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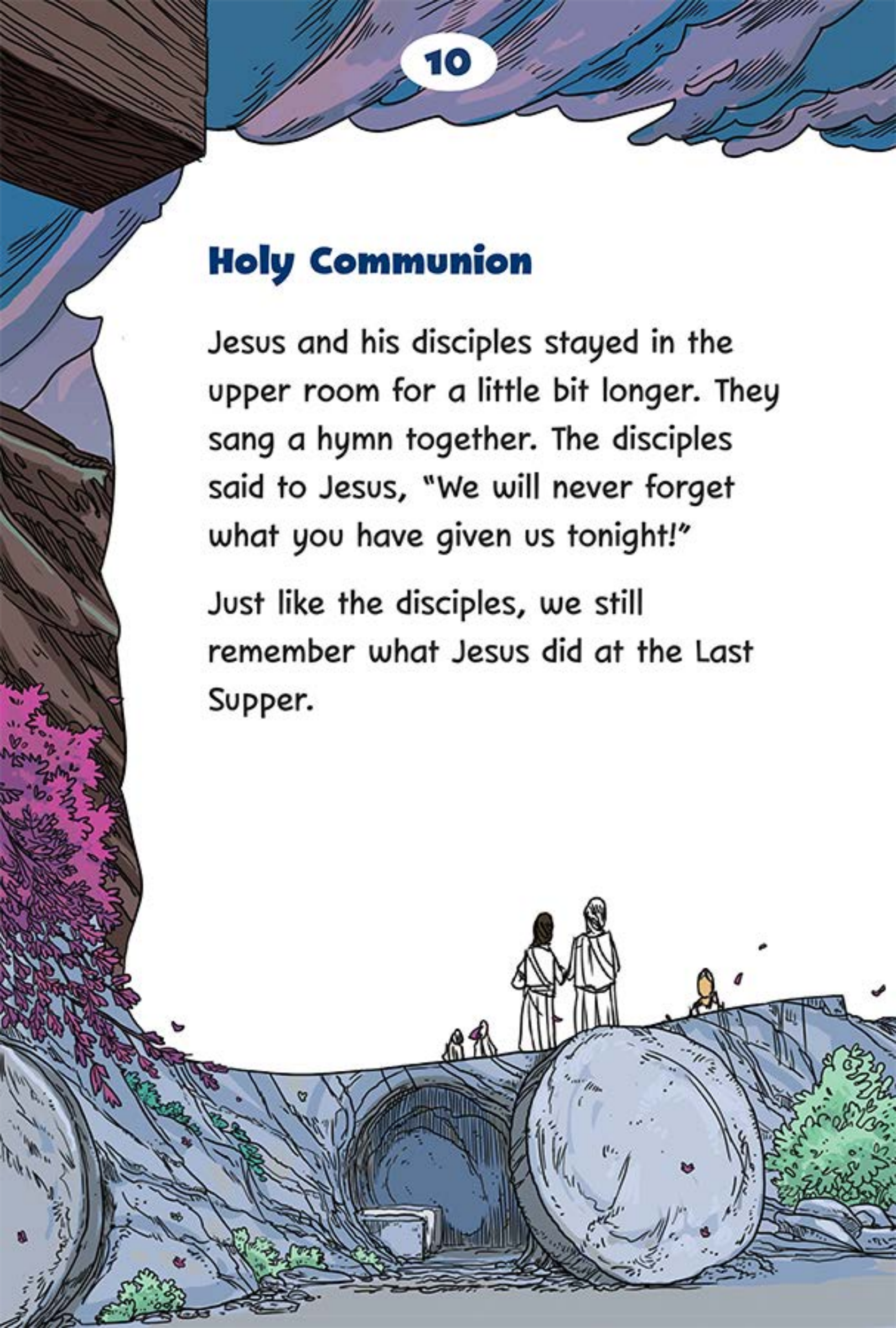
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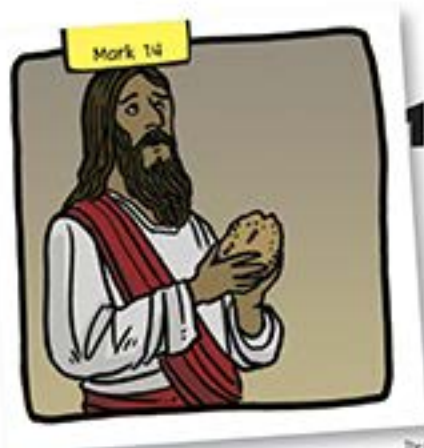
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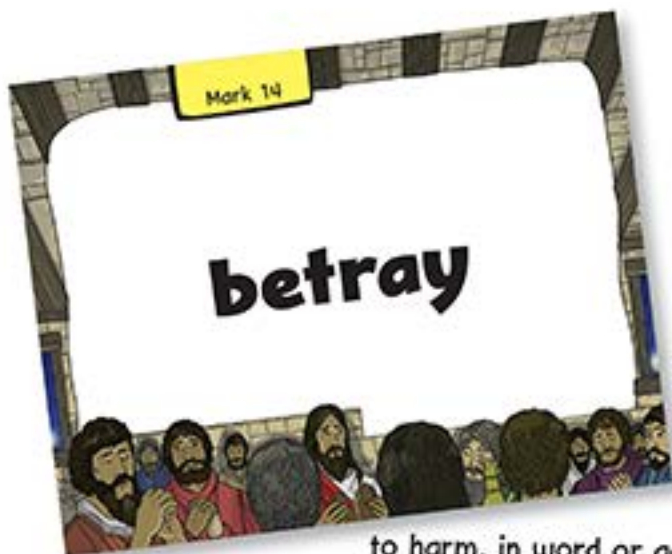
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The Passover Meal

