



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 16

Jesus in the Garden

Lesson Aim: To know we should pray for
God's will to be done and then obey
His will as Jesus did.

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, 47-54; Luke 22:51. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Matthew 26:39. Pray. Read.

THE WAY PRAYING AS JESUS PRAYED

Jesus knew the soldiers were about to arrest Him. Where did He go to pray about this? (The Garden of Gethsemane.) Jesus asked His disciples to keep watch and pray. What did they do instead? (Fell asleep.) How do you think Jesus felt when He saw them sleeping? Have you ever prayed when you were troubled or sad?

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 knew He was about to suffer; He called that suffering "this cup." What did Jesus ask God the Father to do with this cup? (He asked if it was possible to take the cup away.) Did God the Father change His plan for Jesus to suffer and die? (No.) Jesus' suffering and death were part of God's will (His plan) to save the world. God does not always answer our prayer the way we want, but He will strengthen us so we can do His will.

God's will is His plan for what He wants to happen. What does "Not my will, but Yours be done" mean to you? Jesus wants us to pray for what God wants, not just for what we think is best. He could have asked for an army of angels to stop the soldiers. Instead, He chose to obey God's will. When have you chosen to obey God's will instead of doing things your way?

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. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Have you ever prayed when you were sad? 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