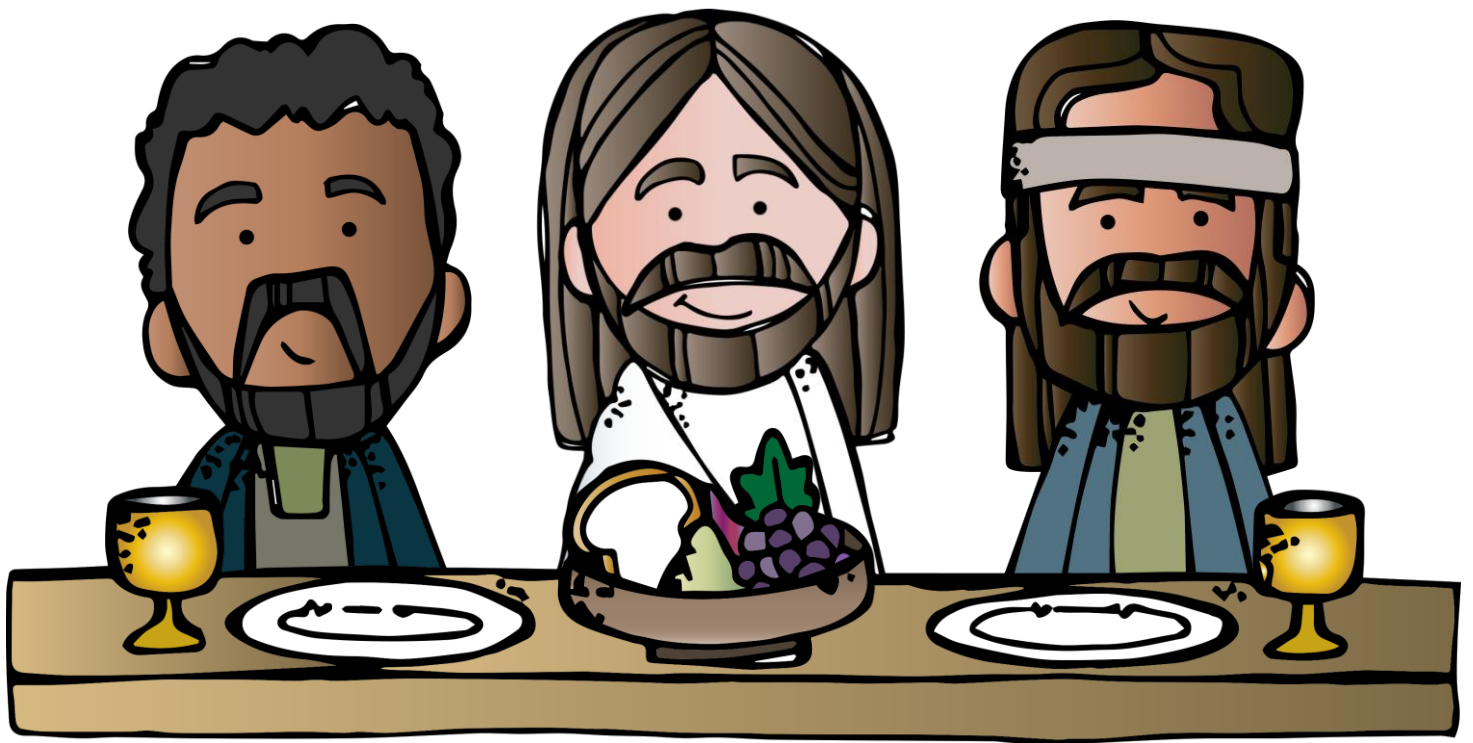


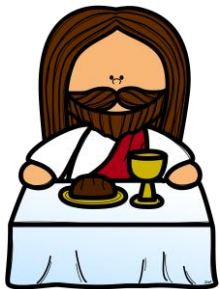
EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

THE LAST SUPPER

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS



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This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group together and read the story of the Last Supper from your children's Bible or preferred translation of the Bible. It can be found in Matthew 21:1-11.

If you'd rather watch the story, many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "The Last Supper Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch the video fully before showing it to your class to be sure it's appropriate.

Background Information

What was the Passover?

The Passover was a special meal that the Israelites ate to remember how God saved the people from slavery in Egypt many years before. They remember when God sent ten plagues to Egypt; the last plague was the death of the firstborn sons of every Egyptian. God told the Israelite people to take shelter in homes marked with the blood of a perfect lamb, and they would be safe from death.

The Israelite people celebrated Passover every year. Passover had specific foods and a schedule that had to be followed. For example, people ate unleavened bread (bread made without yeast) to remember that the Israelites left Egypt so quickly that there wasn't time to let the bread rise.

