

Communion Cups

Pick up a copy of the Communion symbols for each child (or find pictures of a Chalice (cup), bread, grape cluster, and wheat).

Each child will need a plain white cup.

Show the children the Communion symbols. Explain what each symbol means and have the actual objects available for children to see and touch. Invite children to choose symbols that are meaningful to them, and draw the symbols on plain white paper.

Have the children carefully cut out each symbol they have drawn, place it on their cup, and cover it with decoupage glue.

Explain that this will be a wonderful cup for their family to use at special meals. Each time they use this cup, they can explain to their family what the symbols mean and talk about Jesus' special meal with his friends.

Tip: Modge Podge® Decoupage Finish is a water-based decoupage. It is available from S & S Worldwide (www.ssw.com) or at Art stores.

Closing:

Say: Jesus said to his friends to remember him whenever they ate the bread and drank the juice. We have a special meal at our church where we remember Jesus. It is called Communion. At Communion we eat bread and drink juice and remember Jesus. Let's go around our circle and say one thing that you remember about Jesus. After each statement, everyone will say, "We remember Jesus."

Pray: Thank you, God, for Jesus. Help us to remember Jesus as we love and serve others. Amen.