - who became his disciple (Matthew). The crowds who were fed in the feeding of the 5000, Zacchaeus etc.
- 7. One of the most important meals Jesus shared was with his disciples the night before he died. It was called Passover. What did this meal signify?**

Passover commemorated the Israelites' freedom and rescue from slavery to the Egyptians. Jesus became our passover lamb and rescued us. Today, we share communion in church. This is a meal that commemorates our freedom from sin through what Jesus did for us on the cross.
- 8. Sharing a meal was important to Jesus. It demonstrated His kindness, compassion and love for all people. Who might you invite to share a meal with you and your family?**

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD

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**THANK YOU** that Jesus has welcomed us into God's family.

**PLEASE HELP US** to show love, kindness, and hospitality to others.

Amen.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear God,

Thank you that Jesus used meals to welcome people, show mercy, and point them to you. Help us to be people who open our lives to others, showing hospitality and love. Please help our homes, families, and church to be places where people experience the love of Jesus.

Amen.

## TIPS

*Ask God to help you notice people who are often left out or overlooked. Take time to say hello, invite them into a conversation or include them in what you're doing.*

## Early Childhood

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Amen.

## Sunday School

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Thank you that Jesus used meals to welcome people, show mercy, and point them to you. Help us to be people who open our lives to others, showing hospitality and love. Please help our homes, families, and church to be places where people experience the love of Jesus.

Amen.

**FOCUS**

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*In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.*

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

- Kitchen Play
- Baby Doll Role Play
- Share a Meal
- Playdough Feast (*Kindy*)
- Jesus & Meals Collage (*Kindy*)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Build a Table (*Prep*)
- Hospitality Challenge (*1-2*)
- Conversation Starters (*3-4*)
- Around Jesus' Table (*5-6*)

**GAMES**

- Memory (*Kindy*)
- Clumps (*Prep-Yr 6*)

# Kitchen Play

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Toy Food and Accessories
- Children's table and chairs

## STEPS

1. Set out the kitchen toys - including food and cutlery.
2. Demonstrate how to 'set a table' to the children. Help them gather all of the play cutlery, plates, cups, etc
3. Sit down for a 'meal' together.



### Link

Jesus welcomed everyone to his table. We can welcome others too.

# Baby Doll Role Play

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Baby dolls
- Prams
- High chairs
- Toy Food
- Toy Bottles, Plates, Cutlery, etc

## STEPS

1. Bring out the baby dolls, prams, high chairs, toy food, etc. Talk about babies and who might have a baby brother or sister in their family.
2. Have the children play with the dolls and their accessories. Get the children to make the babies some food or a bottle and feed the babies.
3. Set up a little picnic on the ground with the babies, toy food and accessories.



### Link

*Sharing food is one way we show God's love.*

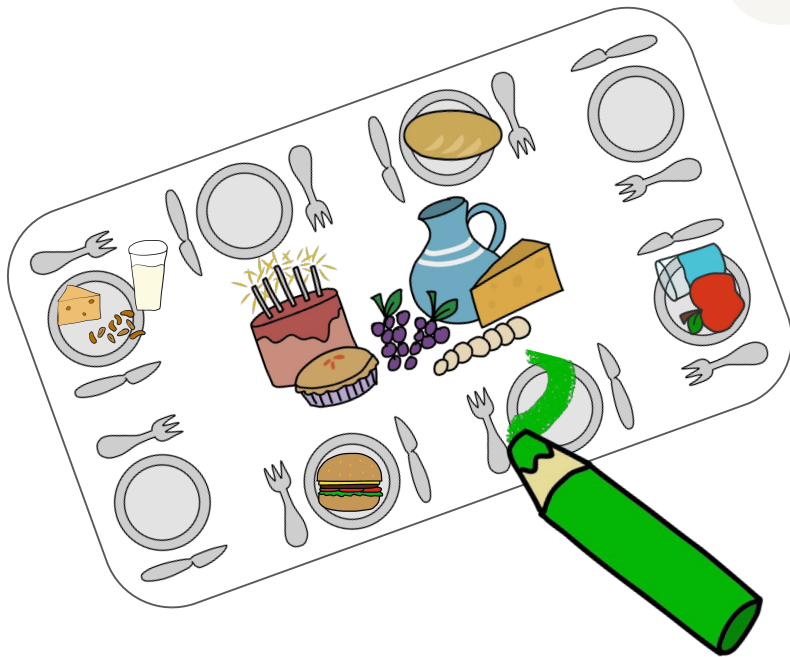
## Share a Meal

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #1
- Colouring Pencils / Crayons
- Food Stickers or Pictures of Food
- Glue (if using pictures)
- Clipboards if needed