The Bread and the Wine

Bread and wine were part of the Passover meal. Jesus was giving these foods a new purpose when He told the disciples that the bread represented His body and the wine represented His blood. The bread and wine would now remind God's people about Jesus's sacrifice. Jesus was the new perfect lamb.

Communion Today

Churches today celebrate communion in different ways. For example, some churches do communion every week and others do it less often. Some churches use real wine, and others use grape juice. However, the important thing is that communion remembers Jesus's sacrifice because of His great love for us.

Step Two: Explore the story.

Share some of the information above with your kids to help them understand the story. Then, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

The Last Supper: Quickly map out the five main parts of the story.

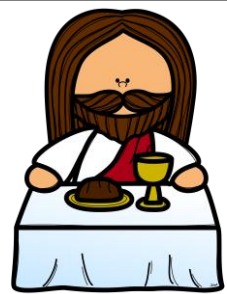
- The disciples prepare for the Passover meal.
- Jesus and his disciples eat the Passover meal together.
- Jesus shares the bread and wine (the first communion).
- Jesus tells the disciples that someone will betray him.
- Jesus goes to the garden to pray.

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 Why is this story called the Last Supper?	QUESTION #2 Who was at the Last Supper with Jesus?
QUESTION #3 What did Jesus do with the bread and the wine?	QUESTION #4 Does this remind you of anything we do today?

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Step Three: Share a meal and make a craft.

Activity: Sharing a Meal

This activity needs a table on the floor (fold the legs down on the folding table), food, and drinks. Gather kids around your floor table. In Jesus' times, tables looked like this, and people gathered on the floor. Pass out snacks and drinks. Talk about how your meal together is similar to the meal in the Bible story. Pray together and thank Jesus for how much He loves you.

Craft: Decorating a Placemat

In this simple craft, kids will decorate a placemat to take home and use during the week. Help your kids to understand that although communion is a special time at church, we can remember Jesus at *any* meal.

Give each child a placemat template and time to color it. If possible, use self-laminating sheets to protect the placemat when you're done. This will make them a little more durable to use during a meal.



Activity: Communion in My Church

Use the printable worksheet provided to lead a discussion on how your church participates in communion. Give a copy of the worksheet to each child or complete it together as a small group. The worksheet asks five questions

- 1. What are the elements?** These are the actual foods that are eaten. Some churches do bread that is pulled off in pieces; others have small wafers. Some churches use wine; others use grape juice. Explain what your church uses.
- 2. Who takes communion?** Does your church have any customs for who can take communion? Does it happen after you are baptized? Is it only adults? Some churches also have no formal rules for this.
- 3. When do we have communion?** Does your church do communion every Sunday? The first Sunday of the month? Does it happen during the service? At a special time afterwards?
- 4. What does communion look like?** Talk about the logistics for communion time. Do you walk to the front of the church? Is it passed around while someone prays? Do you all take communion at the same time when instructed? Is it self-led?
- 5. Other things to know about communion in my church...** This is a great space to add any additional details that may make communion unique in your own church.



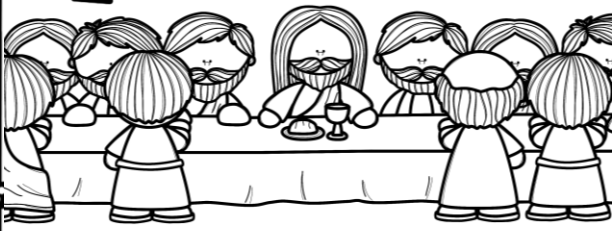
Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Last Supper' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Kids will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

Do this is remembrance of me. Luke 22:19b NIV

Big idea suggestion: Communion reminds us that Jesus loves us.



