

# COMMUNION

## Jesus' Family Meal

Do you ever have big dinners with your family? If you do, who comes to these dinners? What kinds of food do you eat together? What is your favorite part about eating dinner with your family?

Just before he died, Jesus got together with his friends (or disciples, as we sometimes call them) for one last dinner. At this dinner, Jesus told his disciples how much he cared about them. He even got down on the ground and washed their dirty feet! Then, while they were eating, Jesus did something very special. Let's read about it!

"As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many."  
– Matthew 26:26-28 (New Living Translation)

Jesus told his disciples to keep eating bread and drinking wine whenever they got together as a way of remembering Jesus and how he gave up his life for them. And, even better, Jesus promised that he would be with the disciples whenever they did this!

Today, we continue this tradition that Jesus started with his disciples when we receive communion in church. During communion, we remember how much Jesus loves us and how he gave up his life for us. And, even better, Jesus is right there with us when we receive communion! We might not be able to see him, but he is there with us all the same. Jesus is the one who invites us to come eat and drink with him!

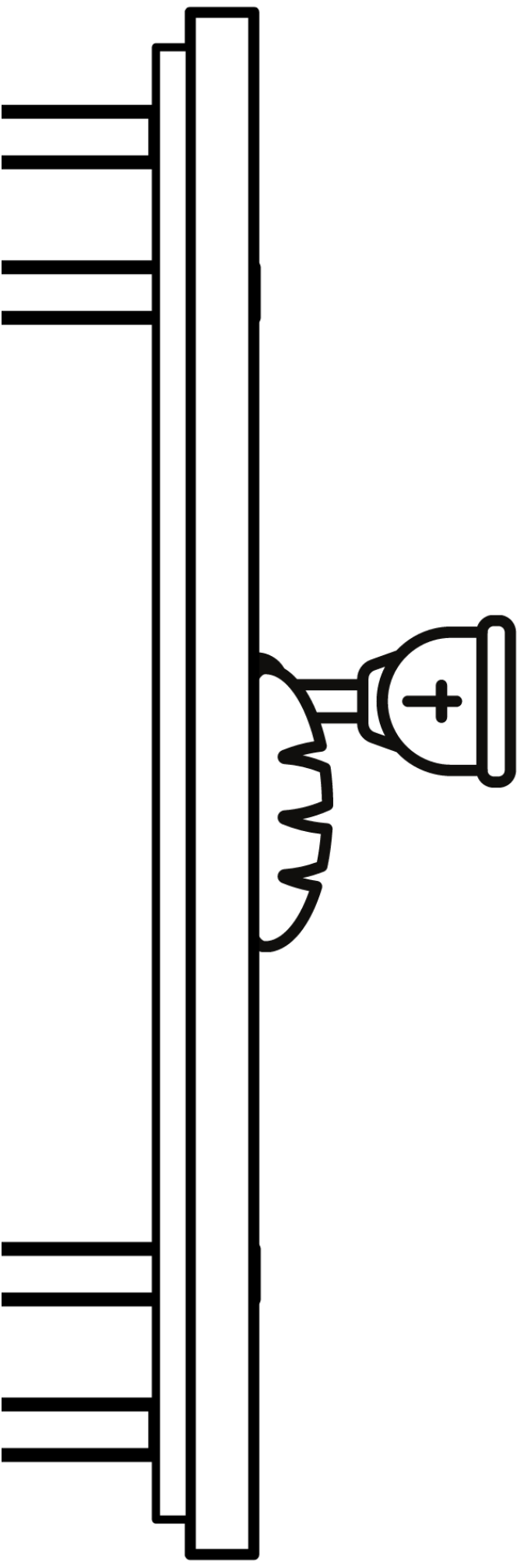
When we receive communion at church every month, it's like Jesus invites us to a big family dinner with him and the rest of our church family! Pretty cool, isn't it?



# Jesus' Family Dinner

Draw a picture of Jesus at the dinner table with you and some of your family or friends.

Remember, this is what Communion is all about!

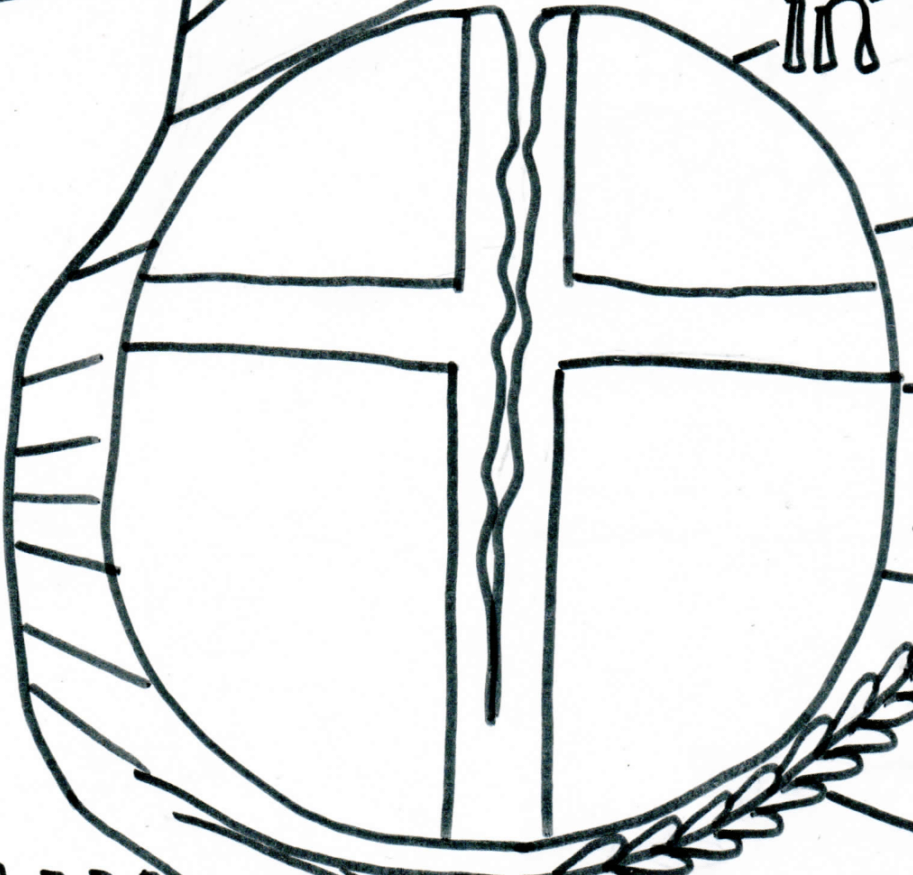
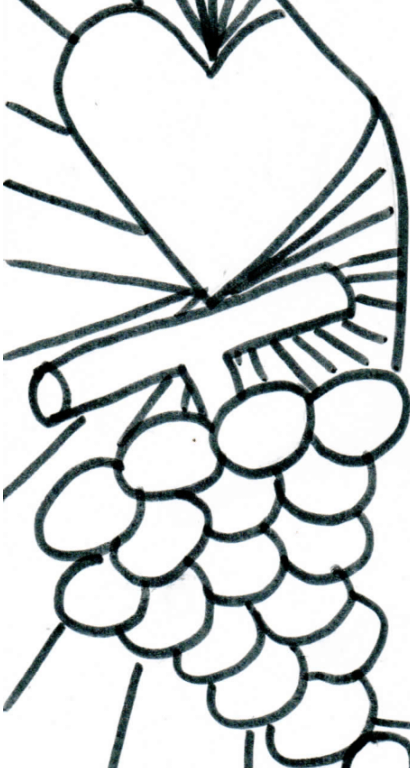


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