

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Meeting God in Communion” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for April 8, 2018. The lesson is found on page 37 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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“So how fast did your bracket get busted?” is a common question you hear in this season of the year that followers of American college basketball have termed “March Madness.”

Basketball fans commiserate with each other over their surprise losses and encourage one another when their team is doing well. They celebrate together in their victories—and perhaps also when an especially disliked opponent (we won’t say hated) is vanquished by another team.

Kind of sounds a little like how the family of God is supposed to be, doesn’t it?

*As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the article. Then discuss in this way:*

**What sports or other competitions do you get especially excited about?**

**Why do you think fans are drawn together, even when they may have very little else in common?**

**Are there things about your church experience that you get this excited or enthusiastic about? Why or why not? Talk about it.**

**There are many events and traditions that unite people. For Christians, Communion (or the Lord’s Supper) is an event like no other. Let’s look at how we celebrate Communion together.**