

Know what happened on the Last
Supper.

Reflect on how the Mass makes this real
for us.

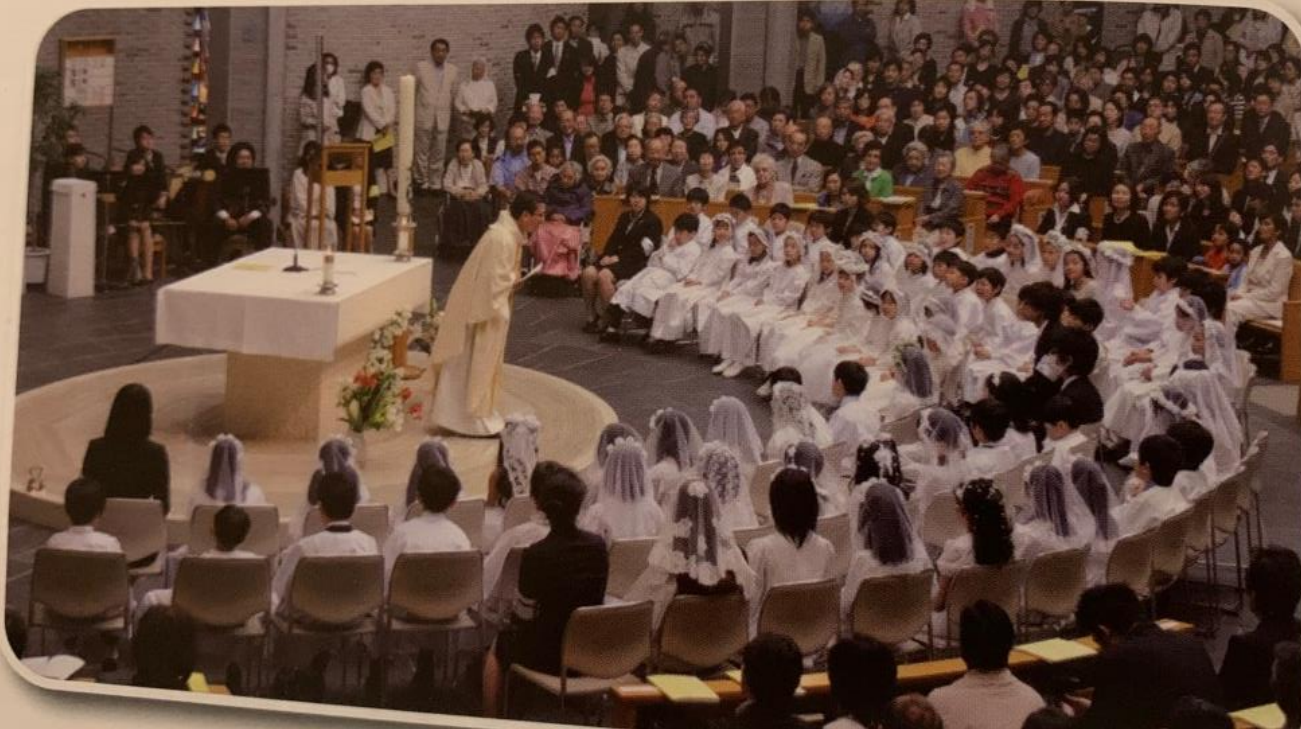
What are the most precious gifts you have ever received?

Discuss difference between material gifts and the gift of love. We will be exploring what Jesus does for us in the Mass so we can begin to understand His great love for us.

Read and discuss the following slides...

The Big Day

The children in St. Ignatius Church in Tokyo, Japan, had been preparing for many months for their First Holy Communion. They started by exploring how the Mass began, so we will do the same.



How did the Mass begin?

What happens at Mass happened at the Last Supper which Jesus shared with his apostles.

