

Family Fun at Easter

Maundy Thursday – 9th April 2020

Maundy Thursday is part of Holy Week and the day before Good Friday. The word Maundy comes from a Latin word which means “a command”. This is because of something Jesus said to his followers at a meal they had together on that day. This very important meal is called the Last Supper. During this meal, Jesus washed his disciples feet and commanded them to love one another as he loves us. He also offered them wine and bread to eat and drink as signs of his body and blood which he gave for us. You can read more about this in the bible in [Marks gospel chapter 14 verses 17 to 25](#).

Jesus and his friends were celebrating Passover which was a special time for Jewish people to remember all the wonderful things God had done for them – He had set them free from slavery in Egypt and led them to a land of their own.

Thought

Jesus now promises to rescue us from slavery to sin (the things we do wrong) and leads us to eternal life. God’s love is amazing. It’s the most amazing love ever! God knows each one of us individually, and he really loves us! Even if we forget to be loving, God never does. How wonderful is that!

Activity

Draw a picture of Jesus and his friends (can you find out what their names were and write these on your picture?) around the table enjoying the Passover meal together. Make sure you add in the bread and the cup of wine that they shared together.

At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples feet. Take off your socks, stand on a piece of paper and draw around your foot. This might tickle a bit! You could draw around the feet of other people in your family if they’re not too ticklish! Cut out the foot shapes and write or draw on the back of them places you like to go.

Put your hand on your heart. Sit still and quietly for a few seconds –can you feel it beating? God knows every heartbeat we have. Put your hands on your head. God knows every thought we have and whether they are good or bad thoughts, he still loves us. Look carefully at your finge tip and see the tiny patterns on it. Make a fingerprint on a piece of paper using ink if you can. Your fingerprint is completely different to anyone else’s. But God loves us all the same and He loves us completely. That’s wonderful isn’t it?

Prayer for today

Loving God

You love us so much that you sent Jesus into the world to show us exactly what you are like. Thank you for your love and thank you for Jesus. Help us to be loving to all the people that we have in our lives today. Amen