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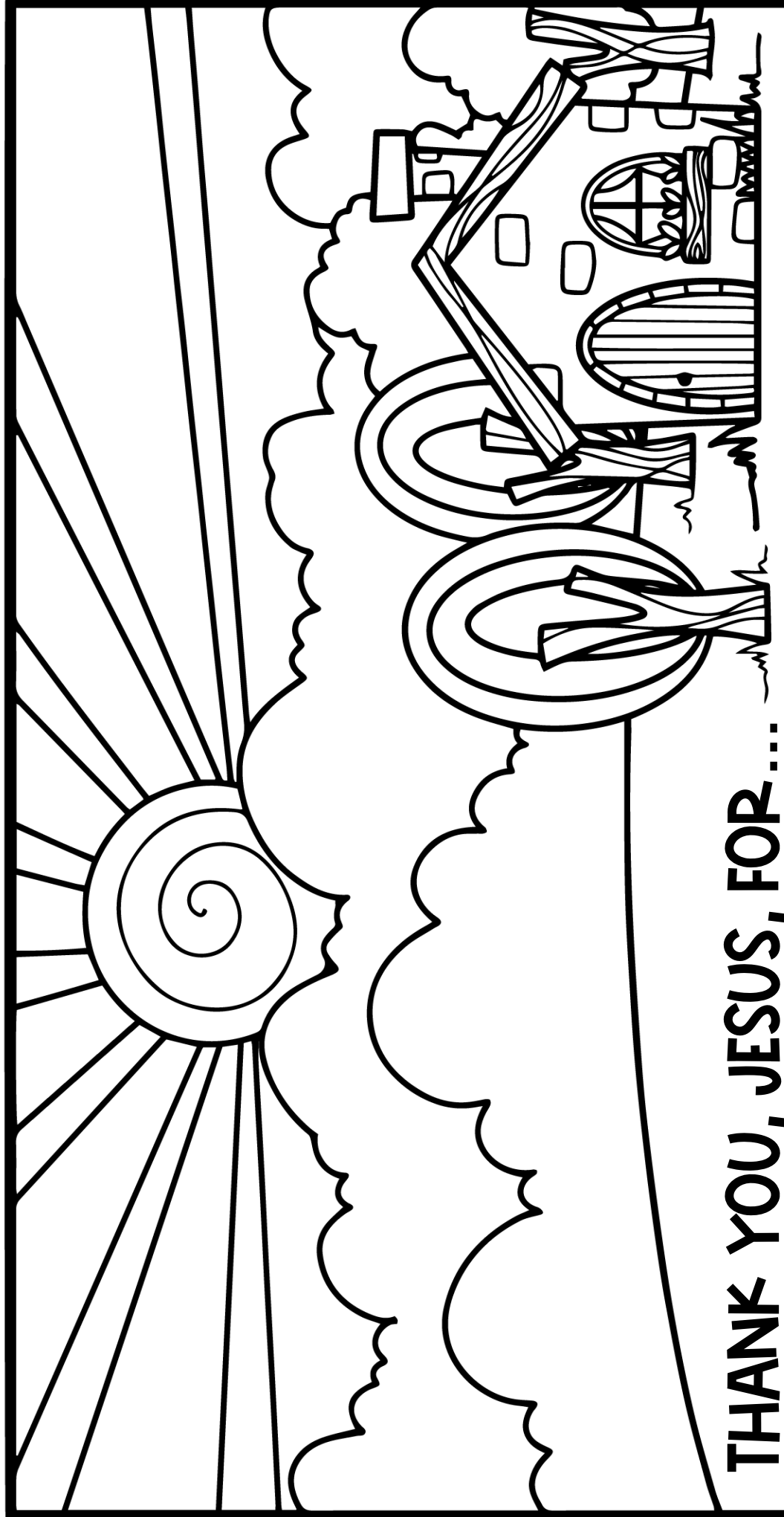
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