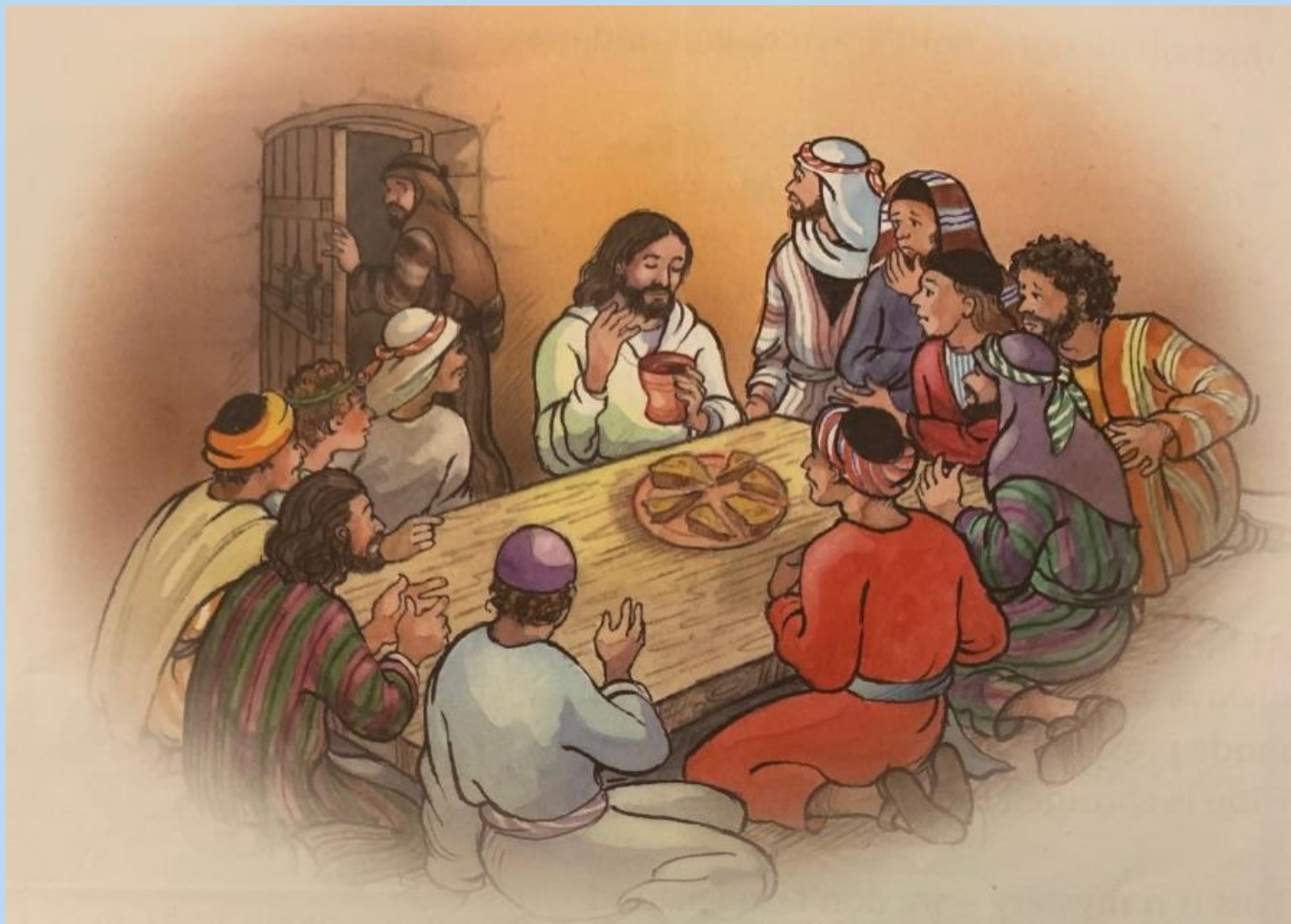
Jesus told the apostles that he would have to suffer and die, but that he would rise from the dead. Then, he would go back to his Father and send his Spirit to be with them. They were very puzzled. They didn't know what to say, so they waited to see what would happen.

It was the feast of the Jewish Passover. Jesus was a Jew so he wanted to celebrate this important feast with his very close friends, the apostles.

