

Jesus' Arrest and Trial

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

What did Jesus do to save us?

Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He would not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all.
-Romans 8:31b-32a

Story Point:

Even though Jesus is perfect, He was betrayed and arrested.



PREPARE HEARTS

- ☐ Starter Activity - Welcome and Question of the Day
- ☐ 11:00 - Kids Worship



ACTIVATE HEARTS

- ☐ Lesson Review - Jesus' Arrest and Trial
- ☐ Discussion Questions
- ☐ Group Activity: Corner Choices



ENGAGE HEARTS

- ☐ Group Game: Pass the Cup
- ☐ Share and Care Prayer Time
- ☐ Group Activity: Links of Courage
- ☐ Group Activity: Follow Me

SHEPHERD GUIDE

It's common for big events to be accompanied by meals of celebration and remembrance. From Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts to July 4th cookouts, community meals can serve as memory-forming moments.

In Scripture, the Passover meal served a similar purpose. It was the annual retelling of Israel's defining story: the night God passed over His people, delivered them from slavery, and continued to form them into His covenant nation. God designed Passover to be a remembrance that didn't merely recall the past but drew its power forward into the present. Every lamb slain, every bitter herb tasted, every retold story was a declaration: We are the people God rescued.

For generations, Israelites passed down the purpose and practices of Passover. Jesus and His disciples would have eaten this meal in a particular way their entire lives. But during Holy Week, Jesus sat down at a Passover table to eat with the disciples and gave the meal an even deeper meaning.

When Jesus took the bread and said, "This is My body," and about the cup, "This is My blood," Jesus revealed that all along, the Passover lamb had been pointing to Him. Paul would later say, "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Jesus had come to deliver His people, but this deliverance was not from Pharaoh but from sin—not from external oppression but internal bondage. The language Jesus used, "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins," echoes the new covenant promises of Jeremiah 31, when God promised a new heart, a new relationship, and a new covenant written not on tablets of stone but on human hearts.

This week, help kids see how the church celebrates the Lord's Supper to remember that Jesus came to be the Passover Lamb.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 10:20 - 10:30 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.



GRADES 3-4

KNOW + LOVE + FOLLOW + SHARE

Nov. 1, 2026
2nd Service

MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

- *KNOW that Jesus is the perfect Son of God. He willingly followed God's plan and took the punishment for our sins.
- *Trust God and follow Him, even when it's hard.
- *Pray to God and obey what He says.



As you arrive and children come and go - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the others. 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 2nd service (by 10:50ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.

**Option - Pen Pal Kit!!*



PREPARE HEARTS

Question of the Day:

Starter Activity

Welcome and Question of the Day

Have you ever walked through a beautiful garden? [Allow responses.] Do you remember the name of the first garden we read about in the Bible?

When God made the garden of Eden, it was perfect. Everything in Eden showed God's goodness. But Adam and Eve sinned when they chose not to trust God. Because of their sin, everything changed. Sin came into the world and into every human heart. And ever since then, people have needed someone who could rescue them from sin.

Today, we're going to learn about another garden—one Jesus visited before He went to the cross. This garden was called Gethsemane. It wasn't perfect like Eden. Instead, it was a place full of sadness and heavy feelings because Jesus knew what was coming next. But unlike Adam and Eve, Jesus didn't go His own way. Jesus chose to trust His Father completely.



KIDS
WORSHIP

11:00

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



ACTIVE MINDS

You can use the REVIEW VIDEO on your TV and / or use this lesson as a review of what was taught 1st service.

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Bibles,
Review Video –
Bible story on TV

Open your Bible to Matthew 26:26-30. You can use the Kids Sermon Outline as you go through the story.

KIDS SERMON OUTLINE:

Jesus chose to obey God even when it was difficult. (Matthew 26:39): In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus knew He would suffer, yet He prayed, “Not as I will, but as You will,” showing perfect obedience to His Father.