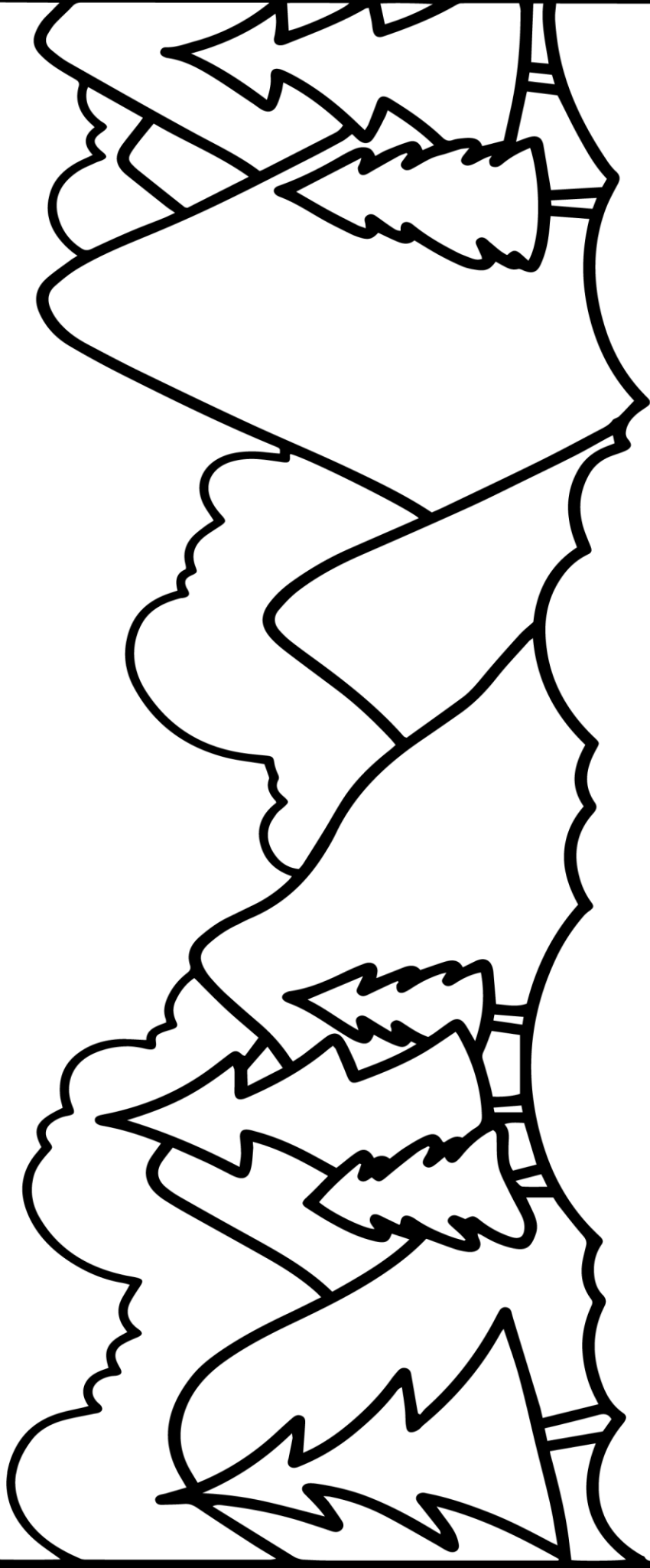
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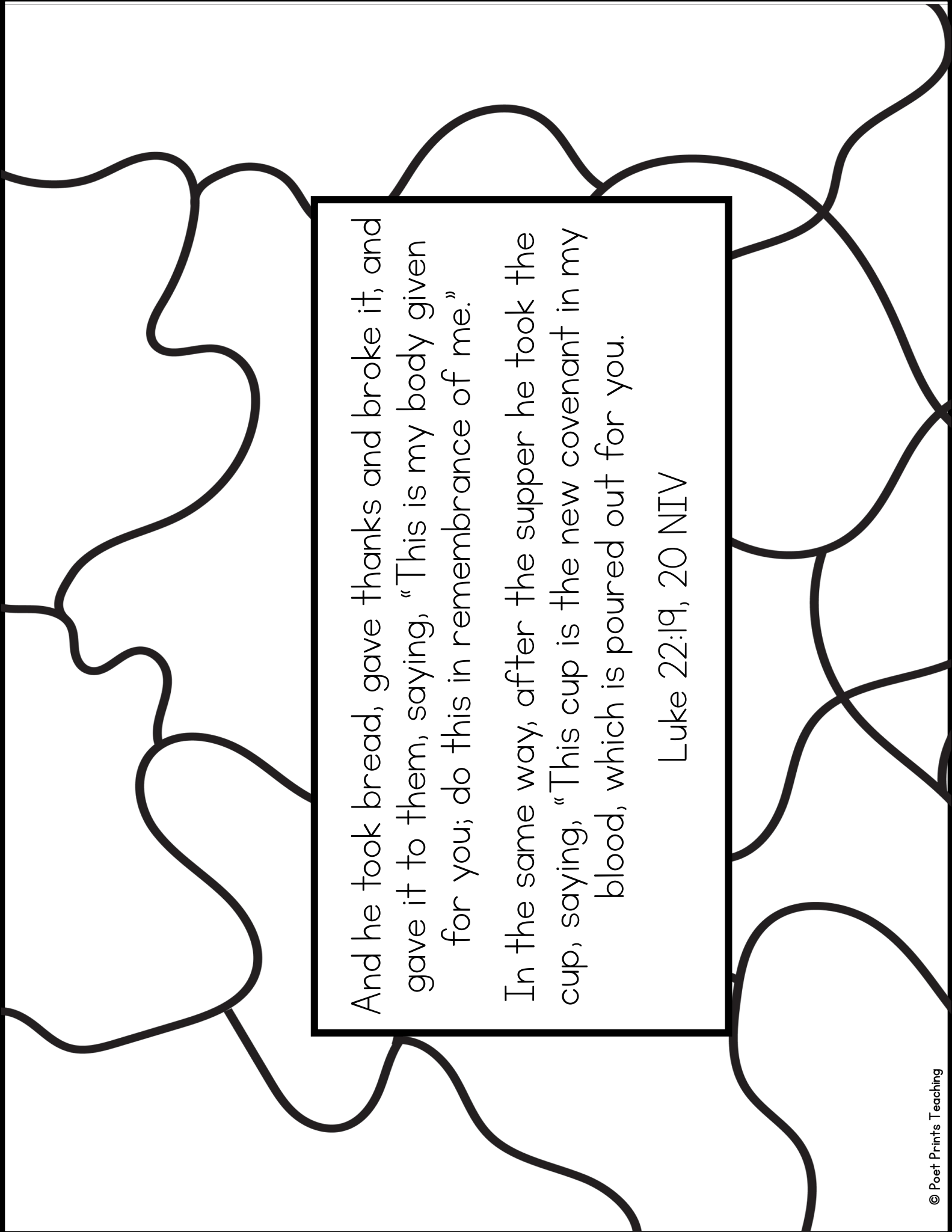
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