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### **Jesus Wants To Be Close To Us**

**Read:** Matthew 26:17-30 and John 13-16

Right before Jesus died and came back to life, he had one last dinner with his disciples. At this special dinner, Jesus reminded his friends of some ways to follow him and stay close to him, even though he was about to go to heaven.

**Watch:** [The Last Supper](#) As you watch, see if you can find at least ONE way we can stay close to Jesus.

We can be close to Jesus by acting like him and serving other people, obeying him, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us act like Jesus. We can also talk and listen to Jesus by spending time praying. He even prayed for his disciples, to make sure they knew that praying is just talking to God!

**Discuss:** ● Why did Jesus want to be close to the disciples, and to us? ● How could we spend time with Jesus? (Examples: Pray, talk/listen to Jesus, love and serve our friends and family, worship with our friends and family, pray, learn new ways to follow Jesus) ● Why did Jesus come to earth to rescue us? (Hint: He loves us, he wants us to be close to him forever)

**Memory Verse:** Psalm 145:18 “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him and truly mean it.” *Remember, these are God’s own words, so we know that they are completely true, and always will be! And even though he’s not physically in front of us, Jesus has promised that he can always hear us and speak to us, no matter where we are.*

**Pray:** Thank you Jesus for us how to live, love and serve others, just like you. Please show us how we can share your love with those around us this week. Amen

**Do:** Make a paper chain. Cut out strips of paper, color or decorate one side, and on the other side, write or draw an example of how you can spend time with Jesus. Look at the lesson or re-watch the video if you need examples. Glue or tape the paper into a chain (like in the picture) and hang the chain somewhere you will see it to remind you of ways to connect with God this week!

