

March 3

9:00am & 11:00am

Three and Four Year Olds

JESUS WAS ARRESTED

Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus knew God's plan was for Him to die to rescue people from sin. Jesus' friends left Him and He was arrested, but Jesus did not fight back. He wanted to do His Father's plan no matter what.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the perfect Priest? Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.

KEY PASSAGE: For we ... have a high priest ... who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

Key Passage Phrase: Jesus never sinned.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite preschoolers to pretend to ride with you in a car or bus around your city or town. Make several pretend stops as you journey, pointing out familiar places such as the library, playground, store, and church. Ask boys and girls if people can pray at the location you describe. End your pretend ride at your church.

SAY *What a fun trip! I am so thankful we can pray at all of the places we just visited. Did you know Jesus prayed, too? Listen to the story to hear about the time Jesus prayed in a garden as He prepared for what was to come.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *Our big picture question is, **How is Jesus the perfect Priest?** The answer is, **Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.** Jesus knew He was about to die. He knew He was about to experience more pain and sadness than He ever had before. Even at this dark time, Jesus prayed. When Jesus was arrested, He did not fight back. He willingly gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin. Jesus obeyed God's plan, even though it meant death. When we trust in Jesus, we can be forgiven and one day live in heaven with God forever.*

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at Hebrews 4:15. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the passage aloud. Create a tapping, patting, or clapping rhythm as you say the verse. Invite preschoolers to repeat it with you. Create three different patterns to repeat the verse.

SAY *After Jesus was arrested, Peter told people three different times that He did not know Jesus. Peter sinned when He lied about knowing Jesus. When Jesus lived on earth, He was tempted just like Peter was and just like we are today. Yet, Jesus never sinned. He lived a perfect life.*

5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Review today's Bible story by asking the following review questions.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. What did Jesus do in the garden? (*pray*)

3. Which disciples in this story turned their backs on Jesus? (*Judas led the crowd to arrest Jesus. Peter said he did not know Jesus.*)
4. What was God's plan for Jesus? (*to die to rescue people from sin*)
5. **How is Jesus the perfect Priest? Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

SAY *Jesus and His disciples went to a garden. While Jesus was in the garden, He prayed. Jesus cried out to God, asking Him to provide another way to rescue people from sin if possible. Jesus knew God's plan was for Him to die to provide forgiveness for the wrong things we do. No matter what, Jesus wanted to do God's plan. Judas led a crowd of angry people to Jesus to arrest Him. Jesus did not fight back. He knew this was part of God's plan for Him.*

6. PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

SAY *God, thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin. Thank You that even in the hardest times, Jesus never sinned; He always followed Your plan for Him. He provided the perfect example for us. Thank You that people who trust in Jesus have forgiveness for sin and the promise of life forever with You.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE AS FEW AS ONE ACTIVITY OR USE ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES)

PLAY OUT THE STORY

Explain you will say things that happened in today's story. Lead preschoolers to walk in place when you say, "Jesus and His disciples went to a garden to pray." When you say, "The disciples fell asleep while Jesus was praying," instruct them to pretend they are sleeping. Guide them to bow their heads when you say, "When Jesus prayed, He told God He wanted to follow God's plan." Tell them to put their hand above their eyes as they are looking to see something when you say, "Judas showed the crowd who Jesus was." Say the events in order, leading preschoolers to do the motions. Then, say the phrases in a different order. Repeat the statements several times. Vary the speed and tone of your words. .

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WAKE THE DISCIPLES

Choose three preschoolers to be *It*. Encourage the remaining children to lay on the ground and pretend to sleep, making sure to close or cover their eyes. Instruct the three children to walk around the room and gently tap one child each. When three children have been tapped, invite the entire group to "wake up." Lead the three children tapped to come to the front of the room and guess which preschooler tapped them. Repeat the game as time allows.

SAY *Jesus knew it was time for Him to fulfill God's plan to rescue people from sin. Before He was arrested, Jesus took His disciples to a garden to pray. Three of them went inside with Him. While Jesus was praying, these disciples fell asleep. When Jesus returned, He told them to wake up. When Jesus went to pray, they fell asleep again. He told His disciples to get up. Jesus knew a crowd was on the way to arrest Him.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, emphasize the The Christ Connection.

