

Something Big in Jerusalem

Bible Story

The Last Supper

Scripture

Luke 22:7-23

The Scene: Jerusalem and the upper room

The Simple Setup: Stage left is Jerusalem; leave the stage open. Stage right is the upper room; place a semicircle of pillows on the floor for Jesus and the disciples. Place a tablecloth in front of the pillows and on it grape juice and bread.

For Extra Impact: If it's acceptable in your church, let the children share communion.

The Characters

Narrator: a storyteller

Jesus: a guy or girl

Peter: a guy or girl

John: a guy or girl

Crowd: kids willing to walk about making crowd noises

Disciples: kids who'll act out the actions described by the Narrator

The Skit

Select the role of Jesus carefully. Give it to someone who will play the role without hamming it up. After assigning the roles of Jesus, Peter, and John, form the remaining children in two groups: the Crowd, and the Disciples. Ask one Crowd member to carry a water pitcher.

As the skit begins, the Narrator is center stage. All actors are stage left.



Start the "Last Supper" track on *The Humongous Book of Bible Skits for Children's Ministry CD* (track 42). Set your CD player on "repeat" so the track repeats.

Narrator: It was the day of Passover, and Jesus and the Disciples were in the crowd gathering in Jerusalem. People were EVERYWHERE, preparing for the Passover celebration. See how the Crowd is rushing back and forth? First they're going left...then right...then left again...they're really moving! You can HEAR the hubbub.

Crowd: HUBBUB, HUBBUB, HUBBUB.

Narrator: And now the Crowd is just milling about. And the fact that it was the Passover wasn't lost on Jesus' disciples. Peter and John were especially curious about arrangements.

Peter: I'm telling you, we are NEVER going to get a reservation! Every place is booked SOLID! A few years back, my wife and I tried to get a place to celebrate the Passover on short notice—forget about it! You need to book ahead at LEAST six months!

John: And I'M saying I'm sure Jesus lined SOMETHING up!

Peter: Then why don't we KNOW about it? Someone should be getting things set up RIGHT NOW!

Jesus: Peter, John, would you come over here?

(Peter and John come to Jesus.)

John: See? I'll bet he's going to tell us where we're eating Passover.

Jesus: I'd like you to go fix the Passover meal.

Peter: US?

John: Have you ever TASTED Peter's cooking, Jesus?

Peter: Hey—YOU'RE the one who tried to make FISH PIE! Besides, where do we go to DO this?

Jesus: As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house he enters, and say to the owner of the house that the Teacher asks where the guest room is. He'll show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations for the Passover there.

Peter: Um...could you cover that LAST part again?

Jesus: Last part?

Peter: Yeah—everything after we meet a guy carrying water...

John: I got it, Jesus. We're ON it.

(Peter and John move to stage left, moving through the crowd.)

Peter: Great...there must be a MILLION people here, and everyone is carrying SOMETHING. Like we're going to EVER see some guy with a jug of water!

John: I'll see him.

Peter: You? HA! You wouldn't see him if the guy was carrying a CAMEL! The streets are just too CROWDED. Why, I'll bet...

John: Hey—THERE he is! Just like Jesus SAID! Follow me!

Peter: (*Grumbling*) Boy, there's going to be no LIVING with John after this...
 (*John and Peter cross to stage right, following student with water pitcher.*)

Pause the "Last Supper" track.



Narrator: Later, all the Disciples were gathered in the upper room. See how they're sitting together? Outside, the Crowds have thinned out as all over the city families and friends celebrate the Passover together.

Crowd: HUBBUB, HUBBUB, HUBBUB.

Narrator: I said the crowds had THINNED OUT! They're QUIETER than that!

Crowd: (*Whispering*) Hubbub. Hubbub. Hubbub.

Narrator: Better! In the upper room, JESUS was speaking.

Jesus: I've been longing to eat this meal with you before my SUFFERING begins.

Peter: Hey, this is a PARTY, right? What's with all the SUFFERING talk?

John: Shhh!

Narrator: Jesus took a cup and gave thanks. He passed the cup to one of his Disciples and said...

Jesus: Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Narrator: Then Jesus took bread, gave thanks, then broke the bread and gave it to his Disciples. Jesus said...

Jesus:

Narrator:

Jesus:

Peter:

John:

Peter:

Narrator:



To Talk About

- ◆ The disciples were preparing for the Passover, an important Jewish holiday. Who do you spend holidays with? How would you feel if you knew Jesus was coming to your holiday celebration?
- ◆ How do you think Jesus felt sharing this last supper with his disciples?
- ◆ Jesus knew one of his disciples (Judas) would betray him. Has one of your friends ever betrayed you? How did that feel?

Topical Tie-Ins: Friendship, Redemption, Betrayal, Family