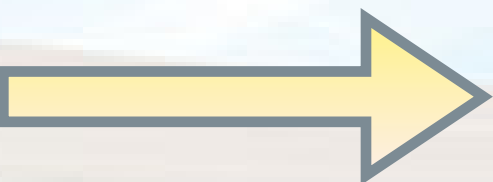


# Christian Rites of Passage

Learning Objective:

To learn about Holy Communion.





There are some groups of people that are a part of Christianity but have different ways of worshipping.

Do you know any?

Catholic

Lutheran

Church of  
England

Protestant

Anglican

These religious groups are a part of Christianity. They share the same basic beliefs but worship in different ways.



They all believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

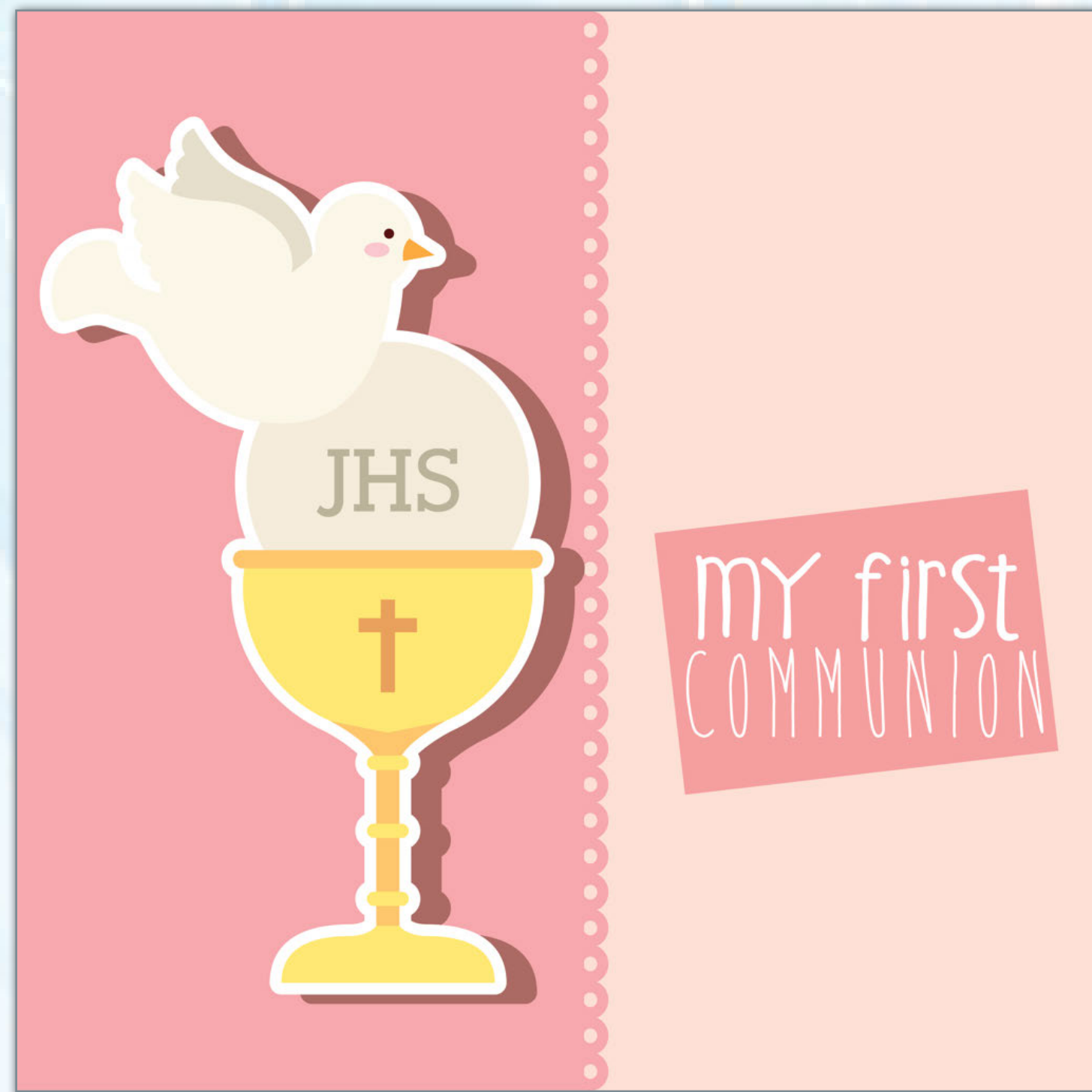




The Catholic church is a denomination of Christianity. Today we are going to look at one of the Catholic rites of passage.

What do you think it is?

# It's Holy Communion!



All Christians take Holy Communion. The first Holy Communion for Catholics is extra special.

