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5 MIN: WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Hello, because it's Easter time, I wanted to introduce you to a very special Christian practice that started and is celebrated during Christian Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter). Millions and millions of Christians the world over do this every month or even every week, and it all started 2,000 years ago on the first original Easter.

Hold up a communion cup and plate. Most churches have these, sometimes they are quite fancy, and they are used to serve bread and wine (*or juice*) to everyone. This has a lot of names: communion, eucharist, or the Lords supper. The bread and the wine are given out to Christians at special services to represent something important. To symbolise something.

5 MIN: GAME/ACTIVITY

Can you name these famous symbols? Peace sign, Scottish flag, traffic light, stop sign, recycling symbol, fairtrade symbol, wedding rings, football captains arm band, crown. Symbols are important: they let us know special information quickly, like when to stop our car, or which bin to use for our empty bottles. Symbols can also have a deeper meaning; like wedding rings that represent a very special and loving relationship, or the Scottish flag that represents our country... these symbols can make us feel something deeper can't they? They make us feel love or pride or happiness.

These symbols, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, are like that for Christians. It may just seem like ordinary food, but for Christians it has a much deeper meaning, it helps us remember how Jesus Christ died.

3 MIN: CLIP—LAST SUPPER

5 MIN: RECAP

At his last meal with his friends—the disciples—Jesus was gently showing them what was going to happen when he died on the cross. And he told them to do this to remember him. Maybe it all sounds a bit too sad, like going to a funeral! But is Easter a sad holiday? (*No!*) Actually Christians celebrate Easter and the Lord's Supper (*hold up cup and plate*) with a lot of happiness and joy! Does anyone know why Christians would be so happy at Easter, if that's when Jesus died? (*See if any kids can tell you about the resurrection.*)

That's right—when Christians celebrate communion/Eucharist/Lords Supper... they are also showing that they believe Jesus came alive again. That's what Easter is all about. It wouldn't be a celebration if someone had just died tragically 2,000 years ago... it's a celebration because we believe he rose again, and that his resurrection changed the world and changes us from the inside out.

PRAYER IF APPROPRIATE: 2 MIN