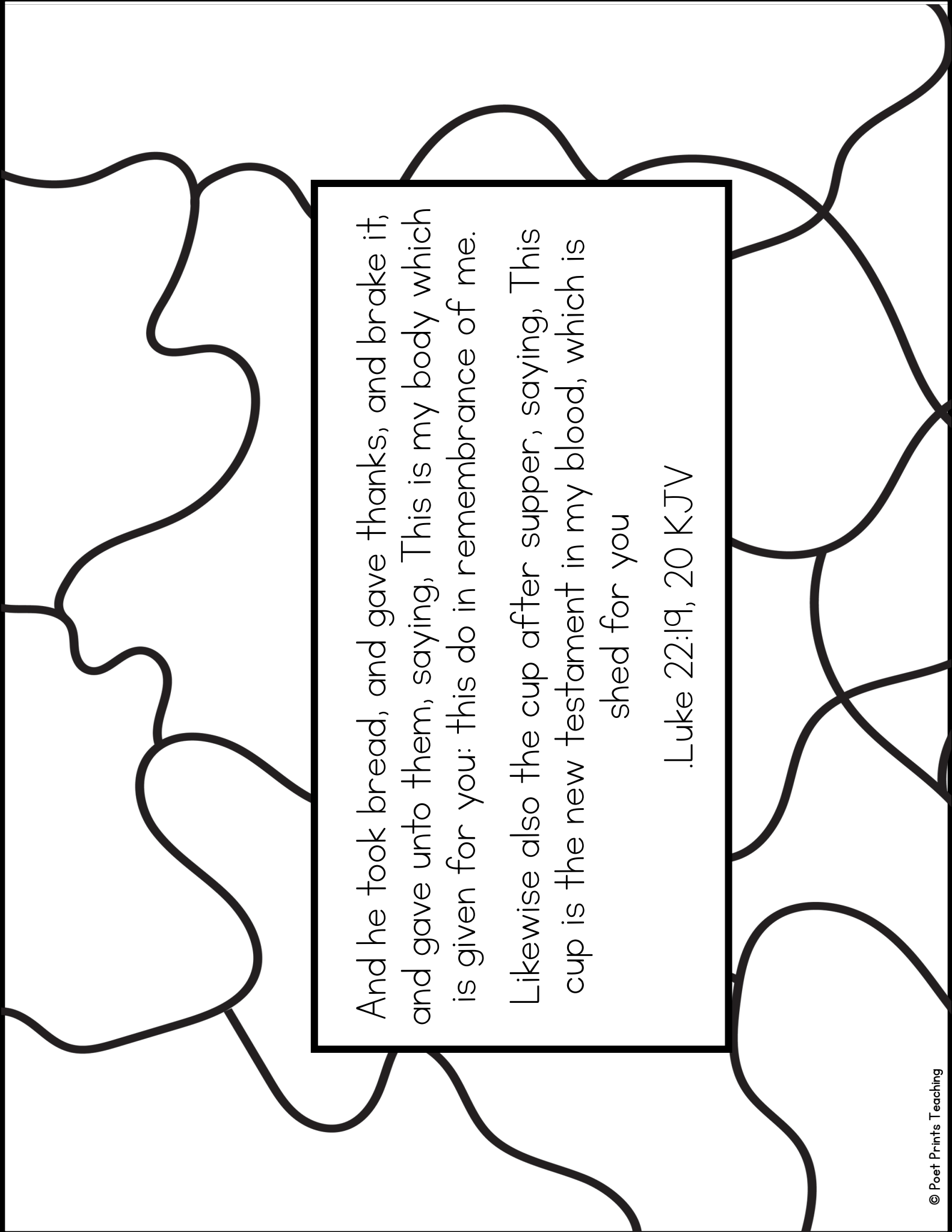
PRAY THIS: Thank you, Jesus, for the cross. I will remember what you did. Thank you for saving me.