Why is the first Holy  
Communion special for  
Catholics?

Do you know what Holy  
Communion is?





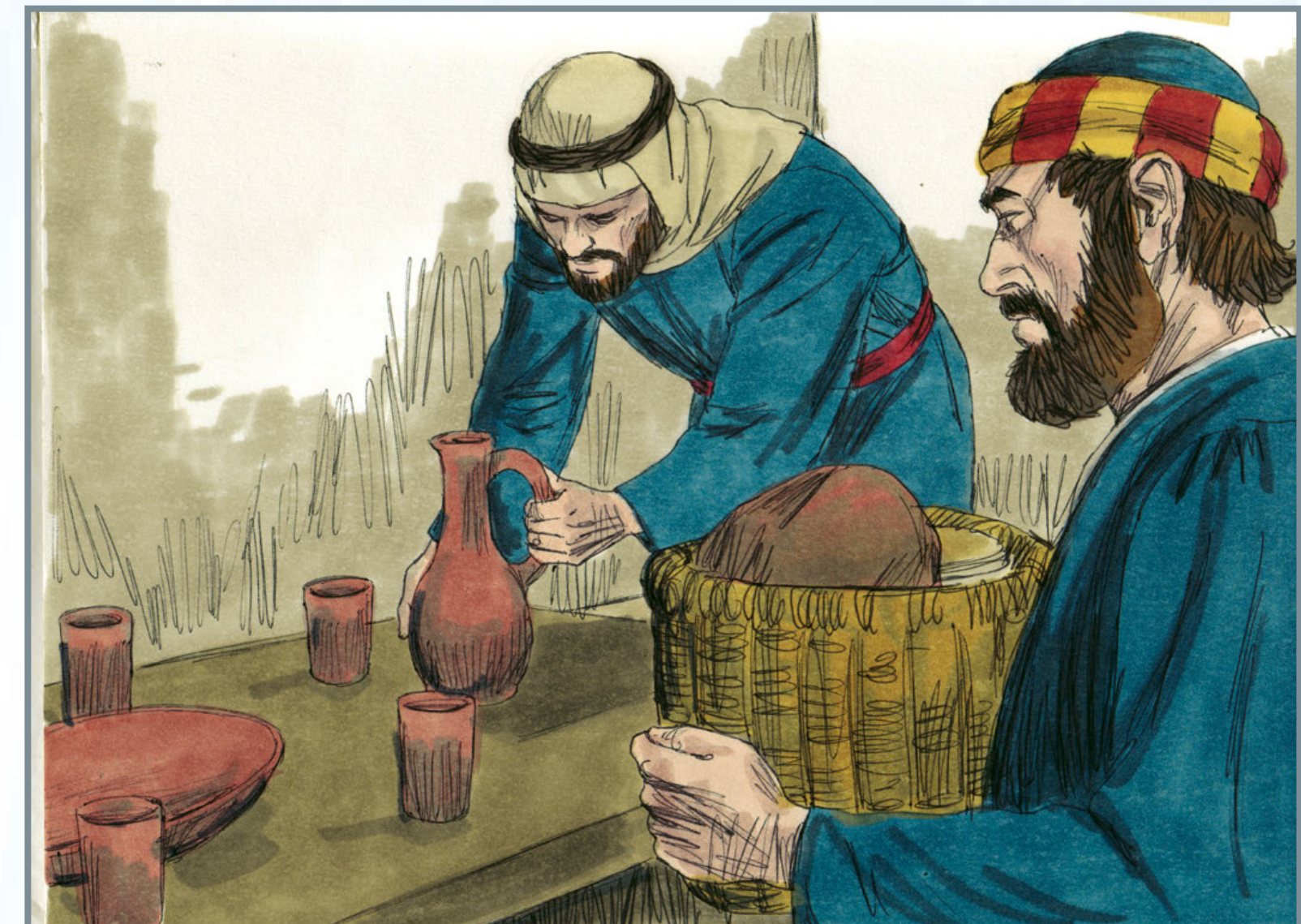
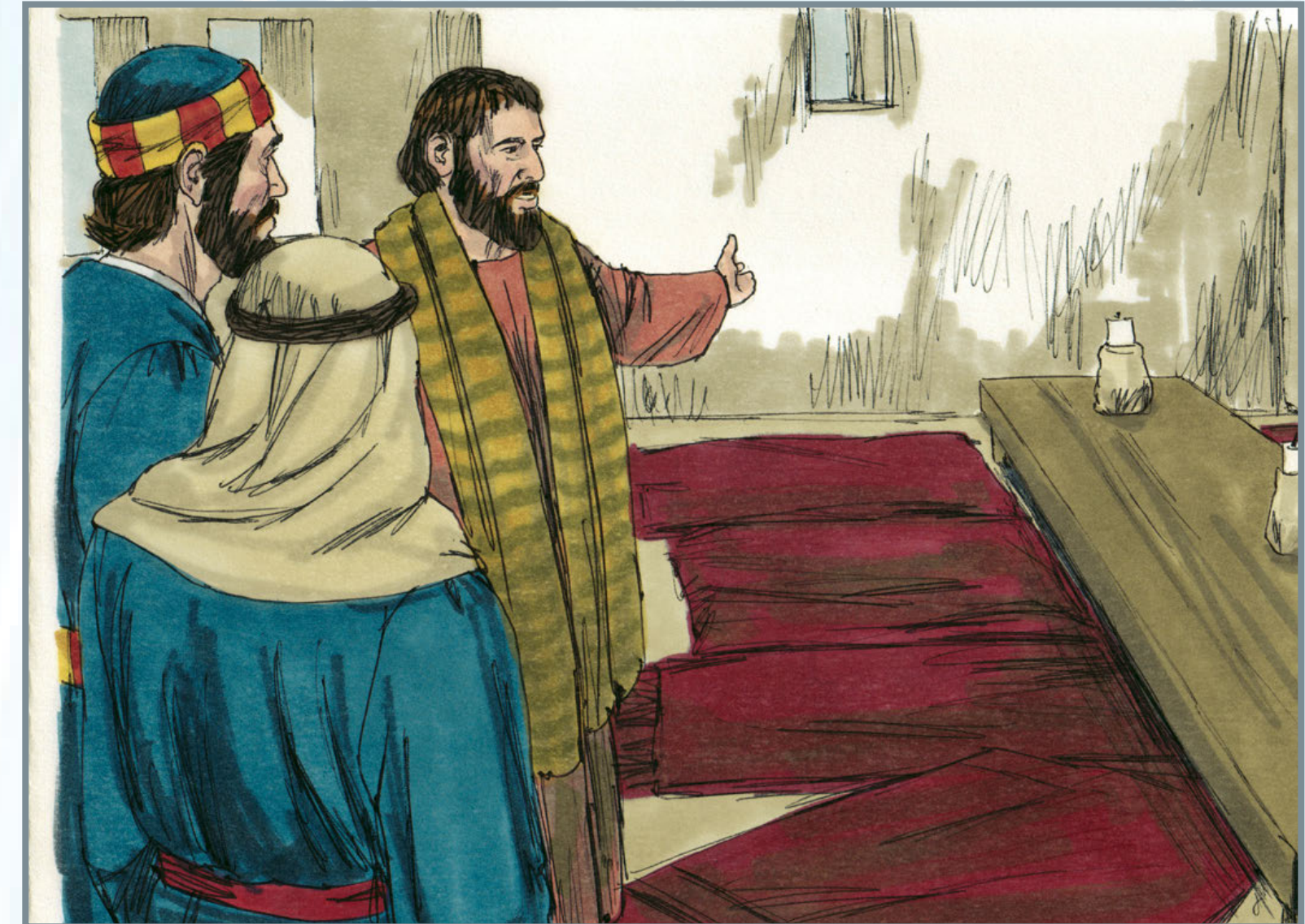


