

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



These children's worship resources are part of the World Community Sunday pastor and leader kit, **based on The Last Supper (you can find a version of the story in each gospel: Matthew 26:17–30, Mark 14:12–25, Luke 22:7–20 or John 13:1–30).** They can be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service with the other material in the kit.

ITEMS TO GATHER

- A globe or world map;
- Small pieces of different kinds of bread (pita, tortilla, challah, etc.) or pictures of bread;
- Communion cup (or grape juice box)

SCRIPT

Good morning, friends!

Today is a special day in our church called World Communion Sunday. That means Christians all over the world...people in Africa, Asia, South America, and right here in our own city...are all celebrating communion today. We are all different, but Jesus brings us together like one big family!

Look at this globe. Can you find a place you've heard of or where someone you love lives? (Pause and let a few respond.)

People there and there and there and there and even us right here are taking communion today! Isn't that amazing?

And look at this bread...different kinds of bread from around the world. Do you recognize the bread we use here in our

church? Just like the bread might look different, the people might look or sound different, yet they're gathered with church friends to eat the bread and drink the juice.

No matter who eats the bread or where they eat the bread, we all remember Jesus' love for each of us and how he taught us to love like God loves.

When we take communion, we remember Jesus and his life. We remember that Jesus loves us, and we are called to love others too. No matter where they live or what kind of bread they eat.

So today, let's thank God for people all around the world, and let's remember we're part of one big family...Jesus' family.

CLOSING PRAYER

Have children repeat after you phrase by phrase as age allows.

*Dear God,
Thank you for loving everyone,
Everywhere in the world.
Help us to share your love,
With all your people.
We love you God.
Thank you for loving us.
Amen.*

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