SAY *God's people had promised to love and obey God, but they broke their promise. Jesus made a new and better promise. God would forgive people for their sins and help them obey Him.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Mathew 21. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

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STORYTELLING TIPS

Create a garden backdrop: Place several artificial plants around the area where you teach to create a garden scene. If available, set up plants around the entire Bible storytelling area.

Respond with actions: Lead preschoolers to respond to different parts of the story by using actions such as pretending to sleep, praying facedown, and pulling out a sword. Include emotions such as sadness and anger by showing different facial expressions.

At the Last Supper, Jesus told His followers that one of them—Judas—would turn against Him. Then Jesus said the disciples would leave Him.

Peter spoke up, “I will never leave You!”

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth: Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don’t know Me.”

Jesus and His disciples went to a garden to pray.** Jesus told eight of His disciples to stay at the garden gate. Three of the disciples went into the garden with Jesus. **He told them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

Jesus was very sad. He fell facedown and prayed. “Father! If it is possible, do not let this happen. But I want to do Your plan.”

***Jesus went back to His disciples, but they were sleeping. “Couldn’t you stay awake with Me for one hour?” He asked Peter.** Jesus left again to pray. He came back and His disciples were sleeping again. **“Get up,” Jesus said. “It is almost time.”** Jesus knew it was time for Him to do God’s plan to rescue people from sin.*

All of a sudden, another disciple—Judas—came into the garden. A large crowd was with him, and the people carried swords and clubs. Judas kissed Jesus so the crowd would know which man was Jesus. **The people in the crowd grabbed Jesus to arrest Him.* Peter pulled out his sword to fight the*

*crowd, but Jesus told him to stop. Then **Jesus said, “This is happening just like God said.”** **Jesus’ disciples all left,** but Peter followed from a distance.*

As Peter watched,** a servant came up to him. “Aren’t you one of Jesus’ friends?” he asked. But Peter said, “No! I’m not!” Two more times, **people asked Peter if he was Jesus’ friend. Peter lied. “No!” he said. “I don’t even know Him!”

Christ Connection: Jesus knew God’s plan was for Him to die to rescue people from sin. Jesus’ friends left Him and He was arrested, but Jesus did not fight back. He wanted to do His Father’s plan no matter what.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child’s sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today’s activity page to reinforce today’s Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? Jesus tells us God's message.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Jesus never sinned. Hebrews 4:15

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY

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3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the **key passage phrase marker** at Hebrews 4:15. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Say the first word of the phrase, toss a **beanbag** to a child and ask him to repeat the word and toss the beanbag back to you. Continue play for each word of the phrase, allowing each child a turn to say a word and toss the beanbag.

SAY *God's people had promised to love and obey God, but they broke their promise. Jesus made a new and better promise. God would forgive people for their sins and help them obey Him. Our key passage phrase reminds us that Jesus lived a perfect life, He never sinned, ever. He always did what was right and always obeyed God. This is part of keeping the new promise.*

ACTIVITIES

PLAY SLEEP, SLEEP, AWAKE!

Gather toddlers in a circle. Allow one toddler to go around the circle tapping the friends' shoulders and saying, "Sleep." Lead toddler to choose one friend's shoulder to tap and say, "Awake!" That friend will then trade places with the other toddler.

SAY *When Jesus went to a garden to pray, He asked His friends to stay awake while He prayed. Did they stay awake? No! When Jesus came back, His friends were asleep.*

PRACTICE PRAYING

Gather toddlers and ask them what they would like to pray for. Provide answers such as church leaders, missionaries, or families. Say a short, simple prayer after each answer.

SAY *Why did Jesus go to a garden? That is right! Jesus went to a garden to pray. Jesus was sad, but He wanted to do God's plan. He prayed and asked God to help Him.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the main points below:

- Jesus went to a garden to pray.
- People arrested Jesus, but He did nothing wrong.
- Jesus said everything happened as God planned.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22 and tell the following Bible story.

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SAY *Jesus went to a garden to pray. His friends Peter, James, and John went with Him. Jesus asked them to stay awake as He prayed. Jesus was very sad. He knew it was time for Him to die on the cross. Jesus prayed, "Father! If it is possible, do not let this happen. But I want to do Your plan." Jesus prayed three times. Then Jesus went back to His friends, but they were asleep! Jesus woke up the friends. Judas was coming, and Judas brought people with him. Judas greeted Jesus with a kiss. "Hello, Teacher!" he said. The people grabbed Jesus to take Him away. Jesus said, "This is happening like God said it would." Then Jesus' friends ran away.*

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.