

CRACKING OPEN THE TRUTH ABOUT EASTER

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Bible Passage Matthew 26:36-56

Today's Big Truth

Jesus came to save!

Application

I can know that Jesus loves me.

Lesson Summary

After sharing the Passover meal with His disciples, Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. There, He went a short distance away to pray and asked His disciples to stay awake and keep watch. Jesus knew He was about to go to the cross. He understood how painful it would be. In His prayer, He asked if there was any other way for God's plan to be fulfilled. Yet He chose to submit to the Father's will because this was the only way our sins could be forgiven. When Jesus returned, He found His disciples sleeping. This happened three times. After the third time, He told them the hour had come for Him to be arrested. Soon Judas arrived with a large group of soldiers and religious leaders to arrest Jesus. Peter did not understand why Jesus allowed this to happen. But the truth is, everything happened just as God had said it would. Jesus willingly went to the cross because He loves us and He came to save.

Talk About the Truth at Home

Read Matthew 26:36-56 from a Bible or children's Bible together as a family. Talk about how hard going to the cross would have been, yet Jesus loves us so much that He willingly went to the cross. This was the only way our sins could be forgiven. Pray together, thanking Jesus for His sacrifice and His great love for each of us.

Bible Memory Verse

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

Note to Parents

Please look on the kids section of our church website to find more ways to continue discipleship at home as a family.

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