Lesson 10
Jesus at the Garden & Trial

Objective
Study Mark 14 - Learn that Jesus prayed in the Garden and was arrested and tried even though He was innocent.

Supplies
Teachers and/or Coordinators ensure supplies are ready prior to each class.

Print From the Site:
- Garden and Trial Activity Sheet (one per student)
- Garden and Trial Visual Aid Sheet (one for teacher)
- Bibles – enough for everyone to have one
- Pens/Pencils/Crayons/Pencil Crayons
- Stickers (for attendance)
- Attendance Chart
- Take Home Sheet 5 (one per student who didn't get one last time)

Optional Supplies
Print From the Site:
- Garden Tree Snack Template – 6 per page, print and cut out on green construction paper – one tree top per student
- Tape – for teacher to tape tree tops to spoons
- Scissors – for teacher and students
- Snack: Garden of Gethsemane Tree Pudding
  - Chocolate Pudding Cup – one per student
  - Wooden spoon (or plastic if wood isn't available) – one per student

Not My Will Praying Hands Craft
- Colored Construction Paper – half a sheet per student

Teacher Tips
★ See Lesson 1 for ideas.

1) Introduction to Lesson

As students enter, welcome them. Thank them for coming. Take attendance.
Who can tell me what we learned last time? That Jesus started the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is for Christians and includes taking the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine to remember Jesus.

Today we are going to see that after Jesus told the apostles about the Lord's Supper He went to the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed for God to help Him knowing He was about to be betrayed by Judas, hurt, and killed by the Jews even though He was innocent. He did this so He could save you and me from our sins.

2) Class Time - Jesus at the Garden & Trial 15-20 minutes

Have visual aid ready.

Show the first picture of the visual aid. **Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane. It is at the base of the Mount of Olives where Jesus would go occasionally. It is here that He prays.**

The Garden of Gethsemane is at the base of the Mount of Olives.
This is a picture of what it looks like today.

Let's turn to Mark 14. Can I get someone to read Mark 14:32-42 please? Hold up second page of visual aid while they read.
Read **Mark 14:32-42.**

Jesus was deeply upset and depressed. Jesus prayed that He would not be punished on the cross for all of our sins. But he also said that He would do what His Father in heaven wanted him to.

While Jesus was concerned and asked His friends for help what were they doing? Sleeping/falling asleep.

Sometimes we might have friends or family that we ask for help and they are either too tired (as in the case of Peter, James and John) or not able to help us. Let's remember to be kind and forgive when this happens. And may we remember that sometimes others will ask us for help when we are tired or

not wanting to. May we remember to try and be there for others when they are in need!

Think about the hard things Jesus knew He had to do. He knew He was going to be betrayed by Judas, that He was going to be killed in a painful way, that all the sins of the world were going to lay on Him. What did Jesus do when things were hard for Him? Prayed to God!

Let's remember to pray to God as well when we are facing troubles and trust in Him to help us.

Jesus asked that if it were possible that God would take the cup – meaning change things so Jesus wouldn't have to die on the cross. He prayed that God's will be done. Jesus still had to do it. God's answer was no. Are you surprised that sometimes God's answer to our prayers is no? Let students answer.

Even though Jesus had asked God and prayed, did He still obey God? Yes, it says He prayed not my will but Yours be done.

Which hard things could you ask God to help you with? Let students answer.

We might not always know what is going to happen or why something is happening, but like Jesus let's pray and trust God to take care of the issue. We can know that we will have hard times but God will help us through!

What does it mean for "God's will" to be done in our lives? Let students answer.

Help them see that: **God's will is more important and sometimes different than ours. But God's will is always for the best and greater good. And because He is God, we can trust that He knows what is best and will do the right thing, even if it means we have to suffer for a time.**

One thing is for sure – it was Jesus' choice to suffer and die for our salvation. He trusted God. Thank the Lord Jesus that He went through with it!
Think about these things for a minute: Like Jesus when we are in trouble or in distress do we pray to God, not our will but His be done?

When Jesus says things in the Bible that He wants us to do, do we act like the apostles and sleep, ignore, or forget? Or do we stay awake and alert trying to make sure we follow Jesus and God's will for us?

Now let's Read Mark 14:43-52

We learn from John 18:10 that it was Peter who cut off Malchus ear, and even though these men were coming to arrest and kill Jesus, Jesus miraculously healed him and put his ear back.

