

Gr. 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Welcome Kids: Have you ever been to a garden? What kind of garden was it? What did you see? Activity Page: Hidden Objects Option 1: Wake up!	Paper
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Shena. She'll get you when ready.	
Classroom	Discussion Questions on page 84 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did Jesus commit a crime? Why was he arrested? 2. Jesus' friends left Him and Judas betrayed Him. How did Jesus show that He loved them? 3. How did Jesus feel when he was praying? 	See leaders guide if you want more answers
Classroom:	Hand out the hands paper and explain the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Put 10 sticky notes in the prayer hands pattern. 2. Hang up the hands at home somewhere you see it. 3. When you think something to pray for, write it on a sticky note and put it somewhere you'll remember to pray. 4. You can write one of your ideas to pray on the first sticky note today. Turn over the page and work on the back.	Worksheet



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

| **SAY** “Have you ever been to a garden? What kind of garden was it? What did you see?”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Hidden Objects” on the activity page.

| **SAY** “Good job finding the hidden objects in the garden! Today, we will learn about what happened in the garden of Gethsemane and what Jesus prayed while He was there.”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: WAKE UP!



Lead kids to sit in a circle. Choose one kid to be it. Direct the other kids to close their eyes. Direct It to walk around the circle quietly. Tell It that he can choose one kid to tap on the head and say “wake up” to. Lead the kid who was “awakened” to chase It around the circle and try to tag him. If It makes it to the kid’s spot in the circle, he is safe. If It gets tagged, he is out. Allow the kid who was tagged to become the new It. Continue playing as time allows.

| **SAY** “Many of you were ‘woken up’ from your sleep and required to tag someone. Today, we will read how Jesus was in the garden praying and had to wake up some of the disciples because they fell asleep. Let’s get ready to read our Bible story to learn why Jesus wanted the disciples to stay awake.”

OPTION 2: GARDEN PRAYER CUP

Provide each kid with a foam cup, five craft sticks, construction paper, markers, glue, and tape. Direct kids to draw leaves, flowers, trees, or other plants on the construction paper. Lead kids to cut out their garden drawings and glue each of them to one end of a craft stick.

While the craft sticks are drying, direct kids to decorate their cups like a planter using markers. Assist kids in writing Garden Prayer Cup on their cups. Once the craft sticks are dry, assist kids in taping the craft sticks to the inside of their cups so that the garden plants are sticking out the top. On construction paper, invite kids to write out a few prayers to God and place them inside their cups.

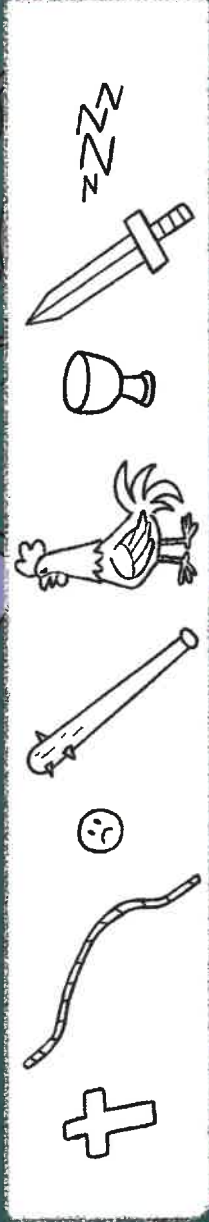
| **SAY** “When God answers your prayers or your prayers change, replace them with new prayers. Remember that God always answers our prayers, but not always how we think He should. In our story, we will learn how Jesus prayed to God and asked Him for something. Jesus desired to do God’s plan, even if it meant that He would have to suffer.”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**



Hidden Objects

INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the picture and find the eight hidden objects.





NAME: _____



Jesus Was Arrested

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus told His disciples that one of them—Judas Iscariot—would betray Him. Jesus also said the disciples would abandon Him. But Peter said he would never deny Jesus.
- Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray because He was sad and troubled. Jesus desired to do God's plan.
- Judas arrived with a crowd who arrested Jesus. The disciples left Jesus, and Peter denied Him three times.

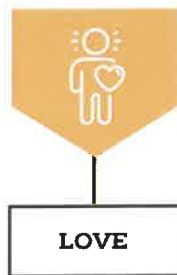
CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus knew that His death was God's plan to save people from sin. Jesus' friends turned against Him and He was arrested and put on trial, but Jesus followed His Father's plan in order to bring salvation to the world.

