

**Easter**  
**Jesus Prays in the Garden**  
**3/29/20**

**Scripture Reference:** Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1; Matthew 27:31-56; Mark 15:20-41; Luke 23:32-49; John 19:18-30

**Goals: The children will:**

Hear how Jesus prayed in the garden when He was sad.

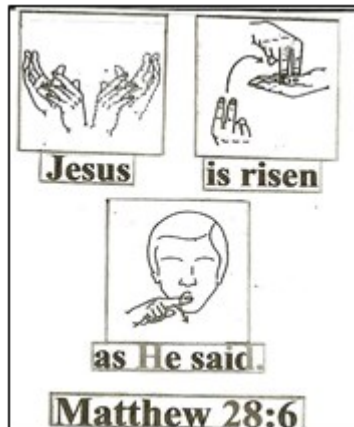
Learn that we celebrate Easter because of Jesus.

Learn that Jesus wants us to pray.

**Worship Time:**

**Memory Verse:** Jesus is risen, as He said. Matthew 28:6

Use the sign language chart to teach the memory verse.



**Opening Prayer:**

Dear Jesus,

We worship You as our King.

We thank You for all the good things you do for us.

We love You!!

Amen.

## **Songs:**

(Use sign language from memory verse chart as you sing this song.)

### **Jesus is Risen**

(tune: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Jesus is risen as He said, as He said, as He said.

Jesus is risen as He said, Matt-hew 28:6

### **Clap Your Hands**

(Tune: "London Bridge")

Clap your hands and sing for joy, sing for joy, sing for joy.

*(Clap hands while singing)*

Clap your hands and sing for joy.

*(Clap hands while singing)*

Christ is risen!

*(Point a finger up)*

Now we have good news to tell, news to tell, news to tell!

*(Cup hands around mouth)*

Now we have good news to tell!

*(Cup hands around mouth)*

Christ is risen!

*(Point a finger up)*

## **Introduction:**

### **Follow the Leader**

**Do:** Play a game of follow the leader.

### **Talk About:**

Jesus is a person we can follow. By hearing about His life on earth, we can know what we should do. In our story today, Jesus asked His disciples to pray for Him.

Today we will find out what happened to the disciples and Jesus.

**Bible Story:** Read the story from The Read With Me Bible.

**Jesus Prays in Gethsemane/Jesus is Arrested**

**Read With Me Bible**

Pages 374-387

Jesus and his disciples went to Gethsemane. Jesus said, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He got down on his knees and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. But do what you want, not what I want." An angel from heaven appeared to Jesus and gave him strength. He got up from prayer and went back to the disciples. He found them sleeping. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked. "Get up! Pray that you won't fall into sin when you are tempted." Once more Jesus went away and prayed the same thing. Then he came back. Again he found them sleeping. So he left them. For the third time he prayed. He returned to the disciples and said, "Are you still sleeping? Look! The hour is near. The Son of Man is about to be handed over to sinners. Get up! Let us go! Here comes the one who is handing me over!"

Jesus had finished praying. He and His disciples went into a grove of olive trees. Judas knew the place. Jesus had often been in that place. So Judas came, guiding a group of soldiers. They were carrying torches and weapons. Jesus asked them, "Who is it that you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. Judas went to Jesus. He said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you handing over the Son of Man with a kiss?" Peter had a sword and pulled it out. He cut off a servant's right ear. Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. Then the soldiers arrested Jesus. They tied him up. All the disciples left and ran away.

**Discussing the story:**

**Ask:** How many times did Jesus go to pray? What were his disciples doing while he prayed? What did the angel do for Jesus? Which disciple betrayed Jesus to the soldiers? What did Peter do when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus? What happened to the disciples after Jesus was arrested?

**Say:** Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. His disciples kept falling asleep. God sent an angel to give Jesus strength. After Jesus finished praying, Judas brought the soldiers to arrest Jesus. Peter took out his sword and cut off a man's ear. Jesus told him to put his sword away. Jesus healed the man's ear. After the soldiers tied up Jesus, the disciples ran away.