When our enemies are surrounding us, we need to be like Christ and be kind, helpful, and not strike back.
What did Jesus' friends and followers do? Ran!

Many believe the young man who ran away naked was Mark because he wrote the book and his account is the only one with this information. Either way, they were all so scared they left Jesus alone and ran.

Let's read Mark 14:53-65 our last reading for today.

Mark 14:53:65

Notice during the trial, not two witnesses agreed! No one could say anything bad against Jesus. All that they could say were lies that couldn't be proven.

When the High Priest asked Jesus if He was the Christ what was His answer in verse 62? I am!

They used this to claim Jesus was falsely claiming He was deity (meaning God). But Jesus is deity! He is God. He was not wrong in saying this or anything else He spoke.

Notice they yelled "Prophesy!" meaning "Identify who is hitting You." He was blindfolded, and only a prophet could identify who was doing that. But His job was not to stop them from killing Him, He knew why He came to earth. This is a sad time for Jesus and all people. Jesus had to die because of our sins. Our sins hurt Jesus. But because He loves us so much, He died for you and me. What a loving God and Savior we have. We are so blessed because of

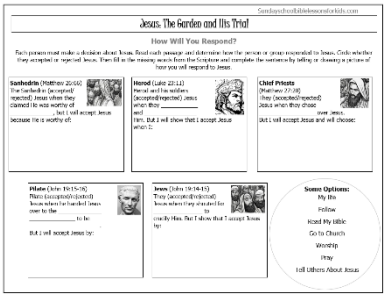
Jesus. Like He said before when He instituted the Lord's Supper, let us remember what He did for us.

Do you have any questions related to what we just read? As always answer from the Bible verses specifically. If you need further help and email Sundayschoolbiblelessonsforkids@protonmail.com if you have any questions about this for you or your students that you can't answer.

***If you want to do to the optional activity of the praying hands craft below, then you can do that first and then if time students can do one or both activities on the activity sheet.

3) Class Activity – Garden and Trial Activity Sheets 20 minutes

Hand out one set of sheets to each student along with crayons, pencils, and/or pencil crayons. Go through the sheets, read the instructions and questions aloud as a group. Ask if they have any questions.


Jesus, The Garden and His Trial

How Will You Respond?

Each person must make a decision about Jesus. Read each passage and determine how the person or group responded to Jesus. Circle whether they accepted or rejected Jesus. Then fill in the missing words from the Scripture and complete the sentences by telling or showing a picture of how you will respond to Jesus.

Sanhedrin (Matthew 26:66) The Sanhedrin (accepted/rejected) Jesus when they claimed he was worthy of _____, but I will accept Jesus because He is worthy of!

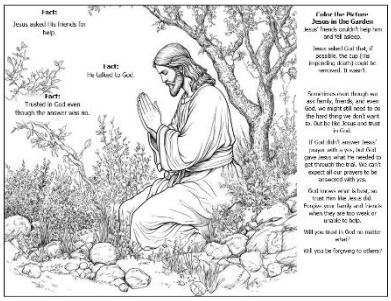
Herod (Luke 23:11) Herod and his soldiers (accepted/rejected) Jesus when they _____ and _____ him. But I will show that I accept Jesus when I:

Chief Priests (Matthew 27:20) They (accepted/rejected) Jesus when they chose _____ over Jesus. But I will accept Jesus and will choose:

Pilate (John 19:15-16) Pilate (accepted/rejected) Jesus when he handed Jesus over to the _____ to be _____. But I will accept Jesus by:

Jesus (John 19:14-15) They (accepted/rejected) Jesus when they wanted to _____ to _____ crucify Him. But I show that I accept Jesus by:

Some Options:
My life
Follow
Read My bible
Go to Church
Worship
Pray
Tell Others About Jesus



Sometimes it is not God's will that we are suffering. But sometimes we suffer because of our own sin, because someone has done wrong to us, or because the world is evil and wicked. In Jesus' case He knew it was God's will for Him to die on the cross. If I steal and end up in jail, that is not God's will that I stole and ended up in jail. That was me doing wrong and paying the consequences. So not everything is God's will. God doesn't cause suffering, but knowing we will face suffering He helps us through and uses those times to help us and others draw closer to Him.

Answers Page 1 For each part where students say how they will accept Jesus, they can choose their own answers or from some of the options provided on their page for ideas. Any appropriate answer is fine.

