

9 Communion and Children



Communion – 1 Corinthians 11:26

“When you eat the bread and drink the cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.”



Communion

Communion is also called the Lord's Supper because the night before Jesus was crucified, he had a special last meal with his disciples.



Last Supper by Del Parson

The bread represents Jesus' body.

Matthew 26:26 tells us during this meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it. He passed it around to the disciples and told them to eat it saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body." Jesus said this because his body was going to be broken on the cross.



The drink represents Jesus' blood.

Jesus also took a cup and passed it around. He said the drink was his blood because his blood would be shed on the cross to forgive all of our sins.



Communion

When we take communion, we are not eating a snack. We are showing that we believe Jesus gave his body and blood for us when he died on the cross.



Why do we take communion?

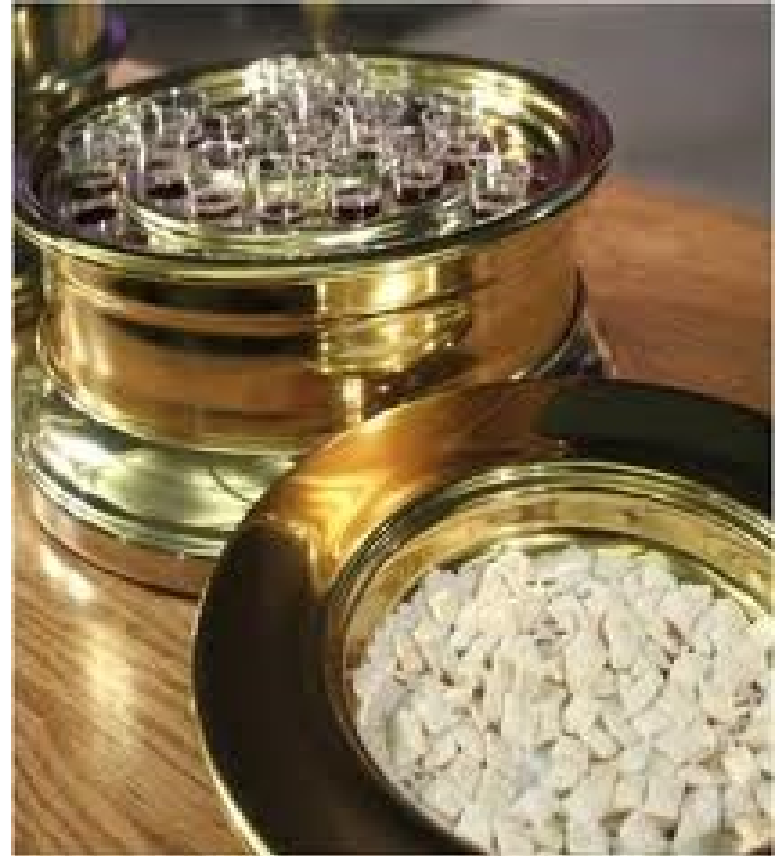
- 1) To remember and honor Jesus' death on the cross.
- 2) To show that we have asked Jesus into our heart and he is our savior.
- 3) To thank God for his grace in sending Jesus to die for us.
- 4) To thank God that our sins are forgiven.



Are you ready to take communion?

Do you believe:

- 1) God sent Jesus as a baby?
- 2) Jesus grew up and taught people about God's love?
- 3) Jesus never sinned and died on the cross for your sins?
- 4) Jesus rose from the dead and went back to Heaven?
- 5) When did you ask Jesus into your heart to be your savior?



Before communion we should:

1) Ask God to show us any sin in our lives that needs to be forgiven.

Ex. Disobeying parents

2) Think about what Jesus did for you, how he died for you.

3) Be serious and not silly or goofy means to be reverent.

4) Thank God for his love for you.