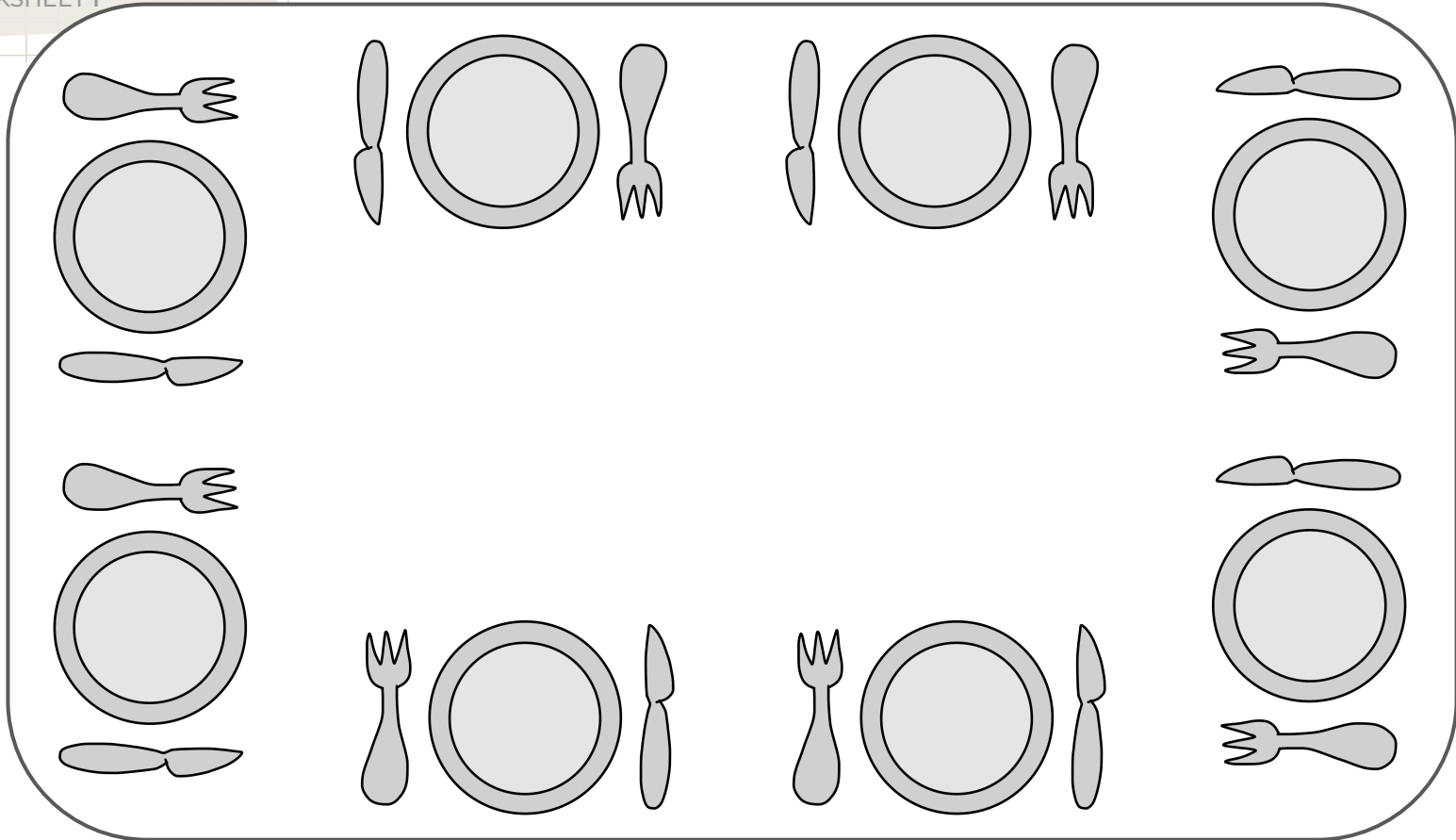
### STEPS

1. Handout worksheet #1, the food stickers/pictures and pencils / crayons.
2. Encourage the children to stick some food on each plate and colour and decorate the table.
3. Ask the children who they would invite over for a meal.



### Link

*Jesus loved eating with people and welcomed everyone.*



# Playdough Feast

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Playdough
- Playdough accessories
- Wipes for cleaning

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## STEPS

1. Hand out the playdough and accessories.
2. Encourage the children to make their favourite foods with the playdough.
3. As they share what they've made, ask:
  - \*Who would you invite to your table?
  - \*How can we make people feel welcome?


**Link**

*Jesus loved eating with people and welcomed everyone.*

# Jesus & Meals Collage

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue
- Poster paper
- Marker

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## STEPS

1. Write 'Jesus Welcomed Everyone' on the poster paper.
2. Help the children find and cut out people from the magazines and glue them onto the poster.
3. For younger children have the pictures already cut out and encourage them to glue them onto the poster.



### Link

Jesus welcomed everyone and he calls us to welcome others too. Jesus regularly welcomed people who were ignored, rejected or called 'sinners'.

# Build a Table

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Lego

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## STEPS

1. Using lego, work together to build a table big enough for everyone.
2. Discuss how Jesus' table has room for all kinds of people.