Jesus willingly took the punishment for our sins. (Isaiah 53:5): Though innocent, Jesus allowed Himself to be arrested, tried, and crucified so He could save sinners—fulfilling our big picture question and answer: Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

Jesus gives us courage and strength to obey God today. (Hebrews 12:3): Jesus obeyed His father during difficult circumstances. Similarly, Jesus helps His followers obey in their difficult moments—making choices that honor God and pointing others to Him.

After the last supper, Jesus and His disciples went to a garden called Gethsemane. Jesus said, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” Jesus was very sad and troubled. He knew He was going to suffer and die for people’s sins. Jesus prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” When He went back to the disciples, they were asleep. Jesus told them to get up.

Suddenly, a crowd came to the garden, led by Judas—one of Jesus’s disciples. Judas showed the religious leaders which man was Jesus by greeting Him with a kiss, and they arrested Jesus.

Jesus did not fight back. He told the soldiers, “Have you come out with swords and clubs, as if I were a criminal?” Jesus allowed Himself to be taken away because He had come to do God’s will.

Jesus was taken to the religious leaders, who were looking for a reason to put Jesus to death, but they could not find any. They asked Jesus many questions, but Jesus stayed silent. When the high priest asked if Jesus was the Son of God, Jesus said, “Yes, I am.”

The leaders didn’t like His answer. They said Jesus was lying and wanted Him punished. The people shouted, “Crucify Him!”

The next morning, Jesus was sent to Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate questioned Jesus and said, “Aren’t you going to answer? Look how many things they are accusing you of!” But Jesus still did not answer, and so Pilate was amazed.

Pilate didn’t want to punish Jesus because Pilate didn’t find Jesus guilty of doing anything wrong. But the crowd kept yelling for Jesus to be crucified. Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released a criminal named Barabbas to them; and after having Jesus flogged, Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus followed God's plan because He loves us. Jesus took the punishment for our sins even though He did nothing wrong. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so that everyone who trusts Him can be forgiven and have new life forever with God.

The story of Jesus's arrest and trial might make us feel sad or confused. We might wonder why people would treat Jesus this way. Why didn't He stop them? Those are normal questions. But this story is meant to show us something incredibly important—something that answers our big picture question, **What did Jesus do to save us?** Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

Jesus wasn't arrested because He did anything wrong. He wasn't betrayed because He deserved it. Jesus followed God's plan because He loves us. **EVEN THOUGH JESUS IS PERFECT, HE WAS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED.** Jesus took the punishment for our sins even though He did nothing wrong. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so that everyone who trusts Him can be forgiven and have new life forever with God.

That's why Jesus didn't fight back in the garden. That's why He stayed silent before the religious leaders. He knew this was the only way to save us. Even though today's story is sad, it also shows the greatest hope we have—Jesus willingly suffered so we could be forgiven and belong to God forever.



Discussion

Discussion questions listed here

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

Why did Jesus pray for the cup to pass from Him? Remind kids that Jesus was facing something incredibly hard: He was going to suffer and die for the sins of the world. Explain that even during great temptation, Jesus didn't sin. When we face temptation, we can trust that Jesus knows and understands our struggle. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Hebrews 4:15.)

Why did the religious leaders want Jesus crucified? Explain that Jesus's claim to be the Son of God was considered blasphemy, which means insulting to God and His character. Remind kids that the religious leaders did not believe that Jesus was truly God's Son. Share that Jesus was not breaking the law, He is the fulfillment of God's law. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Matthew 5:17.)

How can we walk according to God's will even when it's hard? Answers will vary. Invite kids to reflect on how Jesus prayed to His heavenly Father when He faced difficulty. Share that those who trust in Jesus receive the Holy Spirit to guide them. Remind kids that we can obey God through the help of the Holy Spirit. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Romans 8:26.)



Choice Corners

- Labels - “Easy Choices” and “Hard Choices”

Label two opposite corners of the room “Easy Choices” and “Hard Choices.” Kids begin in the center.