And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Luke 22:19, 20 NIV

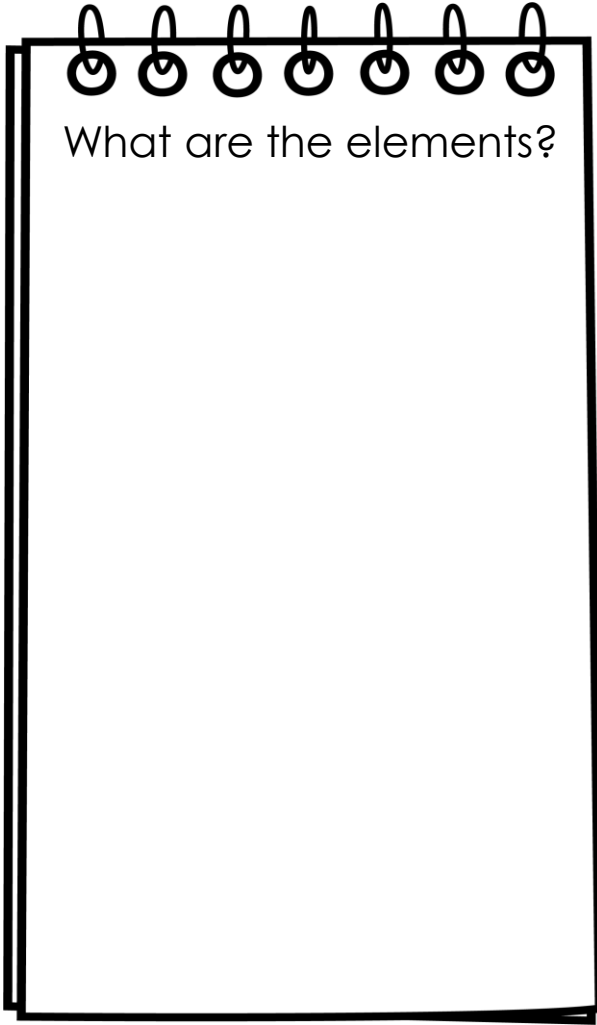


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COMMUNION IN MY CHURCH

A spiral-bound notebook with a large rectangular area for writing.