Let's read a  
story called "The Last  
Supper".  
It will help us  
understand what Holy  
Communion is.



During the week before Passover Jesus sent two of his disciples, John and Peter, to find a room. This room would be the place to eat the last supper before Passover.

John and Peter found a room with a table and couches in it. They left the room and brought back a lamb, vegetables and thin wafer bread for the supper.





Jesus knew that one of his disciples would betray him and tell the chief priest where he was eating the last supper. The priest's soldiers would come and take Jesus away. Jesus knew this would happen during the last supper. He wanted to make sure all his disciples were there.

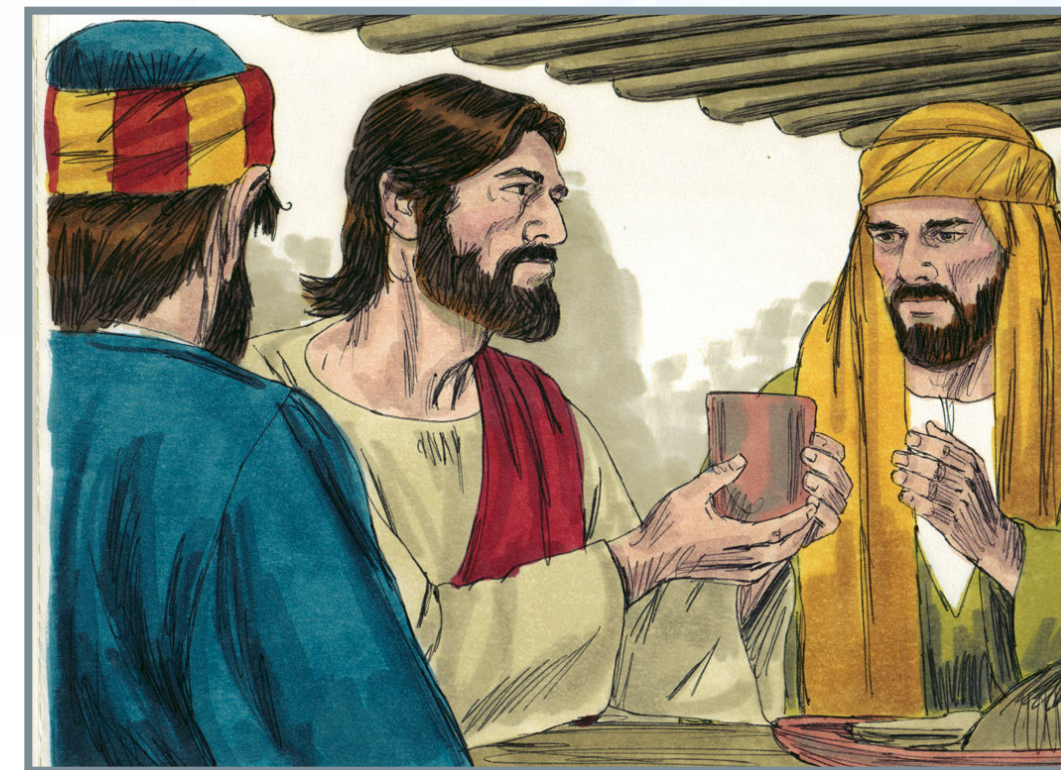
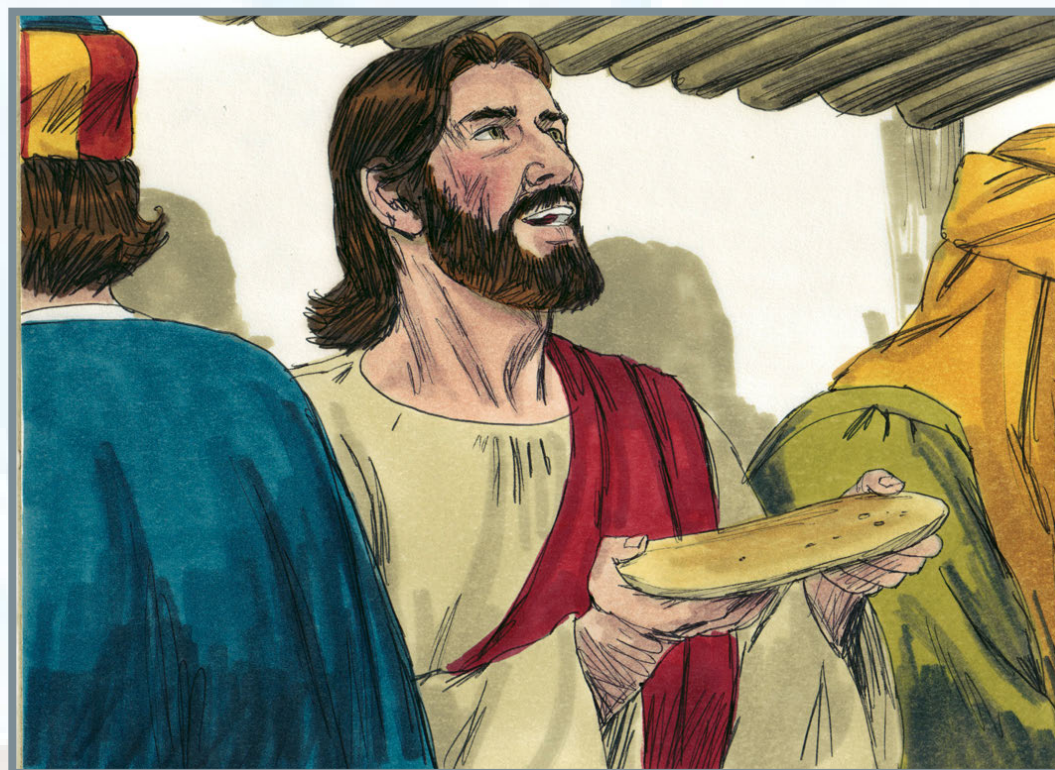




While Jesus and his disciples were eating, Jesus took the bread and gave thanks. He broke the bread and passed it to the others, saying:

“Take this and eat this. It is my body which is broken for you.”  
Afterwards, he took the cup of wine and passed it to the others, saying:

