

Dear Parents...

Over the last couple weeks, Anthem Kids have been studying the life of Jesus as He prepared to go to the cross. This week the His arrest. I will include the story we would have been looking at this Sunday, the key passage and point, as well as some questions and an activity to go along with the lesson. Please reach out to me at any time if you would like additional resources.

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Matthew 26:36–27:2

**MAIN POINT:** Jesus was betrayed and arrested.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Luke 4:18

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Why do believers share the Lord's Supper? *Believers share the Lord's Supper to remember Jesus' life and death and to proclaim Him until He returns*

## The BIBLE STORY

### Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Move with the story:** Designate one side of the stage to be the garden. Dim the lights and speak in a quiet tone in the garden. Use brighter lights, a louder voice and move to another side of the stage to represent Caiaphas' house.
- **Use sound effects:** Play nighttime sounds to represent Jesus' time in the garden. Play noisy crowd sound effects when Jesus faces Caiaphas. Be sure you use sounds to enhance the story, not distract from it.

## Jesus Was Arrested

*Matthew 26:36–27:2*

**Jesus came with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane** (geth SEM uh nih). **He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." Jesus became very sad and troubled.** Jesus went a little farther. **He fell facedown and prayed, "Father! If it is possible, spare Me from this. But I want to do Your plan."**

**Jesus came back and found the disciples asleep.** He asked Peter, "Couldn't you stay awake with Me for one hour?" Jesus went away and prayed. Then He found His disciples sleeping again. **He said, "Are you still asleep? Get up, for it is almost time. Someone is going to betray Me."**

**Suddenly Judas arrived. A large crowd carrying swords and clubs was with him. Judas kissed Jesus so the crowd would know who Jesus was. The men grabbed Jesus and arrested Him. Peter pulled out his sword and tried to fight the men, but Jesus told Peter to put away his sword.** Jesus said, "Isn't this what God planned all along?" Jesus' followers ran away, but Peter stayed nearby to watch.

**The men who arrested Jesus led Him to the house of Caiaphas the high priest.** The religious leaders were trying to find a reason to kill Jesus, but they could not. **The high priest asked, "Do You have anything to say? Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?"**

**Jesus replied, "Yes, that's right."**

The high priest said, "Ah ha! He has spoken against God." **Caiaphas and the religious leaders did not want to believe that Jesus is God's Son. They said Jesus was lying, but Jesus was telling the truth!** The crowd said, "He deserves to die!" They spit in Jesus' face and hit Him.

A servant saw Peter and asked, "Aren't you one of Jesus'

disciples?" "No, I'm not!" Peter said. Twice more as Peter watched what was happening to Jesus, someone asked him if he was a follower of Jesus. Peter said no.

**The next morning, the religious leaders** decided how they would kill Jesus. Then they **took Him to Pilate, the governor.**

*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.*

## Review Questions with Activity

Designate each corner of the room *A, B, C,* and *D*. You may decide to make paper signs and hang them to help kids remember. Tell children that you are going to give multiple choice questions, and children should go to the letter that matches the letter of the answer they think is right. After you read the correct answer, anyone not in that corner will sit in the center of the room. Invite kids to find Matthew 26 in their Bibles to help them find the answer if they get stumped.

Ask the following review questions:

1. **Where did Jesus go with His disciples to pray:** A. Golgotha, B. Jerusalem, C. Gethsemane, or D. Gehenna? (C. *Gethsemane; Matt. 26:36*)
2. **What did Jesus pray for God to do:** A. to keep Him from having to die on the cross, B. to help Him find a good lawyer, C. to give Him everything He wanted, or D. to help Him fight off the guards coming to arrest Him? (A. *to keep Him from having to die on a cross; Matt. 26:39,42*)
3. **Which disciple betrayed Jesus with a kiss:** A. Judas, B. Peter, C. Matthew, or D. Stephen? (A. *Judas; Matt. 26:47-49*)
4. **Which disciple betrayed Jesus with a kiss:** A. Judas, B. Peter, C. Matthew, or D. Stephen? (A. *Judas; Matt. 26:47-49*)
5. **Who was the high priest that Jesus was brought before:** A. Cornelius, B. Co-worker, C. Coriolanus, or D. Caiaphas? (D. *Caiaphas; Matt. 26:57*)
6. **What had Jesus done wrong, according to Caiaphas?** A. Jesus threatened to destroy the temple; B. Jesus was a thief; C. Jesus said He is the Messiah, the Son of God; or D. Jesus was crazy? (C. *Jesus said He is the Messiah, the Son of God; Matt. 26:63-66*)