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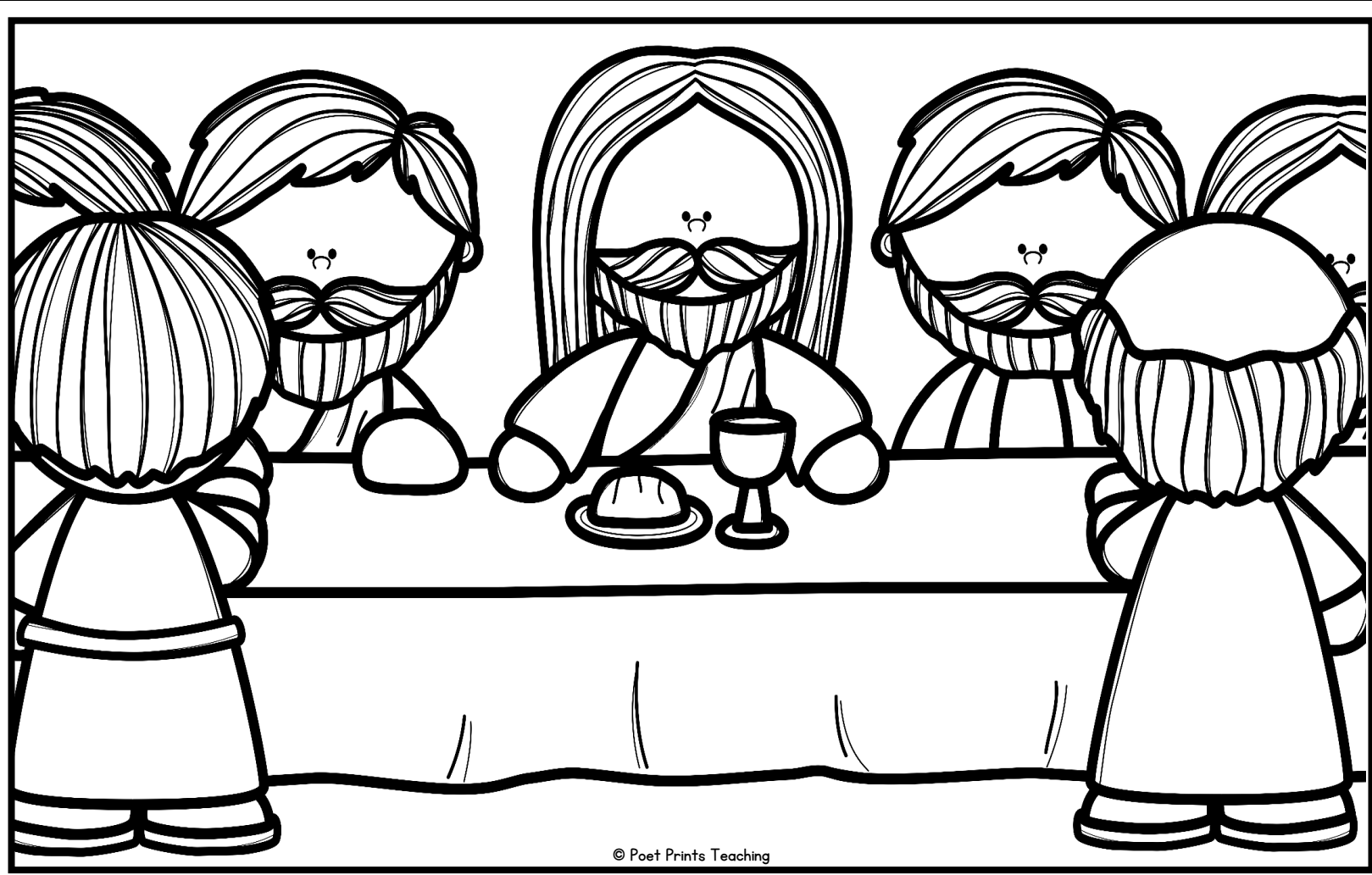
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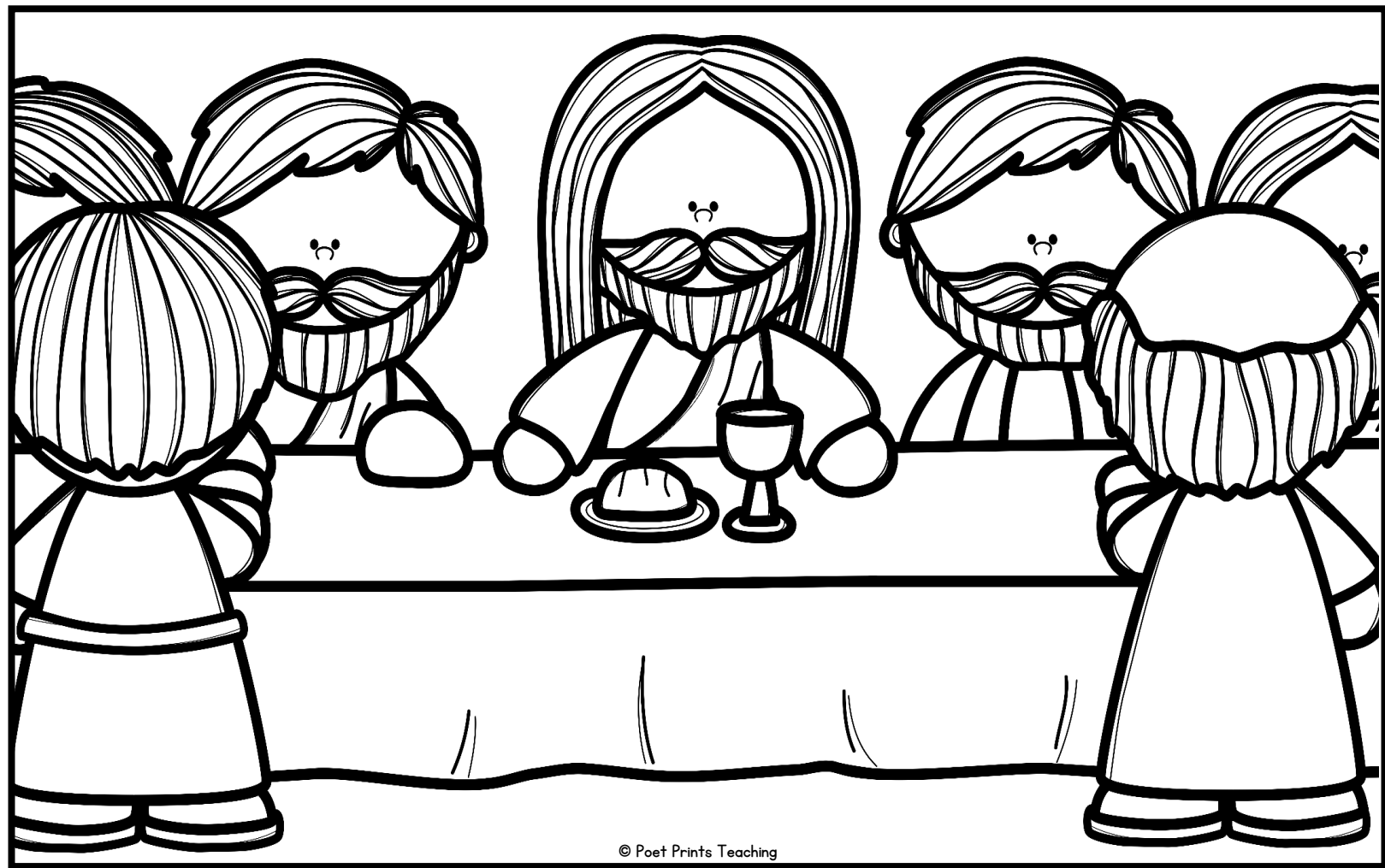