**Pray:** Thank God for sending Jesus. Ask God to help us remember to ask for forgiveness when we do something wrong. Thank Jesus for loving us so much that He died for us.

**Closing Prayer/Echo Prayer:** Instruct the children to repeat the words after you.

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gently King, Your Son, Jesus.

We thank You for sending Him to earth to die for our sins.

Prepare our hearts to someday meet Him face to face.

In His name we pray, amen.

### **Craft Activity.**

Please try to do the craft. If you don't get to it, please send it home with the children.  
Glue Jesus onto the garden scene.



### **Bible Activity:**

#### **Roll the Stone**

(Adapted from; Group's Hands-On Bible Curriculum; Group Pub., 1997, pg. 47)

Set tub/box/basket on its side against a wall with open end facing out. Choose a place about 3 feet from the it for family members to stand. Have your family take turns rolling the "stone" (ball) into the "cave" (tub). As they play, remind them of how a heavy stone was rolled in front Jesus' tomb.

Jesus went into  
the garden to pray.







After the Last Supper, Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray.

## **In the Garden**

Candle Bible for Toddlers

Pgs. 340-344

After supper, Jesus took his disciples to a garden. "Let's pray here," he said. But they all fell asleep. Jesus prayed in the garden. It was very dark. Suddenly, there was a lot of noise! Judas led Jesus' enemies to him. Jesus' disciples woke up. They were scared and ran away. Soldiers arrested Jesus and took Him away.



## PRAYER FOR YOUR CHILD

Dear Holy Father, I pray that (child's name) would come to know you. May (child's name) learn to bow his/her knees before a Holy God and learn to ask and receive, search and find, knock and find a door opened.

(Job 22:27 and Matthew 7:7)

## Powerful Prayers

((Adapted from; "Tippy Towers & Boo Blankets")

- Cut out magazine pictures of places such as forests, houses, grocery stores, parks, etc.
- Gather your family together to "Pray together"

**Say:** "God wants us to pray all the time, wherever we are. Let's learn about how we pray."

Stand in a spread out circle.

**Say:** "When we pray to God, we can thank God. I'm going to hold up pictures. When you know the place shown in the picture, shout it out, and take one step forward." Show the picture. After everyone moves, show another picture. Continue until everyone is close together in prayer, bow their heads, and close their eyes.

**Pray** "God, we know You want us to pray all the time and everywhere. Thank You for being with us everywhere we go. Amen."

# Faith @ Home

## Scripture Reference:

Mark 14:32-50;  
Luke 22:39-54a.

## Things to talk about:

- Why do we pray? (to talk to God)
- What would you like to tell God today?

## Words to pray together:

Dear God, we thank You for Jesus!  
(Insert what your child wanted to tell God today). You are good. In Jesus' name, amen.



## GoaLs

### The children will

- Hear how Jesus prayed in the garden when He was sad.
- Learn that we celebrate Easter because of Jesus.
- Learn that Jesus wants us to pray.

## Prayerful Hands

Gather some white paper or paper plates & some washable paint or ink. Have each family member make a hand print of both hands on the paper or plate. Or you can just trace around each person's hands. Write at the top. "(Person's name) Praying Hands. Punch a hole in the top of the paper/plate & insert a ribbon or yarn. Hang the hands together somewhere in your home to remind each other to pray together.

## The Prayer Hand

(Adapted from; "Faith Begins at Home Prayer")

One way some people have used to remember different ways to pray is to trace your hand or write on the fingertips of a glove, one per finger:

**PRAISE GOD; THANK GOD, CONFESS SINS, ASK GOD, PRAY FOR OTHERS.**

### Prayer Reminders

Trace around each family member's hand onto some paper or a paper plate. As you think & talk about the different ways to pray, write each person's idea on their hand. (i.e. Praise God for loving us, for caring for us, or for helping us.) Help your young children think of words to

**PRAISE GOD, THANK GOD, TELL GOD "I'M SORRY", ASKING GOD FOR SOMETHING OR FOR HELP, PRAYING FOR OTHERS.**

Training your children to pray as a family will draw you closer to each other and closer to God.

You can do it!!!