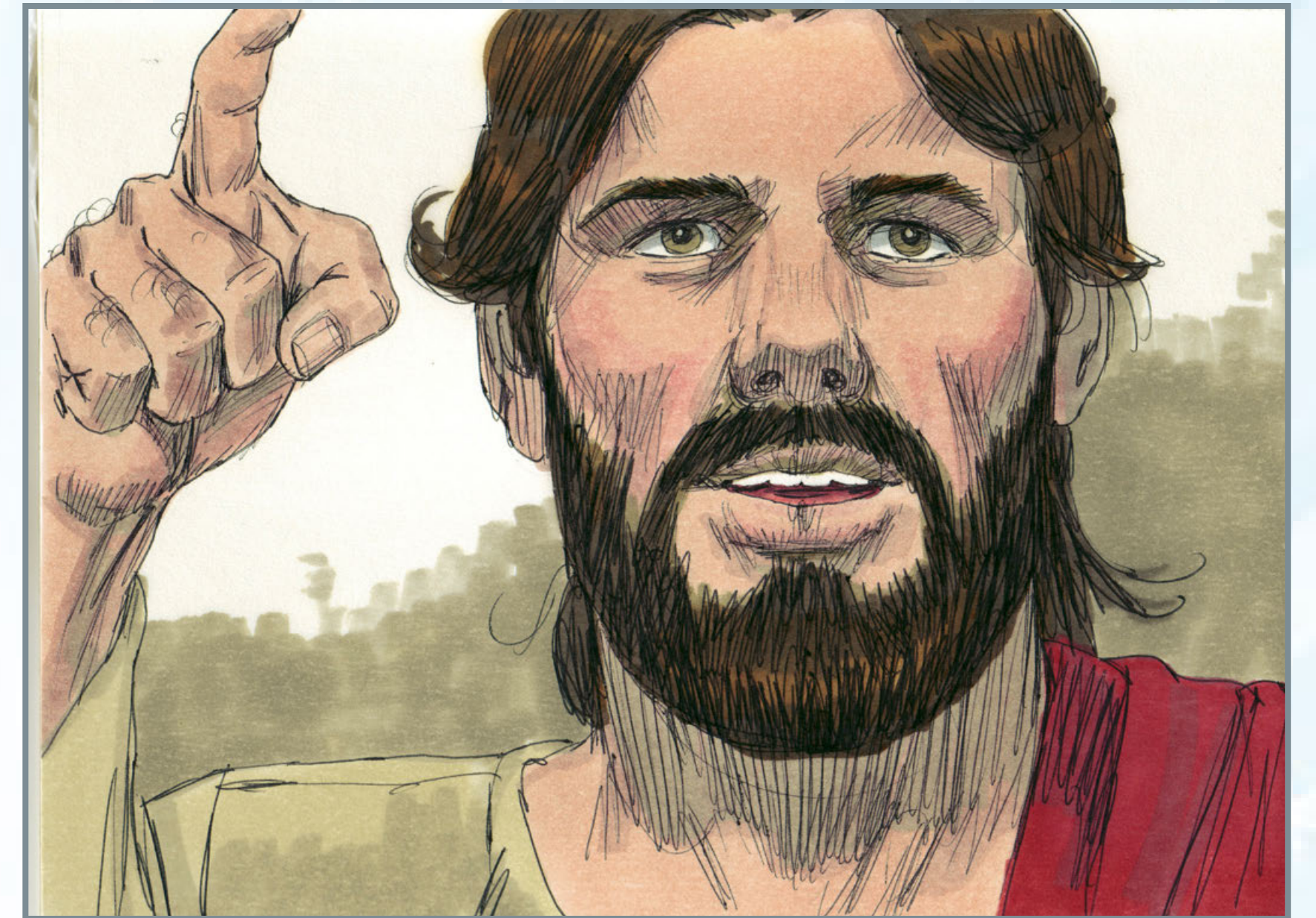
“This wine is my blood shed for you. Drink this and remember me.”





Jesus knew that Judas was the disciple who had betrayed him. When Judas found out about this, he left the supper to tell the chief priest that Jesus knew.

Jesus then told the rest of his disciples he had to go somewhere, but couldn't tell them where. They all talked for a long time then Jesus left the supper room at midnight.







So, what is Holy  
Communion?

It is receiving Jesus  
Christ in the sacrament  
of bread and wine.





Christians eat the bread and drink the wine as it symbolises what Jesus taught his disciples during the Last Supper.



The first time Catholics take Holy Communion they mark it as a rite of passage, a special event.



Children aged between seven and eight have their first Holy Communion ceremony.