Sanhedrin: Rejected Death
He is worthy examples: my life, love, praise…
Herod: Rejected Treated Him bad/treated Him with contempt and mocked

I accept Jesus when I: love, respect, worship, etc...
Chief Priests: Rejected Barabbas
I accept Jesus and will choose: Jesus, to follow Him, etc.
Pilate: Rejected Chief Priests/Jews/Crowd Crucified
But I will accept Jesus by: Telling others about Him, remembering Him, following Him, etc…
Jews: Rejected Pilate
I show that I accept Jesus by: Obeying Him, Reading my Bible, etc.

We did not read all about Jesus trial here today because of time. Your take home sheets that I gave to you last time have all the verses you can read about it at home for more details.

4) Optional - Not My Will Praying Hands Craft 10-15 minutes

Prep

Gather construction paper and cut in half so each student gets half a page (make sure to check hand size first since their hands in a prayer position need to fit on the page. If hands are too big, then one sheet per student.) Get pencil crayons, markers, or crayons, and scissors.

Activity

Hand out one sheet to each student. Tell them that:
Today we are going to remember that Jesus said, "Not my will but Your will," when He was praying in the garden.

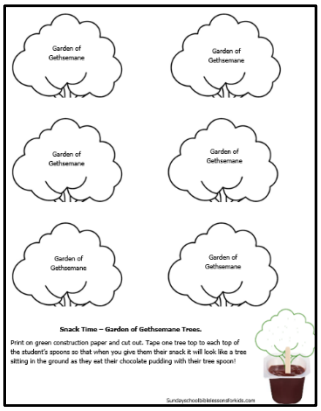
I want you to take your construction paper and fold it in half vertically. Then take your non-writing hand and put the pinky side of your hand up against the fold laying your hand flat on the table with the paper underneath. So your pinky should be laying on the folded side of the paper. (Show them on a sheet so they see.)

With your other hand trace your hand onto the paper. Then cut out the hand print, but DO NOT CUT THE FOLD! This way your hand page will open up to look like hands praying. (Show image above if needed.)

Now when you are done, put the waste paper away and write on one side on the inside: Not my will
and on the other inside write: But Your will.

Help as needed and if time discuss questions and talk about Jesus being willing to put God first even though it meant Jesus would have to suffer terribly. But trusting in God Jesus knew it was best.

5) Optional Snack – Garden Tree Pudding Cups



Prep
Gather chocolate pudding cups, wooden spoons, tape, scissors and the Garden Snack template – 1 sheet for every 6 students. Cut out the tree top templates and tape one to the top of a wooden spoon. Before snack time, open the cups and remove the covers and put a wooden spoon straight down so it looks like a tree sitting in a garden.

Snack Time
You've all done a great job this morning learning that Jesus was sad and went to His friends and to God for help. Even though He suffered, He trusted that God would help Him through. What does this snack remind you of? Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. **Let's eat our snack remembering what Jesus did and said and how we should be like Him when we suffer – going to God in prayer.** Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands.

What was the most important thing you learned today? Why?
Will there be times when our life will be hard? Yes! **What should we do?**
What do you like/love most about Jesus from this story?

Clean up before moving on.

6) Optional Activity – Memory Verses 5 minutes

Have the students go to their Bibles and read the verses aloud as a class 2 times. Then include other options such as:

- You saying a word and having them repeat it as you go through the verse.
- Have students repeat a small phrase a few times before working on the

next phrase.
- Have students repeat after each other.
- Ask students to think of hand gestures for each section of the verse.

Mark 11:9
And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Luke 21:20
But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you know that its desolation has come near.

Luke 22:42
"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

7) Closing Prayer

**Before the prayer, make sure the activities/snacks have been cleaned up.
Ask if there are any prayers the students want to share. Write them down to help you remember. Then ask all students to bow their heads and fold their hands to pray.

Thank You God for Jesus Your Son who came to save us. May we keep our eyes open and focused on Your will and not our own as Jesus did. May we pray to You always and trust that even if the answer You give is not yes, it is because You have something important and needed for doing so. May we trust You always. And like Jesus may we forgive our friends and family when they make mistakes, sin, or let us down.

We pray for those who could not come to worship today because of illness or weakness, we pray that Your will be done in their lives and help them to get better so they can return to us soon.
Thank You for our families, church families, and friends. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

8) Things to Remember

Thank the students for coming.
Encourage them to share what they learned with their family.
Take their activity sheets home.
Make sure students leave with a responsible person.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!