Explain that you will read different situations, and after each one, kids move to the corner that matches how that choice feels to them. Use scenarios like:

- sharing a snack
- telling the truth after doing something wrong
- helping someone they don’t get along with
- obeying parents the first time
- praying when upset
- choosing kindness when someone is rude.

Kids return to the center between each round. If time allows, invite a few kids to suggest their own scenarios for the group to choose between.

SAY: Some choices feel easy—almost automatic. Others feel really hard, like they pull on our hearts in the opposite direction. This game shows us that everyone has different struggles. Something that feels easy for one person might feel difficult for someone else. And that’s okay. We’re all learning and growing.

But today’s story showed us something even bigger. Jesus faced the hardest choice anyone has ever faced. In the garden of Gethsemane, He knew He was about to be betrayed, arrested, and put on a cross. He knew He would suffer even though He had never sinned. And still, Jesus prayed, ‘Not as I will, but as You will.’ Jesus chose obedience—not because it was easy, but because He loves us.

EVEN THOUGH JESUS IS PERFECT, HE WAS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED. Jesus willingly allowed this to happen so He could take the punishment for our sins.

So when you face hard choices this week, think about this: Jesus understands those moments. He knows what it feels like to face something difficult. But He also gives us strength to obey God. And when we mess up, Jesus is ready to forgive us because He already paid for our sins on the cross. Remember, you’re not alone. Jesus is with you, helping you choose God’s way.



Pass the Cup

- Plastic cup

Invite the kids to sit in a circle.

Give one kid a plastic cup.

While you play music, the kids will pass the cup around the circle. When you stop the music, whoever is holding the cup can say either the Bible memory verse - Romans 8:31b-32a, or share a characteristic that they love about God. (He is loving, kind, patient, forgiving.... etc.)

Say: In the garden, Jesus prayed that God would spare Him from dying on the cross. Even so, Jesus knew that there was no other way for us to have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus obeyed God even though it was difficult and scary. Jesus allowed His enemies to arrest Him. Jesus wanted to obey God and glorify Him, even though it meant death on the cross.



Share and Care Prayer

Spend some time as a class sharing about:

- Our Global Partner Family of the Month (**The Karthak Family**)
- Specific prayer requests from any of the kids about something going on in their own lives.

Have the class sit in a circle as you share and care for one another's needs. Ask for and share requests with one another. Review and follow up with any prayer requests from the chain made the week before. Use the Global Partner of the Month spotlight sheet (In the Pen Pal Kit) to talk about prayer requests from the Karthak Family



Links of Courage

- Strips of colored paper
- Markers
- Colored pencils

Prior to the session cut colored paper into strips. Give each kid several strips of paper and markers.

Explain that each strip will represent a moment when they might need courage to obey God—like telling the truth, being kind to someone difficult, or choosing what's right even when it's hard.

Invite kids to write or draw one example on each strip.

Once they finish, guide them in linking the strips together to form a small paper chain, using tape.

Encourage kids to take their chains home as a reminder that Jesus showed courage in the garden and that He gives us strength in our difficult moments too.

SAY: In today's story, Jesus showed incredible courage. He knew what was coming, yet He chose to obey God because He loves us.



Follow Me

- None

Choose one kid to be the leader. Direct the kids to follow the leader's movements. Tell the leader to stand in front of the other kids and perform two movements such as hop on one foot and spin around. Play several rounds, inviting different kids to be the leader each round.

Play again but this time, the kids will follow you. Perform more challenging movements that require multiple actions in a row such as clapping three times, hopping twice, stomping twice, and clapping twice. Try speeding up the movements to add more difficulty.

SAY: At first, the movements were easy to follow. They were slow and did not require as many actions. Then the movements became harder to follow. They were more difficult. Sometimes the Christian life is like this too. Some days following Jesus will be harder than others, but just like Jesus followed God's plan, we can ask God to help us follow His ways and live for Him. No matter what, Jesus has promised to always be with us.