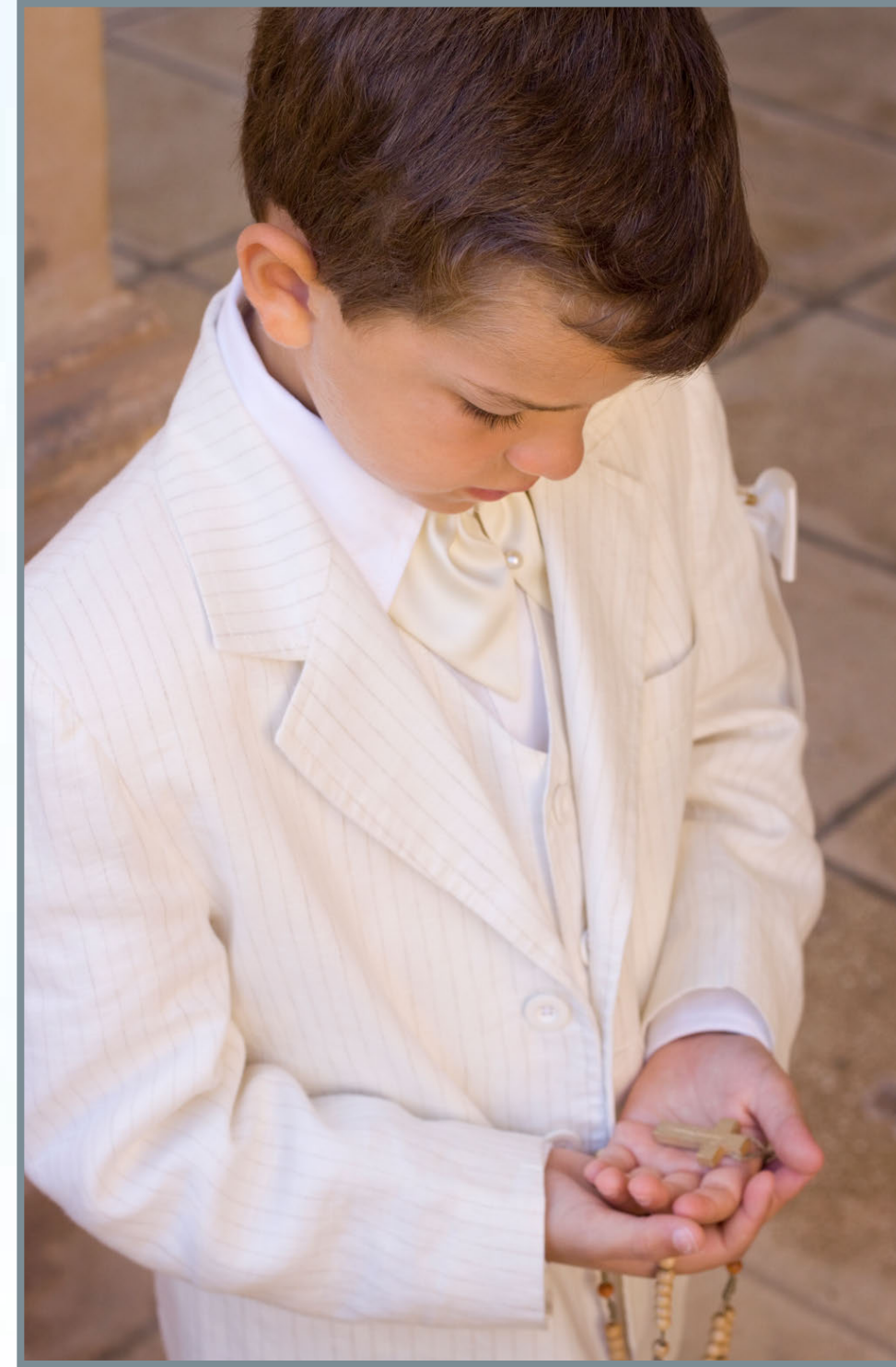
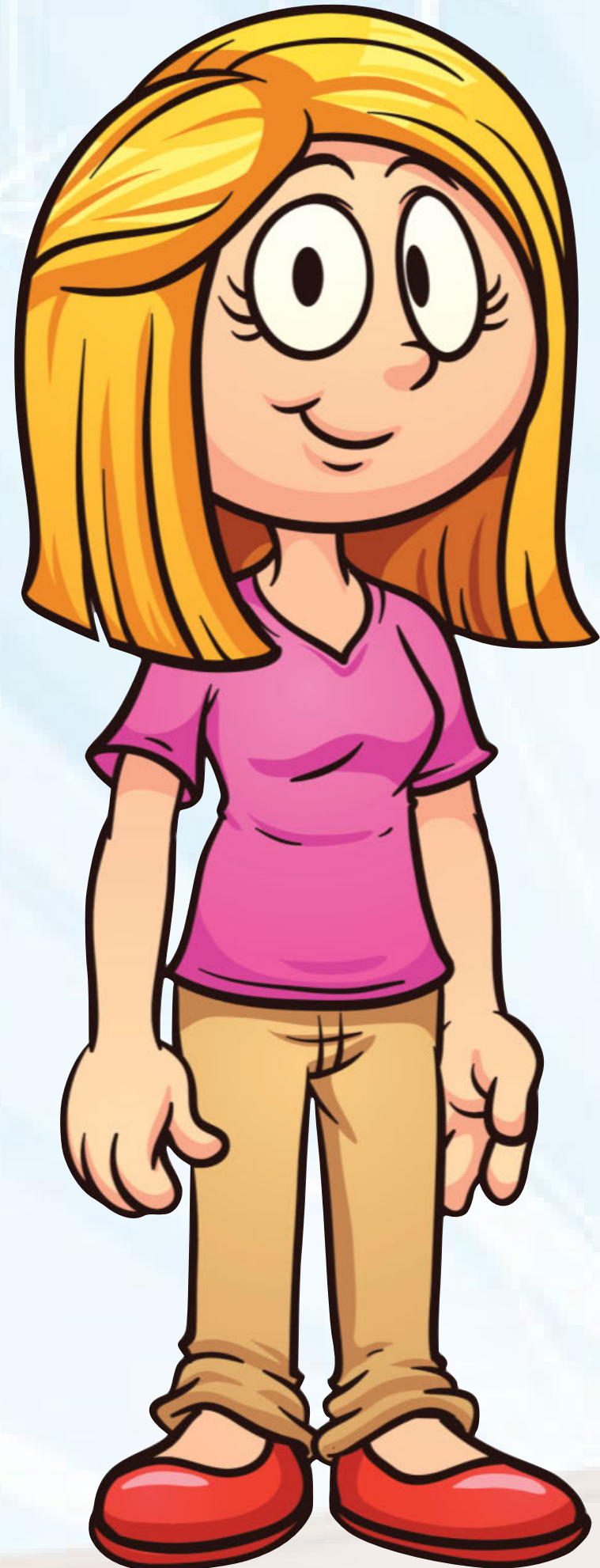
During the ceremony, children approach the priest and receive communion. The communion is the wafer bread, which they eat.

