

# Large Group

## The Apostles Were Arrested

Bible Passage: Acts 5

Memory Verse: Isaiah 53:5

Big Picture Question: **Why did Jesus become human?**

Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.



### 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:

After Jesus returned to heaven, the apostles went out into Jerusalem and shared the good news. Because of this, the early church began to grow as many people believed in Jesus and were saved from their sin. But as the church grew, the religious leaders tried to stop them from sharing Jesus. The Jewish leaders hurt believers and made threats against them, all because they shared about Jesus. Even still, the apostles obeyed the command to go and tell, and God used their obedience to help even more people trust in Jesus. Today, we will learn how the apostles didn't stop sharing the gospel even when they were arrested.

### Today's Lesson

As the apostles obeyed Jesus' command to share the good news, they began to face hardships. But they never stopped sharing the gospel. Many people were coming to the apostles for healing and the religious leaders became jealous. So they arrested the apostles and put them in jail. What happened the night the apostles were arrested? [Allow responses.] God sent an angel to rescue them! The angel told the apostles to go to the temple and teach about Jesus. The apostles continued to share the good news even though others tried to stop them.

The religious leaders were very angry when they heard that the apostles continued to preach about Jesus. They told them not to teach about Jesus ever again. But Peter said they must obey God rather than men. Then the religious leaders beat the apostles. What did the apostles do after being beaten? [Allow responses.] They rejoiced that they were worthy to suffer for their obedience to Jesus. Even though the religious leaders told the apostles to stop teaching, they continued to obey God and share the good news in the temple and house to house.

The apostles shared the good news even when they faced challenges because they wanted to obey God. Jesus wants all His followers to tell others about Him, even in times of trouble. He is worthy of our obedience because He is our Lord.

**Christ Connection I** Jesus calls His followers to be faithful and tell others about Him, even in times of trouble. Just as Jesus experienced rejection and suffering, so will His followers. We can have joy in suffering, knowing God uses our suffering, like Christ's, for His glory.

### Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Acts 5:12-42

### 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.