

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

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 for giving them 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.

Activity One - Look at the picture on the first page. Follow the directions below. Listen to the questions your teacher asks. Use them to talk about the story.

1. Draw a line under the people Jesus took with Him into the garden.
2. Draw an **X** on the picture of Jesus praying to His Father.
3. Draw a *circle* around the part of the picture that shows what Jesus found His disciples doing when He went back to them.
4. Draw a **box** around the part of the picture that shows what made all the noise at the gate of the garden.
5. Make a red dot under the person who showed the enemies where to find Jesus.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I am sorry my  caused you to be so  and to suffer in the garden. I am so  that you suffered in my place and died on the cross for my . Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

Activity Two - Color the pictures below. Cut them out. Glue them to sticks. You can use them to tell the story from today's Bible lesson. There are more suggestions for your teacher in the Teacher's Notes.

