

Large Group

Jesus Was Arrested

Bible Passage: Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:15

Big Picture Question: How is Jesus the perfect Priest?
Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for sin.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Over the past two weeks, we learned that Jesus was anointed with expensive oil by Mary and that He shared a last meal with His disciples. Does anyone remember the name of the special meal Jesus ate with His disciples? [Allow responses.] It was the Passover. Jesus shared this meal to show how His sacrifice would be greater than the lamb that was sacrificed to save God's people from Egypt. Jesus' sacrifice would offer complete forgiveness to anyone who believes in Him. Today, we will learn how Jesus was arrested and would soon be sentenced to die on the cross.

Today's Lesson

The garden of Gethsemane was full of sadness. Why did Jesus go to the garden? [Allow responses.] Jesus went to the garden to pray. He knew He was about to face a very hard time, and He was sad and troubled. Jesus' friends were going to leave Him. He would have no one except His Father. Jesus trusted that God would help Him.

Even though Jesus was troubled, He trusted God. How did His prayers show that He trusted God? [Allow responses.] Jesus said that He wanted to do God's plan even if it meant He would suffer. Jesus loved God more than anything and believed that God's plan was best.

How did Jesus' disciples abandon Him? [Allow responses.] Judas betrayed Jesus and led the crowd to the garden to arrest Jesus. The disciples ran away, and three times Peter said he didn't know Jesus. The disciples all sinned against Jesus by showing that they loved themselves more than Him. But Jesus showed that He loved them more than Himself by allowing the crowd to arrest Him even though He did nothing wrong. Jesus followed God's plan and ultimately showed His love to sinners by dying on the cross for them.

Christ Connection | Jesus knew that His death was God's plan to save people from sin. Jesus' friends turned against Him and He was arrested and put on trial, but Jesus followed His Father's plan to bring salvation to the world.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Mark 14:27-47; 66-72

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.