

# The Cenacle



The Last Supper



We have on our prayer table a purple cloth.... We are getting ready for a feast. I wonder what feast this is?



Yes... we are getting ready for Easter.  
And I wonder what we are celebrating at Easter?

Here we have a special room. You can see what kind of rooms they had in the time of Jesus...



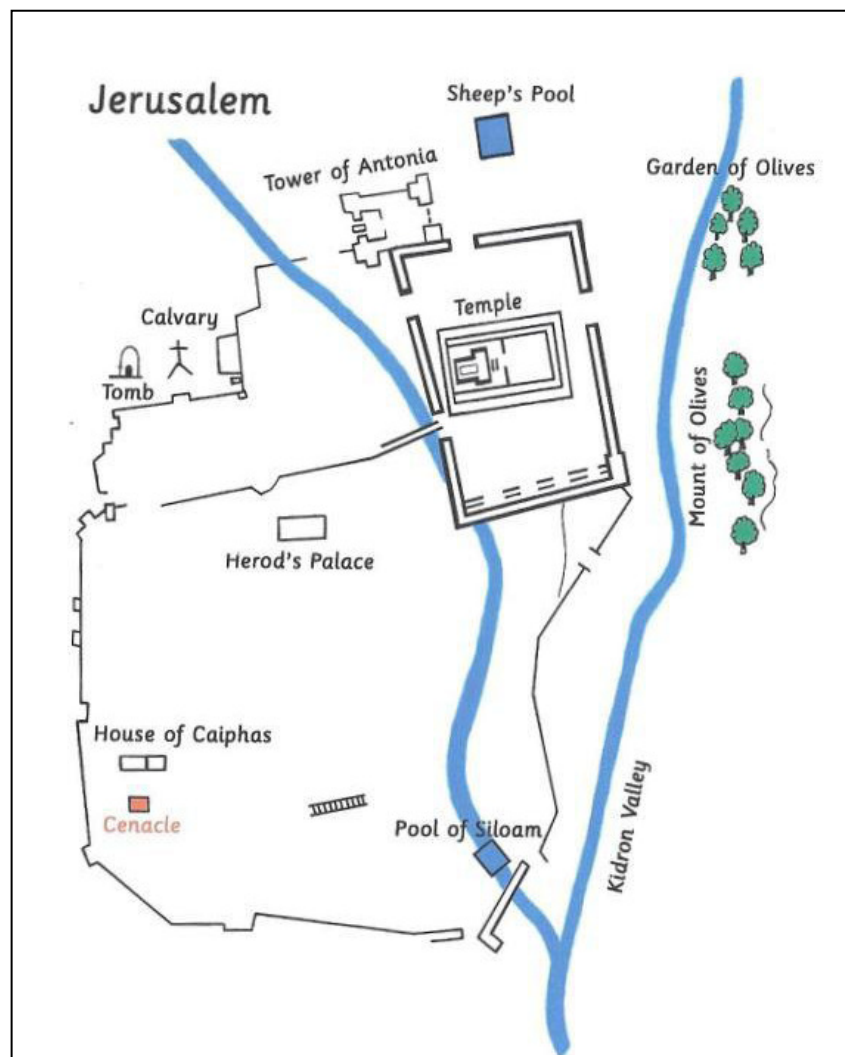
At the beginning of this story, Jesus friends were outside the walls of the city in the country.... We can see from the map that the story is taking place in Jerusalem, in Judea.

*(Take the figures one by one and the apostles; place them a little distance away from the cenacle.)*

It was a special day for them. It was the Passover.

They were having special prayers and a meal together.

They were talking in the countryside. The friends were asking:  
"Where will we celebrate the Passover"



Here in the upper room - which we call the cenacle - we have some things that will be used in helping them celebrate the Passover...

We have a table.... *(Place the table in the middle.)*

We also have a small chest.... *(Place the small chest at the side.)*

Now we light a candle, because we are going to be listening to God's Word.

*(Light the candle, and then read from the actual Bible.... Mk 14:12-17. 22-24, 26...)*

- 12 On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
- 13 He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him.
- 14 Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'
- 15 Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."
- 16 The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

*(Move two disciples into the cenacle. Open the chest and put the plate with bread, and the cup on the table.)*

- 17 When it was evening, he came with the Twelve.

*(Move in the rest of the figures around the table. Place the figure of Judas to the side... he was not actually present when Jesus initiated the Eucharist.)*





- 22 While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."
- 23 Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it.
- 24 He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."



- 26 Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*(Move the disciples away from the cenacle.... Beside, but within sight. Then extinguish the candle.)*



When Jesus went to the Garden of Olives with His Friends, he was taken away to be crucified.

*(Put crucifix on the table)*



- They took his body down from the cross and placed it in a tomb.

*(Remove crucifix and place it out of sight - behind cenacle.)*

- Then the friends went home.
- They went home to rest because they weren't allowed to work on the Sabbath.
- Next day they went to prepare the body... but an angel told them he was risen.

*(Place candles on the table and light them. Song: "He is alive.".)*

- This is a work that you can do.
- You may think about:
  - the words: this is my body, this is my blood.
    - About the women who came to the tomb;
    - About how Jesus was alive even after he had been dead.



