



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 16

Jesus in the Garden

Lesson Aim: To know we should pray
like Jesus prayed.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite way to pray?

GAME: Pick the Flowers

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO LOVES

Read Worship Scripture: Matthew 6:10

Sing songs and worship God. (Use the Seven Stars of Lent activity if this lesson occurs during the 40 days before Easter.)

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS PRAYED IN THE GARDEN

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus and the Last Supper.

Today, we will learn Jesus prayed in a garden after the Last Supper. Point to the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Matthew 26:36-41, Luke 22:42-43. Pray. Read.

THE WAY PRAYING AS JESUS PRAYED

Jesus knew the soldiers were about to arrest Him. He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray about this. People pray in many places, positions, and ways. Jesus went to the garden to pray. Do you have a special place where you like to pray? (For example: outside, in a bedroom, on car rides, at church, etc.) **We can pray while we are walking, standing, sitting, or kneeling. Do you like to pray out loud or quietly in your mind?**

Many prayers have three parts. They are the three 'A's of prayer:

- 1. Adore God: Tell God how great He is.**
- 2. Admit our sin: Tell God our wrong thoughts and actions.**
- 3. Ask God to help with our needs and the needs of others.**

We can pray using the three A's and close our prayer by saying, "Not my will, but Yours be done." This means we accept God's will, which is His plan. Today's Treasure Treat is three garden leaves to remind you of the three A's of prayer. If time allows, see Garden Leaves Prayer activity in GOT TIME? segment.

Jesus told His disciples His soul was overwhelmed with sorrow. He asked them to keep watch and pray while He prayed in the garden. What did the disciples do instead? (They fell asleep.)

Jesus knew He was about to suffer; He called that suffering "this cup." Jesus asked God the Father to take His suffering away. God did not take Jesus' suffering away because His suffering and death were part of God's will (His plan) to save the world. He knew Jesus needed strength to face His suffering and death for us. Who did God send to strengthen Jesus in the garden? (An angel.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Let's read a prayer from someone feeling sad and troubled hundreds of years before Jesus prayed in the garden. Reveal Psalm 88:2-3. Read.

Have you ever prayed when you were sad? God sent an angel to strengthen Him as He prayed in the garden. Have you ever felt strengthened as you prayed? God does not always answer our prayer the way we want, but He will strengthen us.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Garden Prayer Leaves
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus praying in the garden
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Garden Treats

GAME: Garden Prayer Leaves

CRAFT: Prayer Pocket

DISCUSSION: The Lord's Prayer

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Circle Tag, Heart Toss

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW