



SHEPHERD OVERVIEW

Pre-K / K
Nov. 1, 2026
2nd Service

Jesus' Arrest and Trial

**Matt. 26-27; Mark 14-15;
Luke 22-23; John 18**

What did Jesus do to save us?

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

If God is for us, who can be against us?
-Romans 8:31

Story Point:

Jesus is perfect and listened to God.

- ☐ Welcome/Intro Activity..... 5 minutes
- ☐ Kids Worship @ 11:00 - Large Group 3..... 15-20 minutes
- ☐ Circle Time and Bible Story 10 minutes
- ☐ Movement Activity..... 10 minutes
- ☐ Craft 10 minutes
- ☐ Music and Friends From Afar 10 minutes
- ☐ Prayer and Bible Verse 10 minutes
- ☐ Snack and Discussion Time 5-7 minutes

SHEPHERD GUIDE

Humanity's story began with God in the garden of Eden. In this week's session, we'll read about another garden, the garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus brought His disciples to commune with the Father. Though the first man's sinfulness in the garden of Eden separated all of humanity from God, the sinless Son of Man approached the garden of Gethsemane on His way to the cross where He would give up His life to restore our relationship with the Father.

Jesus was "deeply grieved to the point of death" (Matthew 26:38), aware of the physical and spiritual anguish He would soon face alone. In this agony, He prayed to His Father and asked if there was any way to avoid the cross. "Yet," He said, "not as I will, but as You will." Jesus knew what was about to happen yet humbly trusted His Father.

Jesus was so grieved in the garden that Scripture says His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. However, we know from other passages that it was "for the joy that lay before Him" that Jesus "endured the cross, despising the shame" (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus knew His sacrifice would ensure salvation for all who would turn to Him in faith. While His opposition arrived to the garden with swords, Jesus stood before them unarmed—fulfilling the Old Testament's prophecy of a silent lamb led to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7). Jesus even told Peter to put his sword away because the battle at hand was not against flesh and blood.

That night in the garden, Jesus knew His disciples—exhausted by grief and overcome with temptation—weren't strong enough to withstand the difficulties ahead. That's why Jesus came to them—and to us: because we aren't strong enough to save ourselves. He is truly the friend of sinners, even to the point of death on a cross.

This week, lead kids to see that Jesus followed God's plan out of love for us, so we could be united with Him today and for eternity. Though we deserve God's wrath, Christ took our place, so we can experience the everlasting love of our Creator.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 8:30-8:40 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.

MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

- *KNOW that Jesus died for their sins and rose again to give them new life.
- *BE thankful for Jesus and trust in Him.
- *REMEMBER Jesus by serving others and telling them about Him.

As children arrive - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the other children.

Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.

Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc.

When most kids have arrived for first service (by 9:05ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.

**Pen Pal Kit!!*



PREPARE HEARTS

Welcome and Intro Activity

- None

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

Garden

Ask the kids if they have ever helped someone in a garden. Talk about things you see or can plant in a garden.

SAY Sunflowers, cucumbers, and tomatoes—there are so many different types of plants you can plant in a garden! In today's Bible story, we will learn about the time Jesus took His friends, the disciples, to a garden to pray.



KIDS WORSHIP

11:00

Kids Worship for Pre-K - 4th Grade in LG2.



ACTIVE MINDS

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Ask kids how it would feel if they were punished for something they did not do.

SAY: I would be sad, frustrated, and maybe even mad if I got punished for something I did not do. Today we will hear about someone who took a punishment even though He did not do anything wrong. Do you know who that was? [Allow responses.] Listen in to find out who.

STORYTELLING TIPS:

Pretend to tell the story at nighttime: Dim the lights and act like you are telling the story at night as it is happening.

Make faces: Use facial expressions to react to different parts of the story. When Jesus is praying in the garden, make a serious face. When the large crowd arrives, make a surprised face. Make an amazed face when Pilate is amazed. Finally, make a sad face when Jesus is taken away to be crucified.

After Jesus had eaten with His friends, He went to a garden to pray. He was sad and asked His friends to stay awake with Him and pray, but they fell asleep. Jesus told them to get up. "It is time," He said.

Judas, one of Jesus's friends, arrived. A large crowd followed Judas, carrying swords and clubs. Judas kissed Jesus to show the crowd which person was Jesus. The men in the crowd arrested Jesus, but Jesus did not try to run away.

Jesus was taken to the high priest who asked Him many questions.

"Are you really the Son of God?" the high priest asked.

"I am," Jesus said. The religious leaders didn't like Jesus's answer. They didn't believe that Jesus is God's Son, and they wanted to punish Jesus.

The next morning, the religious leaders sent Jesus to Pilate, the governor. Pilate questioned Jesus and said, "Aren't you going to answer? Look how many things they are saying about You!" But Jesus still did not answer, and so Pilate was amazed.

Pilate didn't want to hurt Jesus, but the people shouted, "Crucify Him!" Pilate gave in to the people. Even though Jesus had never done anything wrong, Pilate punished Jesus and let the people take Jesus away to be killed on a cross.

BIBLE STORY: Jesus' Arrest and Trial

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus died and rose again to take away our sins. When we trust Him, He is always with us and loves us forever.



REVIEW AND DISCUSS

Place the Bible Story Picture Poster on the floor. Invite kids to think of people they can serve. Hold up a finger on your hand for each person they list. Examples can include:

- Parents
- Siblings
- Other family members
- Friends at school or church
- Teachers at school or church

SAY: Before their special meal, Jesus washed His friends feet to show them how important it is to serve other people. We can serve other people too. Jesus loved His friends and wanted them to remember Him. Jesus loves us so much! He died to take away our sin and came back to life. When we trust Jesus, He is always with us and loves us forever.



Movement Activity

Simon Says

- None

Today, we're going to learn about someone who always listened and obeyed His Father. That person is Jesus!"

Tell the children: "We're going to play Simon Says! You should only do the action when I say, 'Simon says.' If I don't say 'Simon says,' freeze!"

Play a few rounds of regular Simon Says, then connect the game to Jesus' obedience. Use these simple actions to get everyone moving.

- "Simon says...."touch your head...clap your hands....march in place, reach up high, sit down!, Jump up.....give yourself a hug, stand up!"

After a few turns, ask: "What did you have to do to play the game? You had to listen carefully and follow the instructions!"

Say: "Jesus listened to His Father, God, and always did what God wanted Him to do. Sometimes obeying was hard, but Jesus still obeyed. Jesus never sinned. He obeyed His Father perfectly!"

- Simon says, listen carefully (cup hands around ears)
- Simon says, fold your hands to pray (fold hands)
- Simon says, take a big step (take one big step)
- Simon says, do something hard (Pretend to lift a heavy box)
- Simon says, show me how to listen (cup hands around ears)
- Simon says, keep going even when it's hard (march in place)
- Simon says, give a thumbs up for Jesus (give a thumbs up)

After the last action, say:

"Jesus always listened to His Father and obeyed Him. Even when it was hard, Jesus did what His Father wanted. Jesus was perfect! We don't always obey perfectly, but Jesus did. We need His help to obey God."

Explain: "Sometimes doing what is right can be hard. Let's practice some hard things! Remember, only move when I say, 'Simon says.'"

- "Simon says, share your toy with a friend!" (Pretend to share.)
- "Simon says, use kind words!" (Give a friendly wave.)
- "Simon says, obey even when you don't feel like it!" (Give a thumbs-up.)
- "Simon says, keep listening when you want to do something else!" (Cup hands around ears.)
- "Simon says, pray and ask God for help!" (Fold hands.)
- "Ignore your teacher!" (Freeze — no "Simon says.")

Then explain: "We can ask God to help us obey, even when it's hard. Jesus obeyed His Father perfectly, and He is the perfect Savior we need!"



Craft

Prayer Journal

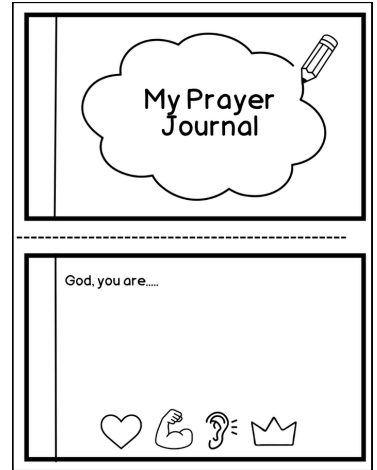
- Prayer books
- Crayons
- Markers

Explain to kids that they are going to make a prayer journal.

Encourage the kids to draw pictures on each page showing something or someone they can pray for.

Read the following prompts for them and take time to talk about what they could put on each page. Use the pictures as clues - they can either circle the pictures that apply or color them as they draw a bigger picture in the space provided.

- God, you are.... (loving, strong (all-powerful), a good listener (hear), King!)
- God, thank you for.... (house, food, family, friends, the Bible)
- God, help me....(listen, be kind, love, be patient, help/serve)



SAY: Jesus wanted to pray because He knew He was going to be arrested and punished. He brought His friends to pray with Him, but they fell asleep. It is good for us to pray. When we pray, we are talking with God. We can tell Him anything. Jesus prayed, and we can too! These prayer books can help you remember things and people to pray for.



Music

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you would like! You may distribute the Activity page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

Friends From Afar

You will find today's activity for Friends From Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.



Prayer and Bible Verse

- Balloon

Prayer:

Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well.

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to earth to live a perfect life. Thank You that He died on the cross for our sins and rose again. I pray (Say each child's name.) will one day trust Jesus to forgive their sins. Amen.

Bible Verse:

Read the verse aloud - Romans 8:31

SAY: Jesus showed God's love for us by obeying God's plan for salvation. Let's learn more about Jesus's obedience through our new key passage!

Lead kids to form a circle. Explain that they will hit a balloon around the circle and each say a word from the key passage when they hit the balloon.

Challenge kids to say the entire key passage without letting the balloon hit the floor.

Tell kids that if the balloon hits the floor, they must start over. Repeat as time allows.



Snack and Discussion Time

- Snack (Pretzels) located under the sink cabinet

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

- What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
- What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
- What two things did Jesus talk about during the special meal?
- What did Jesus tell His disciples to do when they ate the bread and drank from the cup?
- Why is it important to remember Jesus?
- What is justification? Justification is when God says that our sins are forgiven.

SAY: JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO REMEMBER HIM every time they shared the bread and the cup together. He shared with them that He was going to give His body and His blood for them. Jesus died and rose again so people could be saved from their sin. When we trust Him, He is always with us and loves us forever.



Additional Activities:

Make a Path (Blocks)

Collect large wooden blocks and place them in an open space. Explain that the kids will work together to build a path using the blocks. Show how to line the blocks up end to end to make a path. Lead the kids to walk along the path once it is finished. SAY 1 really enjoyed building and walking along the path with you. This path reminds me of a path the large crowd may have walked along to get to Jesus. Jesus knew He was going to be punished for our sins, and He chose to die for our sins because He loves us. EVEN THOUGH JESUS IS PERFECT, HE WAS ARRESTED. Jesus let Himself be arrested and punished because He loves us.

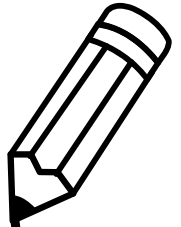
Mirror Motions

Tell the kids they will play a mirroring game by copying the movements you make. Explain that the leader will give directions using only movements and gestures, not words. Model a few actions such as touching toes, jumping, or stretching arms. Encourage the kids to stay quiet, watch closely, and use their bodies to follow along. Switch leaders so the kids can take turns showing actions. SAY You all did an amazing job playing our game so quietly. When Jesus was being questioned by Pilate, He was silent. Jesus knew He would die for our sins and live again. He died on the cross for our sins and came back to life. When we trust Jesus, He forgives us and gives us new life with God forever.

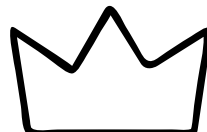
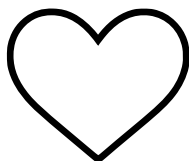
Make a Crowd (Hula Hoop and paper)

Place a large plastic hoop on the ground. Encourage the kids to crumple up balls of paper and pretend they are people. Guide the kids to stand a few feet away from the large plastic hoop and toss the paper balls into the hoop to make a crowd. Review the Bible story as kids play. SAY You made a large crowd in that hoop! Judas, one of Jesus's friends, brought a large crowd, carrying swords and clubs. The men in the crowd arrested Jesus, but Jesus did not try to run away. EVEN THOUGH JESUS IS PERFECT, HE WAS ARRESTED. Jesus did this because of His great love for us and willingness to die on the cross for our sins.

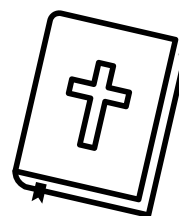
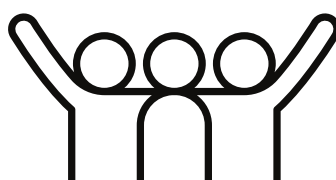
My Prayer Journal



God, you are.....



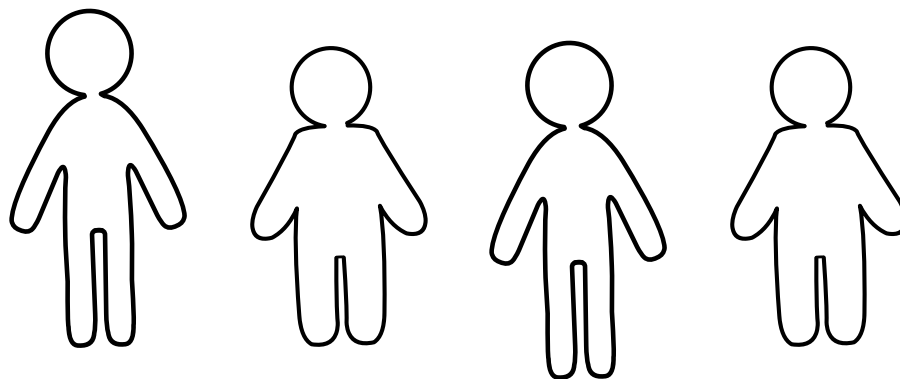
God, thank you for.....



God, help me.....



God, be with.....



God, help me to trust You!