The wafer bread is soaked in wine which represents the body and blood of Christ.



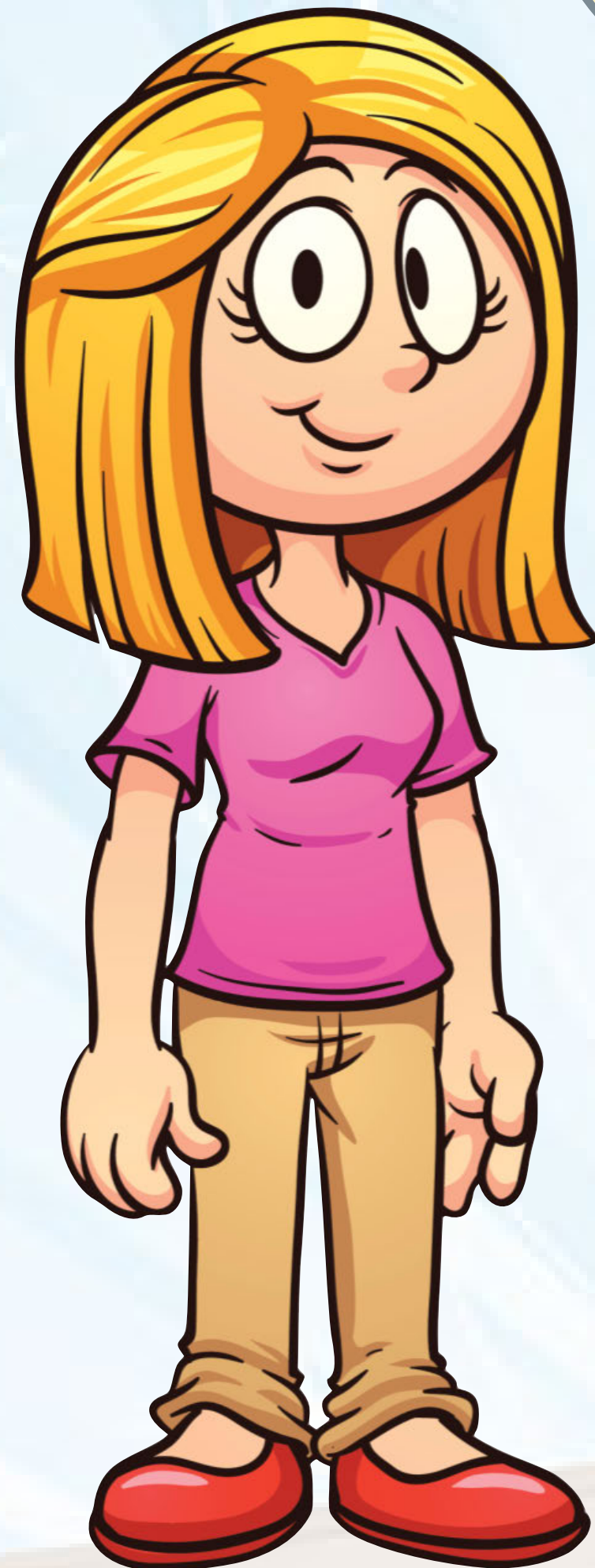


Girls and boys wear white when taking their first communion. This symbolises purity.





Usually, the family holds a party to celebrate this major event.





# Plenary

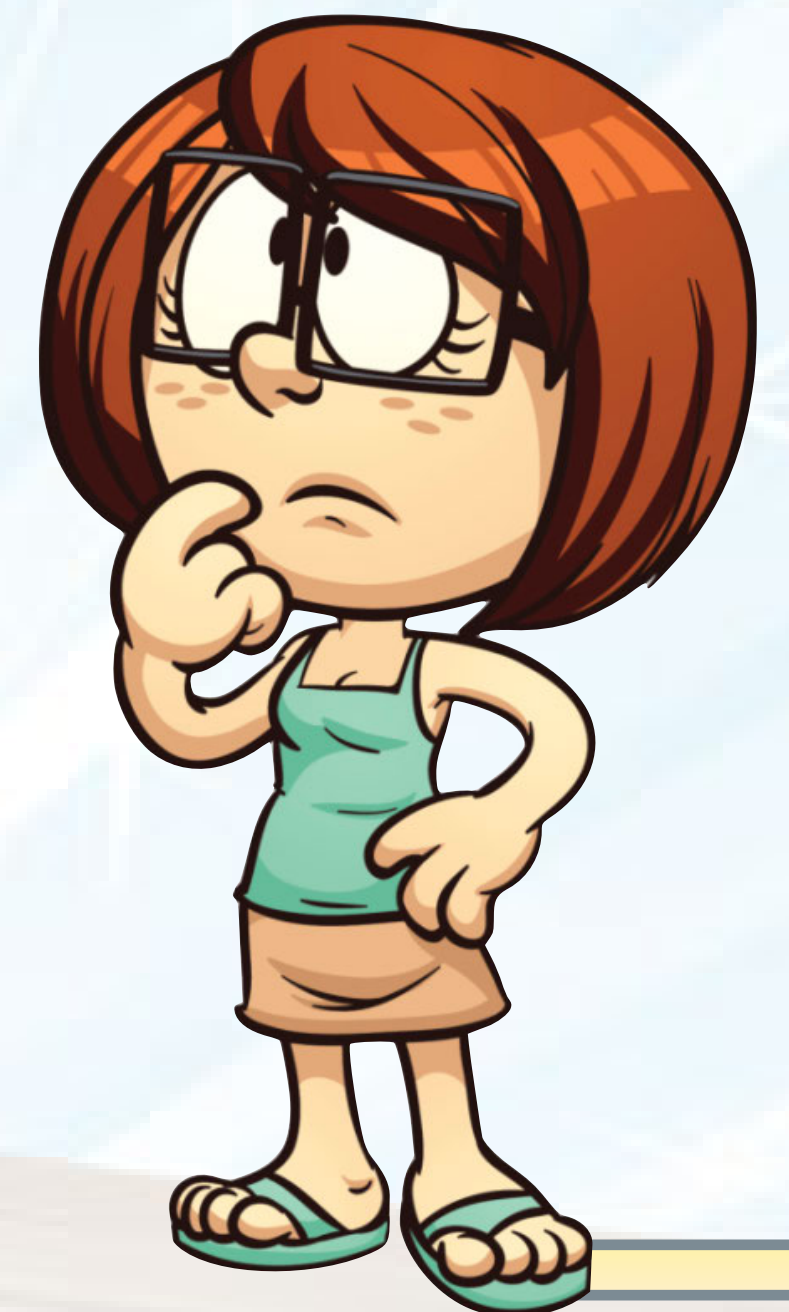
Read these statements and decide whether they are in the Last Supper story. If they are, put a **T** for true. If they are not, put an **F** for false.

Jesus had two disciples called Peter and John.

Jesus didn't know someone would betray him.

Jesus said orange juice represented his blood.

Jesus couldn't tell his disciples where he was going.



Did you get these answers?

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