



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 16

Jesus in the Garden

Lesson Aim: To know God wants us
to watch and pray.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Jesus in the Garden
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Praise Prayers
- BLOCK AND CAR CENTER: Are You Sleeping?
- DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: Supper Prayer

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO LOVES

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to King Jesus who loves us. Jesus loves to hear us pray. Let's do that right now. Have children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us. Help us to remember to take time each day to pray and talk with You. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with motions.

THE WORD JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN CLASSROOM PROMISE

As children arrive, pretend to be talking on the phone. After a short period of time, pretend to say goodbye to the person on the phone with you. **Well, hello boys and girls! I was just talking with a friend of mine that I haven't seen in a very long time. I enjoy talking with my friends and family on the phone because I can't always see them in person.**

Do you know who else I like to talk with? I like to talk to God; but, I can't see God. Do you think I could use my phone to call Him? (No.) I know! I'll write Him a letter? (No.) You don't think He'd get my letter? Well, how do you talk to God? (Prayer.) That's a great idea. Let's talk to God through prayer right now. Dear God, we thank You for hearing our prayers. Help us to remember to talk with You every day. Amen. In our Bible story today, Jesus asks His friends to stay with Him while He prays. Let's find out what happens. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 26:36.

WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 26:36-41

Read poem. Display visual.

- Jesus took His friends to the garden.
- He said, "Sit here and wait."
- He told them He was very sad.
- And then He went over to pray.

- When He came back His friends were asleep,
- They must have had a long day.
- Jesus asked them to stay awake.
- He told them, "Watch and pray."

What was Jesus doing in the garden? (Praying.) What did Jesus want His friends to do while He prayed? (Watch and pray.)

THE WAY WATCHING AND PRAYING

CRAFT: Watch and Pray Flower

GAMES: Prayer Walk, Prayer Postures

SNACK: Garden Goodies

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Matthew 26:36-41

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Pass the Love of Jesus, Hugs of Love

STORY TIME