

# Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

## His Betrayal and Arrest

Matthew 26:14-16, 36-56; Mark 14:10-11, 32-50;  
Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-11

### The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

As Jesus and the disciples were finishing the Lord's Supper, Judas went to see Jesus' enemies. Since Judas loved money, he asked the high priest for a reward then Judas would lead the enemies to Jesus. They agreed on thirty pieces of silver.

It was late at night when Jesus and the disciples left the upper room. They went to the Garden of Gethsemane, which was like a park. At the gate of the garden, Jesus left most of the disciples, saying, "Sit here while I go to pray." He took Peter, James and John farther into the garden with Him. As they walked, Jesus said to the three disciples, "My soul is filled with sadness. Stay here and watch while I pray."

Jesus went a little ways from the disciples and prayed, "Oh, My Father, if it is possible, let all this suffering be taken away from Me. But if I must suffer and die for the sins of the people, Your will be done." Jesus went back and found Peter, James and John sleeping. "Couldn't you watch with me one hour? Watch and pray so you don't fall into sin." Then Jesus went back to pray two more times as the disciples slept.

There was a noise at the gate. Judas and a crowd came with swords and torches. Judas came forward and said, "Greetings, Master," and kissed Jesus. Now the enemies knew which man to arrest.

When the disciples saw the

soldiers take hold of Jesus, they asked if they should fight. Peter grabbed his sword and cut off a servant's ear. Jesus told him, "Put away your sword. I could call on My Father and He would send 70,000 angels to help Me. But all this must be done as My Father wants." Then Jesus healed the servant's ear.

As the enemies took Jesus away, the disciples became afraid. All of them left Jesus and ran.

**Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, was betrayed and arrested. We also pray to our heavenly Father.**

### Passage

Matthew 26:41 – Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.

### Hymn - TLH 158 v.1, 6

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins!

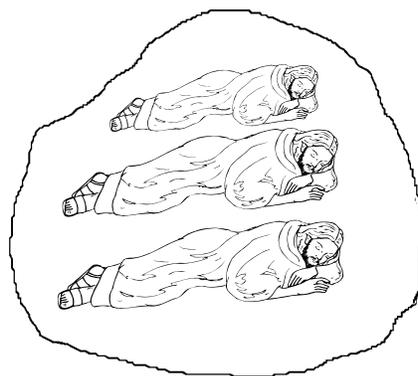
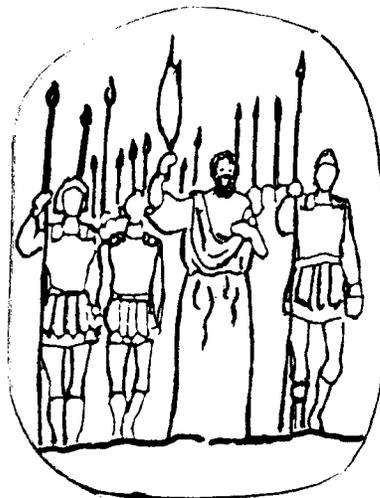
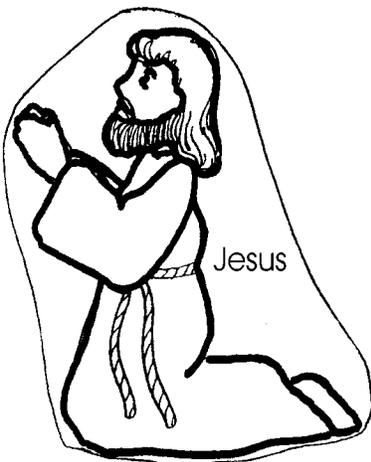
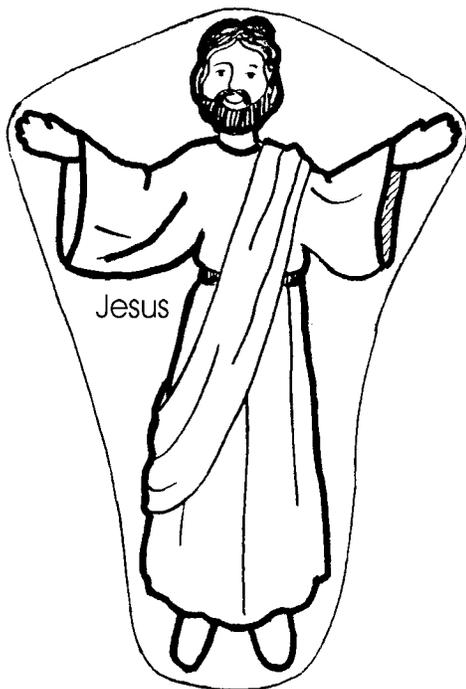
Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood,  
Louder still and louder praise the precious blood!

### Prayer

Dear Jesus, Thank You for suffering for me at the Garden of Gethsemane. Keep me always in the true faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.



**Classroom Activity** - The figures below may be cut out and used to dramatize the story. Figures may be glued to craft sticks to make puppets, or moved around on a flat surface, or they may be glued in place on a large sheet of paper, to recreate the story setting. If there is time in class, they could be used for review.



# Classroom Art Activity - Teacher: Use the picture, questions and directions below to help students review the lesson.

1. Draw a line under the people Jesus took with Him into the garden. What were their names? What did Jesus ask them to do while He prayed? What did they do instead?
2. Color Jesus praying to His Father. What did He ask His Father to do for Him? Make your arms go wide apart. That's how much Jesus loves us.
3. Draw a box around the part of the picture that shows what made all the noise at the gate of the garden. Why did the crowd have swords and spears?
4. Make an X on the person who showed the enemies where to find Jesus. What was his name?

