

VIRTUAL BAKE-A-LONG

A fun way to share communion & community when physically distant

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TEENS & YOUNG PEOPLE

Introduction

The Last Supper is one of the defining points in Jesus' life and a major event in the Easter story. We encourage you to read about it in **Mark 14:12-26**, but the short version is: Jesus gathered with the Twelve Disciples to hold a Passover meal together and, amongst the bread-eating, wine-drinking, and chit-chatting, Jesus lets them know that He was going to die for them and come back to life.

There's so much to unpack in this story (which we encourage you to read and discuss the full **Mark 14:12-26** passage), but one thing we know is that faith communities around the world continue to share communion today to remember the love of Jesus and the sacrifice He made for us. That got us thinking about how we can have communion together when we can't be physically close to the people we want to spend time with? How do we eat together, pray together, share stories and hear each other when we can't be around each other?

So we came up with an idea you could try: a Virtual Bake-A-Long!

The Virtual Bake-A-Long

Sharing food & stories with people is an important element throughout the whole Jesus story, especially at the Last Supper. So, this is something that can continue this tradition when we can't be physically close.

The idea is simple:

1. Grab a friend, family member, or neighbour
2. Decide on a recipe you'd like to make together and gather your ingredients (this Easter, we used this easy [Hot-Cross Cookies](#) recipe)
3. Set a time to hop on a video call together, and start cooking!

You'll not only be spending quality time together, but you'll be able to share in the same food at the end, reflecting on the shared bread that Jesus broke for his friends, and the sacrifice he made for us.

Pro-Tip 1: This activity would be exciting to go with someone who's a little bit older or younger than yourself. Think about it as a cross-generational storytelling activity.

Pro-Tip 2: Better yet, if you know of someone that would be blessed by a conversation AND cookies, drop some at their door and give them a call. Pray, read and eat 'together' (but from far away).

Reflections & discussion

While your treats are in the oven, or once you're ready to sit down and eat together, it would be fantastic to read through **Mark 14:12-26** together, and use this as a chance to reflect on the passage and the Easter Story as a whole. If you're stuck for some conversation topics, here are a few we've come up with:

- Who in this story do you relate to? What is about them that you relate to?
- Who in this story puzzles you? Why do you think that is?
- What does communion mean to you?
- Why do you think so many of Jesus' stories centre around food and shared meals?