The Last Supper

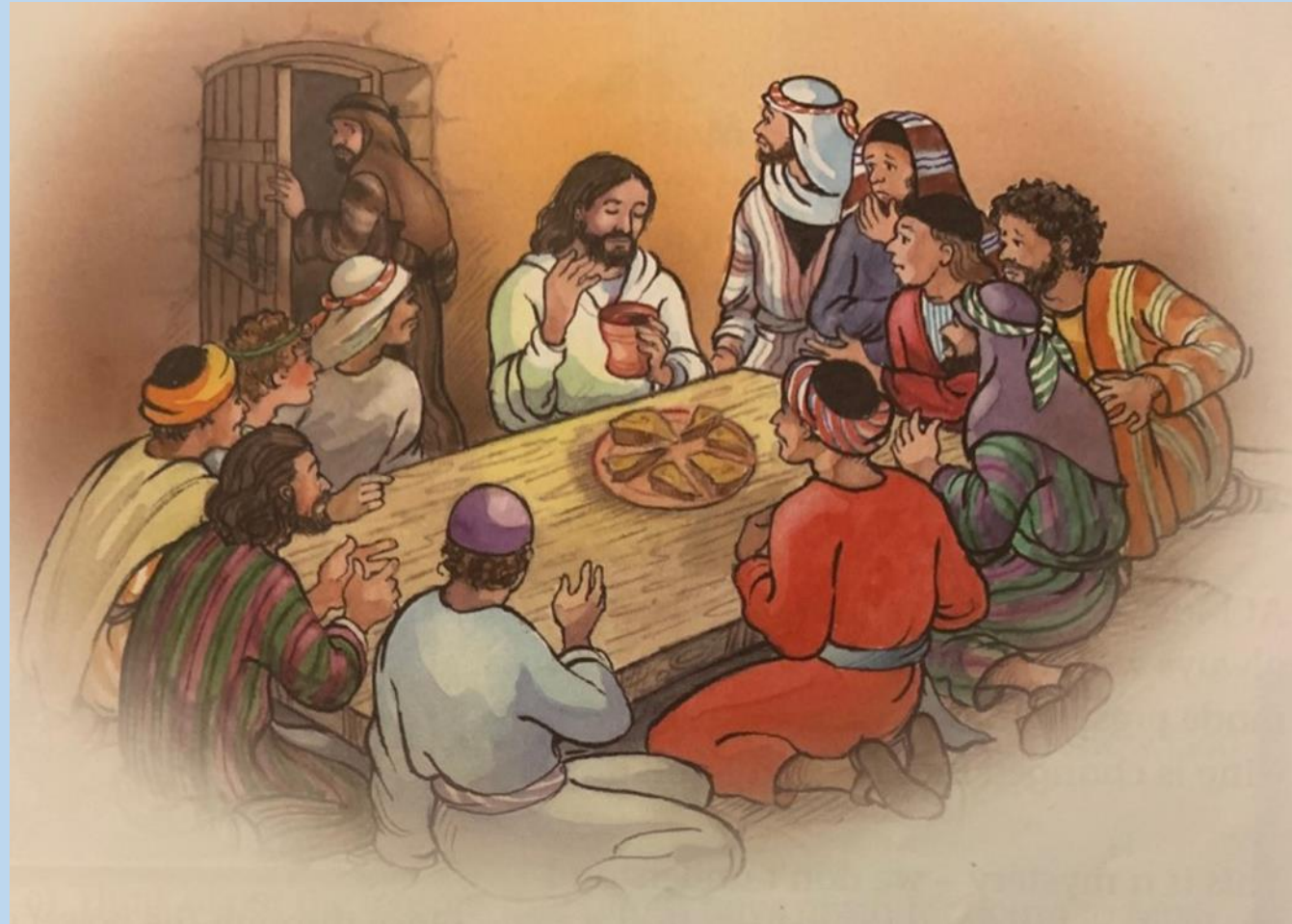
This is what happened. Every year, the Jewish people ate a special meal called the Passover meal. Jesus told the apostles that he had been longing to eat this Passover meal with them before he suffered.





So when they were all settled around the table,
“Jesus took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘**This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me**’. Taking the cup, Jesus said: ‘**This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood**’”

(Luke 22:19-20).



Activity

Study the faces of the apostles in the picture above.

1. What questions do you think they want to ask Jesus?
2. How do you think they are feeling?