### Link

*Jesus' table was always open to others. As we build a table with room for everyone, we're reminded that Jesus welcomes all kinds of people into God's family, and he calls us to welcome others too.*

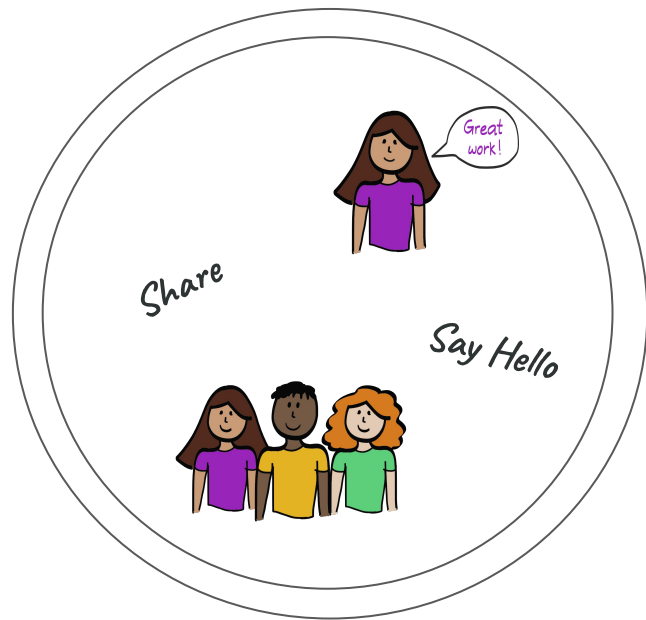
# Hospitality Challenge

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper Plates
- Coloured Pencil/Pens

## STEPS

1. Give each child a paper plate.
2. Encourage the kids to write or draw ways they can welcome others.  
Eg. share, invite someone to play, sit with someone new, say hello.
3. Display the plates around the room.



### Link

Hospitality is about making people feel seen, valued, and loved. Jesus welcomed people that others ignored, and we can follow his example by including others and showing them kindness wherever we are.

## Conversation Starters

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Pack of Conversation Starter Cards  
We used these ones from OfficeWorks [Kadink Let's Chat Conversation Starter Cards](#)

### STEPS

1. In pairs or groups of three pass out the conversation starter cards and get the kids to ask each other the different questions on the cards.
2. Encourage the children to ask follow-up questions and ask for examples in answers.



### Link

Meals are a great time for conversations and to get to know one another better.

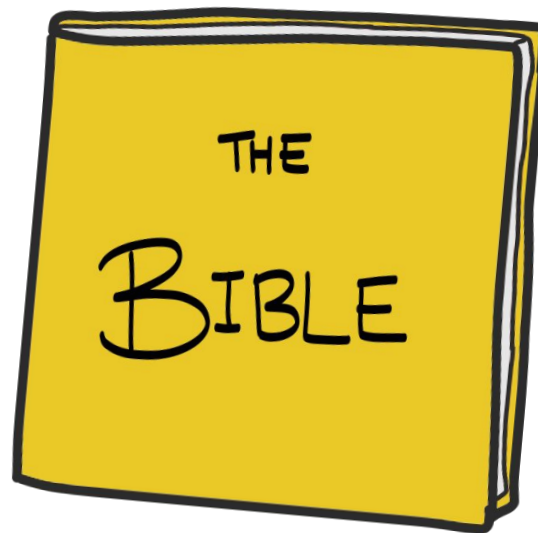
## Around Jesus' Table

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Bibles
- Printout Worksheet #2

### STEPS

1. Read each passage together from worksheet #2.
2. Answer the questions from the worksheet.
3. Ask the children: Why do you think Jesus shared meals with people others avoided?
4. Get the children to think about someone they could welcome, include or encourage this week.



#### Link

*Jesus consistently welcomed people who were ignored, rejected or called 'sinners'.*

## Passages

**Luke 5:27–32** – *Jesus eats with Levi and other tax collectors.*

**Luke 7:36–50** – *Jesus welcomes the sinful woman.*

**Luke 15:1–2** – *Tax collectors and sinners gather around Jesus.*

**Luke 19:1–10** – *Jesus invites himself to Zacchaeus' house.*

**Mark 2:1–12** – *Jesus forgives and heals the paralysed man.*

**John 4:4–30** – *Jesus spends time talking with the Samaritan woman.*

## Questions

***Who did Jesus meet?***

***What did Jesus do?***

***How did other people react?***

***What does this teach us about Jesus?***

## GAME: Memory

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Set of Memory Game Cards (Feelings and Emotions), or similar. Sourced from [Modern Teaching Aids](#)

### STEPS

- Place ALL the cards face down and play a game of memory, trying to find the matching pairs of people.
- Each player turns two pieces over to try and match a pair. If a pair isn't made the pieces are turned back over for the next player to have a turn.
- If the pair is a match the player who made the match has another turn. The player with the most pairs at the end, wins the game of memory.



### Link

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# GAME: Clumps

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Music source and playlist

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## STEPS

1. Children are to spread out and dance around while the music plays.
2. Once music stops, the leader will call out a number and the children must quickly form a group of that exact number of people.
3. After all the groups are formed, any kids that are left over are eliminated (sit out to the side). The game continues as the leader calls out different numbers each round and more and more players are eliminated. Continue until there is 1-2 players left.



### Link

*Just like everyone in this game had to find a group to belong to, Jesus welcomed people into his group. He shared meals with all kinds of people, even those who were often left out and he invites us to welcome others with love, kindness and hospitality too.*