KEY PASSAGE: Hebrews 4:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How is Jesus the perfect Priest? Jesus was the perfect sacrifice for sin, and He speaks to God the Father for us today.



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Luke. Remind kids that there are four Gospels in the New Testament. Tell kids that each of the Gospels tells the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Explain how each Gospel gives us important details to understand the whole picture of Jesus' time on earth.

Choose a volunteer to read aloud Luke 22:42 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud. Consider pointing out the location of the Mount of Olives (H5) just outside the city of Jerusalem on the New Testament Israel Map. Tell kids that the garden of Gethsemane is at the foot of the Mount of Olives.

SAY 🙏 Jesus prayed to God three times. He was troubled and sad because He knew the pain that awaited Him during His arrest and on the cross. Even though He was about to face extremely difficult times, Jesus prayed that God's plan would be done.

Jesus is fully God but He is also fully man. The pain and sadness He faced was real. When we think about how much Jesus suffered for our sin, we should be very thankful! Jesus obeyed God's plan and was arrested and crucified so that our sins can be forgiven. 🙏

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY 🙏 Did Jesus commit a crime? Why was He arrested? 🙏

Discuss how Jesus never committed a crime or any sin. Remind kids that only Jesus lived a perfect life and obeyed God all the time. Tell kids that Jesus was arrested because it was part of God's plan. Remind kids that God uses the evil actions of others to bring good. Explain that the wicked people arrested Jesus for no reason but that God's plan allowed this to be used as a way for Jesus to go to the cross to die for our sins.

SAY 🙏 Jesus' friends left Him and Judas betrayed Him. How did Jesus show that He loved them? 🙏

Help kids understand that Jesus loves sinners and that He came to earth to save sinners. Tell kids that Jesus showed He loved His disciples by still going to the cross to die for their sins. Encourage kids to remember that we have sinned against God too and need to be forgiven just like the disciples.

SAY 🙏 Peter denied knowing Jesus three times. Should we ever be ashamed of knowing and trusting in Jesus? Why not? 🙏

Tell kids that there is no greater joy or honor than to know and trust in Jesus. Explain that when we trust in Jesus, we give Him our allegiance and make Him King of our heart. Tell kids that even if people mock us or are mean to us, we can always know that Jesus will never leave us. Remind kids that in Jesus we have eternal life and forgiveness of our sins.

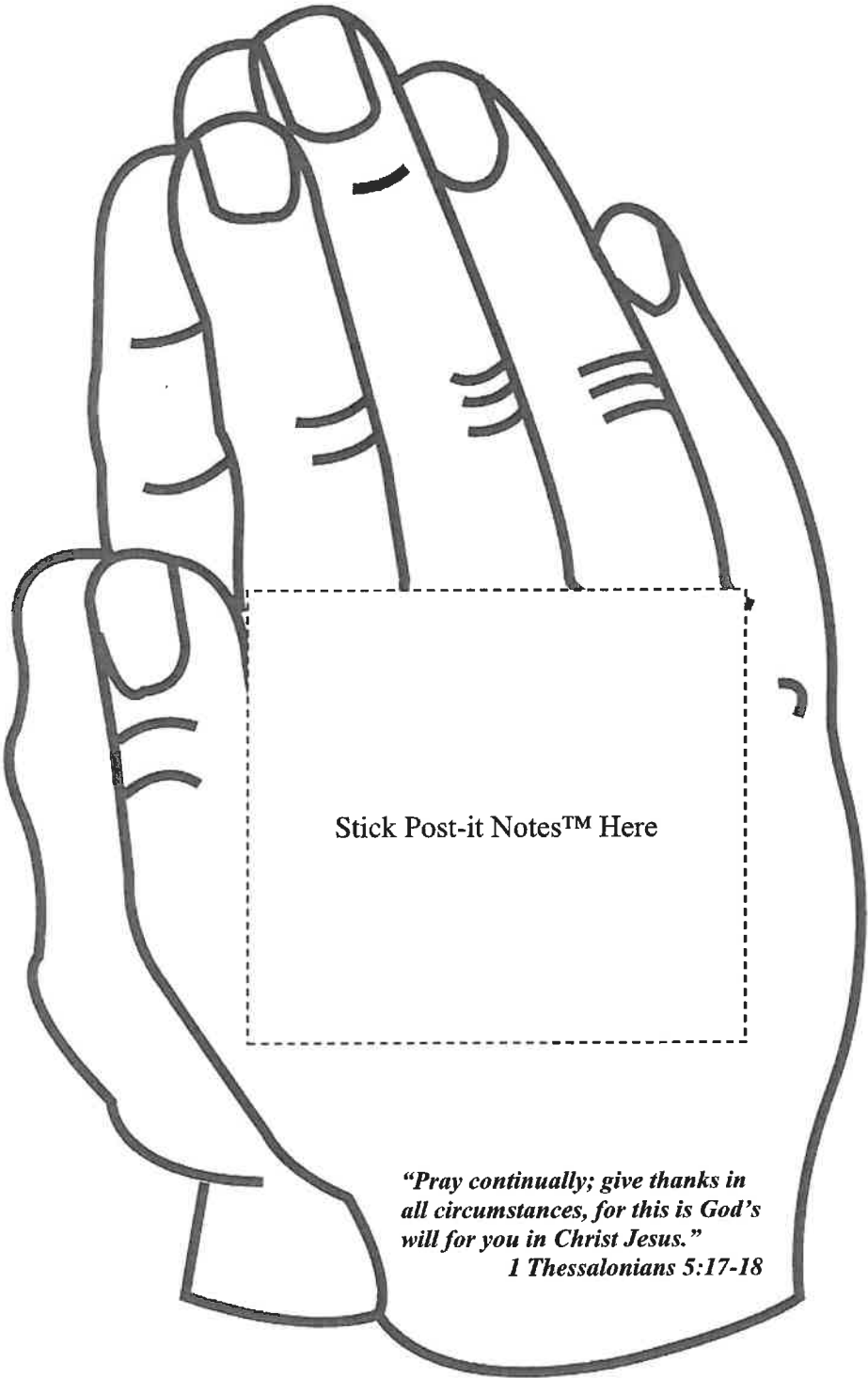
Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**



JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN

Luke 22:39-46

PRAYING HANDS PATTERN



JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN

Luke 22:39-46

After Jesus celebrated the Passover with His apostles, He shared the Last Supper with them. Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. It was a sad walk for Jesus. He is God, and He knew what would happen in the garden that night. To learn more about this story, write the missing letter from each set of letters on the line.

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| 1. QRTUVWX _____ | 3. ABDEFGH _____ | 4. ABCEFGH _____ |
| EFGHJKL _____ | WXYZBCD _____ | YZABCDF _____ |
| LMOPQRS _____ | LMNOQRS _____ | PQRTUVW _____ |
| PQRTUVW _____ | PQRSUVW _____ | ABCDFGH _____ |
| 2. XYZACDE _____ | STVWXYZ _____ | NOPQRSTU _____ |
| BCDFGHI _____ | NOPQRSTU _____ | SUVWXYZ _____ |
| QRSUVWX _____ | BCDFGHI _____ | |
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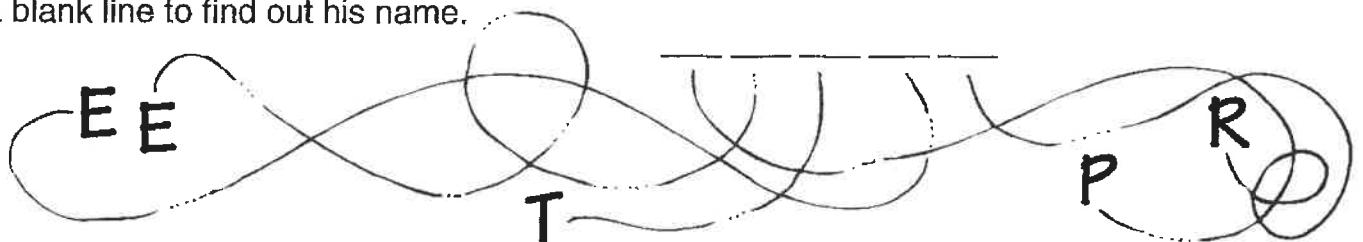


Use the words you wrote above in the sentences below.

Jesus was sad because He knew that . . .

1. He would soon bear our _____ in His body on the cross.
2. One of His apostles, Judas, would _____ Him to His enemies.
3. These enemies would come and _____ Him.
4. All of His other apostles would _____ Him.

Later that night, another apostle denied three times that he knew Jesus. Trace each letter to a blank line to find out his name.



Are you ashamed to tell your schoolmates and friends about Jesus? Isn't that the same as denying Him? Speak up for Jesus! Share His love!