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PRAY FOR WISDOM:

Lord, thank You for standing firm and resolving to carry out Your plan of salvation. Thank You for enduring the pain of betrayal and abandonment by those who were closest to You. Fortify my resolve to remain loyal to You.

Strengthen my child(ren) to be faithful to You when they face difficulties. Make them bold when they share their love for You with their friends I ask this in Jesus' powerful name, Amen.

LESSON MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 26:48 "Judas said, "The one I kiss is Jesus; arrest Him.'"

BIBLE STORY:

Dark Knight (based on Matthew 26:14-16 and 47-56)

One night, Jesus and His friends were praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. They probably heard crickets chirping. Can you make the sound of crickets? They listened to the wind whispering through the trees. Can you make the sound of gentle wind? They heard frogs croaking in the distance. What did the frogs sound like?

Then the disciples heard the sound of people. Soldiers, guards, and priests had come to the garden. They carried clubs, swords, and torches. A man named Judas led the angry crowd. Judas was one of Jesus' friends! "Why was he with those other men?" the disciples wondered. "What are they doing here?"

Judas had done a very selfish thing. He went to people who hated Jesus and told them where to find him. "If you lead us to Jesus," they promised, "then we'll give you lots of money." They were very glad to make a deal with Judas.

The crowd got closer and closer to Jesus and the other disciples. But the Lord hadn't done anything wrong. So He didn't try to get away. He didn't run or hide.

Soon the angry crowd surrounded Jesus. Then the crickets stopped chirping. The wind stopped blowing. The frogs stopped croaking. When Judas walked up to Jesus, everything became very quiet. Shhhhh!

Judas greeted Jesus, "Teacher!" Then he kissed Jesus on the cheek. (That was the way friends say "hello" in those days.)

"My friend," Jesus whispered, "do what you came to do."

Judas moved away from Jesus. The soldiers knew just what to do. They stepped forward and grabbed Jesus. They tied His hands with strong ropes. They arrested Jesus. Now he was their prisoner.

The disciples were terrified! Their teeth chattered... their knees knocked... and finally, their feet ran! They ran in every direction. They ran away as fast as they could. They didn't want to be arrested, too!

The soldiers led Jesus away. They were mean to Him. This would be a very long night for Jesus.

Now Judas felt sorry for what he had done. He wished that he hadn't helped the soldiers arrest Jesus. Judas went back to the leaders. "What I did was wrong," he confessed. "Jesus is a good man. Take this money back and let Him go!"

But it was too late. Even though Judas felt very bad, he didn't ask God to forgive him. Judas pretended to be Jesus' friend. That was Judas' biggest mistake of all!!

PRAYER:

Thank God for each child by name. Ask God to help them love Him more than money, toys, or having fun.

ACTIVITIES:

Friendship Necklace

Supplies- yarn, scissors, macaroni noodles, pictures of Jesus

Help your child(ren) thread the noodles on the yard, but allow enough yarn at the ends to tie a knot. Make sure you give them a picture of Jesus to put on the necklace, as well.

Telephone

Play a modified version of the telephone game. Have the whole family sit in a line, one behind the other, and have the first person in the line turn and whisper to the next child, "Jesus wants to be your Friend!" That person will whisper the message to the next. Continue until the message has traveled to the end of the line. Have the last person jump up and say the message out loud!!!

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