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PRAY FOR WISDOM:

Heavenly Father, teach me to pray so that I can steadfastly face the temptations and challenges that are all around. I constantly need Your strength and assurance.

Give my child(ren) comfort and hope as they learn to trust You. Develop within them an earnest desire to do Your bidding no matter what. In Jesus' most holy name, amen.

LESSON MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 26:41 "It is easy to want to obey God, but it is much harder to do."

BIBLE STORY:

After the Passover meal, Jesus walked with His disciples. They went down to a park with many trees. It was nighttime when they arrived. Now it was time to pray.

"No napping or sleeping or taking a break," Jesus told His friends. "Stay here; pray for Me; and please stay awake."

Jesus took Peter, James, and John a little further. "I'm very sad tonight," He told them. "Stay here; pray for Me; and please stay awake."

Then Jesus went by Himself a little further away to pray.

Now the Lord was all-alone. He got on His knees and bowed low to the ground. "Loving Father, I want to finish the work that You sent Me here to do," Jesus prayed. "If there is another way to forgive the sins of the people, please show Me. But if I must die, I'm ready. Please give Me strength to do what You want- not what I want."

After Jesus had gone, His friends yawned and yawned. Soon all His disciples were asleep on the lawn!!

Jesus prayed for an hour. Then He rose and walked back to His friends. They were not watching. They were not praying. They were all asleep! Jesus shook them awake. "Do what I asked," He urged them. "Watch and pray that you don't fall into sin. Stay here; pray for Me; and please stay awake!"

Jesus walked away again to pray by Himself. “Father, if I must die to save the people, I’m ready – because I love them. Please give Me strength to do whatever You want—not what I want.”

After Jesus had gone, His friends yawned and yawned. Soon all His disciples were asleep on the lawn!!

Jesus stood and walked back to His friends again. They were not watching. They were not praying. They were all sleeping! Jesus shook them awake and said, “No napping or sleeping or taking a break. Stay here; pray for Me; and please stay awake!”

His friends were sad and quiet. They didn’t know what to say. So Jesus left again to pray some more.

After Jesus had gone, His friends yawned and yawned. Soon all His disciples were asleep on the lawn!

When Jesus finished praying, He returned to His disciples. “Wake up, everyone!” He told them. “It’s time to go. The soldiers have come to take Me away!”

PRAYER:

Thank God that we can come to Him in prayer at any time of the day or night. Pray that the students will make a good habit of praying often to God and feel comfortable doing it.

ACTIVITIES:

Stop, Listen and Obey

- Supplies- white, red, yellow, and green construction paper, scissors, glue sticks, markers or crayons

Cut out red, yellow, and green circles for each child. Write at the top of the sheet of white paper “ I will stop, listen, and obey.” Give the child(ren) a white paper and three different color circles. Show them how to glue the circles so that red is at the top, then yellow, and green at the bottom. Talk about the importance of obeying traffic lights. Tell them when their parents ask them to do something, they should stop, listen, and obey.

PRAYER ANYWHERE

•Supplies- pictures of places where a person can pray (church, dinner table, bedroom, car, outside, etc)
Ask your child(ren) to sit on the floor in front of you. Hold up each picture and talk about places a person can pray. Remind them that Jesus prayed outside in a garden. Ask the children where they like to pray and why.

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