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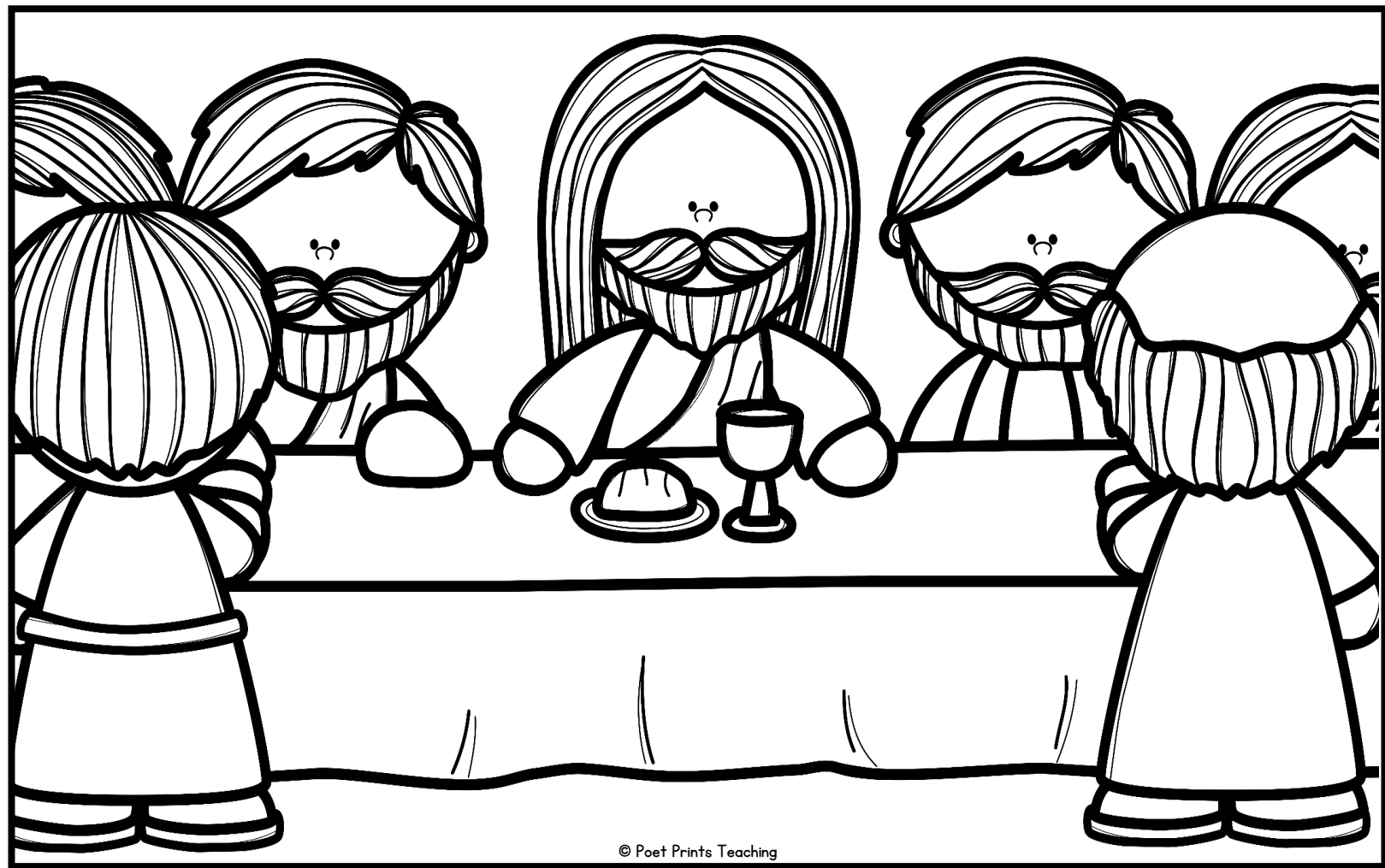
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