



Unit 7, Lesson 28

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: GETHSEMANE

MATTHEW 26:36-56;

MARK 14:32-65;

LUKE 22:39-62;

JOHN 18

### THE STORY HOME

It's late Thursday night in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus is on His face passionately praying and near collapse. He dreads the coming trial and crucifixion. A few of His most loyal, yet exhausted, disciples are with Him. But they keep falling asleep. One of His other disciples, Judas, takes money from the temple police for betraying Jesus' location. The police storm into the garden, arrest Jesus, and take Him away for the mock trial.

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- I wonder how you would feel if someone you trusted and loved turned against you.
- Since Jesus knew everything that was going to happen, do you think He was scared?
- Why was Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane so important? What does this tell us about who Jesus is and His relationship with God—the Father?
- As this was His last week on earth, what do you think Jesus was thinking about?

### TOGETHER HOME

Plant a garden. Together with your children, prepare a small, sunny plot and drop in seeds or seedlings. If the weather is too cold, plant seeds indoors in small cups. Keep the soil moist and wait for the garden to grow. As you review the story of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, remind your children that even though Gethsemane was agony for Jesus, it was God's way of providing happiness and eternal life for us. This was a part of God's bigger plan, and Jesus was on board with it!

### BIBLE MEMORY HOME

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6). A fun way to review and memorize a Bible verse is to accentuate different words as you say the verse. First, put emphasis on the word "way," then on "Father," or any word you wish to stress. Sometimes this little exercise helps a verse take on new meaning.

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