It was a special time of year called **Passover**. Once a year the people of Israel remembered how God freed them from slavery in Egypt.

The people would prepare a Passover feast. They would kill a lamb and offer it to God as a **sacrifice** for their sins. Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The **disciples** wanted to fix the Passover meal for Jesus. They asked him, "Where would you like for us to prepare the meal?"

Jesus gave two of them **instructions**.

Jesus told them, "First, I want you two to go into the city. Next, look for a man with a jar of water. He will greet you. Follow the man into a house. Then ask the owner to show you to the place where we can have our Passover meal. Finally, when you are in the upper room, begin to prepare the meal for us."



The Betrayal

The two disciples said to Jesus, "We will do as you have asked!" So, they went off to the city. They found everything just like Jesus said they would.

Jesus and the disciples arrived at the house that night. They went upstairs to the large room and sat down at the table. They started to eat their meal together. Everyone felt there was something different about this night.

Then Jesus said to them, "One of you eating from this table will decide not to follow me anymore. One of you will **betray** me tonight." The disciples were shocked.

They said, "Oh no! Surely, it will not be me!" They were upset by this news. One by one they asked, "Is it me?" Jesus said to them, "You will see who it is by the one who dips his bread with me." Judas took the bread. Then he left the room.



The Bread

Jesus knew that tonight would be his last meal. He had something special he wanted to share with his disciples. He took a piece of bread while they were eating. They were all watching to see what Jesus was going to do with the bread.

Jesus gave a prayer of thanks. Then he broke the bread. He gave each one of his special friends a piece of bread. Jesus said to them, "Take this bread and eat it!" One by one they took the bread from Jesus.

Jesus shared, "When you eat the bread, I want you to remember how much I love you." The disciples knew this moment was very special. They listened to Jesus' instructions.

Jesus continued, "This bread is my body given for you." Jesus shared with them that his body would be broken on the cross when he would die for their sins.



The Wine

The disciples continued to listen to Jesus. Next, Jesus took a cup of wine.

Again, they knew that Jesus was teaching them something very important. Jesus gave thanks to God as he held up the cup of wine.

He offered each disciple the cup. Jesus said, "This is my blood. When you drink this, remember my blood poured out for many. Remember, I love you!" One by one each disciple drank from the cup.

Jesus knew he would be the final sacrifice for the people's sins. He wanted them to remember God's **covenant**. Jesus would be the **Lamb of God**. The disciples knew that Jesus would go through a lot of pain. Jesus would suffer so that the people could all be **forgiven** of their sins. Jesus told them, "This is the last time I will drink this wine until the day I drink the new wine in the Kingdom of God."



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Guiding Comprehension Questions

Literal Questions

1. What meal was held during the Passover?
2. Where did Jesus and his disciples eat the Passover meal?
3. Why did Jesus say the lamb's blood was his body?

Implied Questions

1. Who was the disciple that betrayed Jesus?
2. Why is this event called the Last Supper?
3. Why do we associate the sacrifice of Christ with the Passover, and especially with the Eucharist?

Applied Questions

1. What happens when you receive Holy Communion at Mass?
2. What do we offer to God in prayer and thanksgiving at Mass?
3. What are ways you can make a sacrifice and give of yourself to others?