

## Sunday Lesson for children

# Life of Christ

## Jesus prays

## Luke 22:39-54

### Younger Verse

Ask and it will be given to you. Matthew 7:7

### Older Verse

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

### Welcome Time

When you get up in the morning, what is the first thing you do? (wait for answers)  
Today we are going to see what the first thing was that Jesus did.

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

One night, Jesus went to a special place to pray. He went there often with His friends. When they arrived, Jesus told them to pray so they would not be tempted to do wrong. Then, He walked a little further, knelt down and prayed to God.

Jesus prayed to God. He told God he was willing to do anything God asked. He asked God if He had to suffer what was about to happen. He knew that it would hurt very much. He was in much pain and sadness. His sweat was like blood falling to the ground.

When He finished praying, Jesus went back to His friends. Believe it or not, they were asleep! Jesus woke them and asked them to get up and pray so they would not be tempted to do wrong. While Jesus was speaking, a crowd came. Judas, one of Jesus' friends, led the people to Jesus. Judas showed them who Jesus was by kissing Jesus' cheek. Judas betrayed Jesus. That means that he turned in Jesus so that he could get something in return. Judas got 30 pieces of silver to show the angry men where Jesus was.

When Jesus' friends saw what was happening, they asked Jesus if they should fight back. Before Jesus could answer, one of them sliced off the right ear of one of the men.

Jesus answered, "No more of this!" He touched the man's ear and healed him. Can you imagine what that man must have been thinking? He was there to hurt Jesus and Jesus did just the opposite—He helped the man. It must have also made the man wonder who Jesus really was because He healed him. That's only something God can do!

The crowd arrested Jesus and led Him away to be judged. They bound His hands and beat Jesus. It hurt Him badly. During this time, Jesus did not fight back or try to escape. He knew there was a reason for what was happening.

Do you know what happened next? Jesus did something for us! That's right! God knew that there would not be a way that we can get to Heaven by ourselves. We would

### Lesson Goals

To let the children see and understand why Jesus prayed  
To help kids understand that they can pray to God

never be good enough to get there on our own because we have all done wrong. God sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to help us. Jesus willingly died in our place. He took our place, so that we can go to Heaven and be with God if we trust Jesus and believe in Him. Would you like to do this? It's the best thing you could ever do!!

Remember that Jesus took time to pray when times were hard. He kept doing what was right even though hard things happened. We must do the same thing. We must keep doing the things that God wants us to do no matter what happens. We must pray in the good times and the hard times. We must also go to Bible study regularly and read our Bible.

**Learning Activities**

Try activities that will help your kids understand and put the lesson into practice.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Divide the class into two teams. Let team one say the first word of the verse. Ask team two to repeat the word and add the next word. For example: 1. Ask; 2. Ask and; 3. Ask and it; 4. Ask and it will etc.

**Prayer Time**

Just as Jesus prayed, we must take time to pray. It's our way of talking to God and listening to what He wants to tell us. We have a special prayer garden at Mission Arlington that would be a special place for you and your group to pray.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

Munch on snacks and Don't forget to pray first!

Planning for April 4th Daylight Saving Time  
Peter lies  
Luke 22:54-62

## Preschool Lesson for Jesus prays

One night, Jesus went to a special place to pray. He went there often with His friends. When they got there, Jesus told them to pray so they would not do wrong. Then, He walked a little further, knelt down and prayed to God.

Jesus prayed to God. He knew very soon that mean people would come to hurt Him. He knew that God had a plan and Jesus told God that He would do whatever God wanted.

When He finished praying, Jesus went back to His friends. Believe it or not, they were asleep! (Make snoring noises) Jesus woke them and asked them to get up and pray so they would not do wrong. While Jesus was speaking, a crowd came to the garden. They arrested Jesus even though He had not done anything wrong.

When Jesus' friends saw what was happening, they asked Jesus if they should fight back. Before Jesus could answer, one of them sliced off the right ear of one of the men.

Jesus answered, "No more of this!" He touched the man's ear and healed him. Can you imagine what that man must have been thinking? He was there to hurt Jesus and Jesus did just the opposite—He helped the man. It must have also made the man wonder who Jesus really was because He healed him. That's only something God can do!

The crowd arrested Jesus and led Him away to be judged. They bound His hands and hurt Him badly. During this time, Jesus did not fight back or try to escape. He knew there was a reason for what was happening.

Do you know what happened next? Jesus did something for us! That's right! God knew that there would be no way that we can get to Heaven by ourselves. We would never be good enough to get there on our own because we have all done wrong. God sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to help us. Jesus willingly died in our place. He took our place, so that we can go to Heaven and be with God if we trust Jesus and believe in Him.

Remember that Jesus took time to pray when times were hard. He kept doing what was right even though hard things happened. We must do the same thing. We must keep doing the things that God wants us to do no matter what happens. We must pray in the good times and the hard times. We must also go to Bible study and read our Bible.

Let's thank God for Jesus and tell Him how much we love Him!

Sing, "Jesus loves Me."

Hands-on Activities  
for  
Jesus prays

Play Hide and seek. Talk about how what it means to “seek” in the verse today.

Make thank you letters to God.

Try an outdoor prayer and worship activity.

Create a paper prayer tree. Find a branch and let the kids clip paper “leaves” on it with prayer requests.

Cut out the framed prayer plaque.

Emphasize the importance of prayer. Make up a Scavenger Hunt. Give children clues like “Go to the place where we sing songs to God.” When they get there, they will hunt for a note maybe inside a plastic egg. Inside the egg is a prayer request. Stop and pray for that request and then lead them to another place in the church to find another clue.

For preschoolers, cut out garden/park pictures from magazines. Let them glue these pictures onto a piece of construction paper labeled “This is where Jesus prayed.” Take time to show them how to pray and pray with them. Even 2 year olds can learn!

Jesus prayed to God in today’s lesson. What was God’s answer? Jesus was willing to do whatever God wanted. When we pray, do we ask for selfish things just for ourselves or do we ask for things that God wants for us.