

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 10/25/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26-27

LESSON: Jesus Was Arrested



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week, we talked about Jesus and His followers eating the Passover meal together. Do you remember what this meal reminded God's people about? (Yes! Waaay back in Exodus, God saved His people from slavery in Egypt!) This week, we are going to see what happened when the religious leaders were FED UP with Jesus' teachings.

Simon Says "This Isn't Fair" - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This game is a simple object lesson to prepare your kids for the Bible story they're about to learn. Play a game of Simon Says. When someone messes up by doing something Simon didn't say or by not doing something Simon did say, pick a random different person to be out. When this happens, everyone shouts, "Hey! That's not fair!" Try to play this game for a few rounds, but kids will likely get frustrated quickly.

Say - How did it feel when you were out because of someone else's mistake? In our story today, we are going to hear about a time when Jesus was arrested, put on trial and eventually executed... all for things He didn't even do! But Jesus did all of this on purpose. He knew what would happen, and He went through it all for us!



LESSON - JESUS WAS ARRESTED

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Was Arrested](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus invited His friends into His darkest hour. (Kids repeat!)

Some parts of life are really hard. Sometimes, we call them our "darkest hour". In Jesus' darkest hour, He went to one of His favorite gardens - the garden of Gethsemane to pray. He invited His closest disciples to come with Him so He wouldn't be alone... BUUUUUTTT... the disciples fell asleep! Want to know what's worse? They fell asleep twice! How sad do you think that might have made Jesus as He was facing His darkest hour? Jesus knew He needed to pray and be with God in these terrible times. And He was trying to lead and encourage His friends to pray for Him and with Him... But they couldn't even stay awake to support Him. And it only got worse from there...

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus was lied about in His darkest hour. (Kids repeat!)

Have you ever had someone say you did something you didn't do? (Maybe a friend or a sibling?) It feels terrible, doesn't it? Jesus knows what that feels like. At the end of His life, people lied about Jesus so much that He got arrested. They did it because they didn't like Him and the changes He was causing. They didn't like that Jesus said He was the Son of God (even though it was true!). They didn't like that Jesus exposed their sins. They didn't like that He said God loved everyone by grace. And the lies they told about Jesus had a terrible, terrible cost. At a fake trial, Jesus was condemned to die.

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus was abandoned in His darkest hour. (Kids repeat!)

At the end of His life, in many different ways, Jesus was abandoned. Judas turned Him in to his enemies. Peter denied even knowing Him outside of Jesus' fake trial! Three times!! All of Jesus' disciples scattered to go hide in fear.

In Jesus' darkest hours, no one was there with Him. As He took on the sins of the world, God set up the story to make it clear that only Jesus could carry this weight, and He carried it all alone for all of us.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus went through His darkest hour so we can have Him in ours! (kids repeat)

In our darkest hours, we can get really afraid. We can doubt whether God knows what we're going through or if He cares at all. We can start to feel like we're all alone! But there is great news in Jesus' life. He never gave into fear. He never doubted whether God cared. Jesus faced His darkest hour with no sin at all! And He did it so that we could be saved from our sins. He did it so that we could know without a shadow of a doubt that God loves us forever. He did it so we could know that He is with us in whatever darkness we might be going through.

RESPONSE



Sing: [He Humbled Himself](#) (Key Passage Song)
[Psalm 40:5](#)

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for enduring all of these things so I can be a part of your family. Remind me when I am afraid that you are with me always. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Where did Jesus go to pray? *A garden called Gethsemane*
- What did the disciples do while Jesus prayed? *They fell asleep*
- Why did the religious leaders want to kill Jesus? *He said He's the Son of God*
- What is the most afraid you've ever been in your whole life? Has fear ever made you question whether God loves you or not?
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question if you get really stumped on any, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - Tell about a time when you were very afraid or everything seemed to be against you. How did you push into Jesus and trust God was with you?

Red Light, Green Light - Designate a starting line. Choose someone to call out "red light" and "green light". Everyone else is a runner. Have all of the runners stand on the starting line and the caller stand a short distance away. When the caller says "green light" everyone can move forward. When the caller says "red light", everyone has to freeze. If anyone moves after "red light" is called, they are out. The first person to reach the caller wins and becomes caller for the next round. If you want to up the challenge, change the start and freeze words to common words and have the caller slip the words in to casually talking so the runners have to pay really close attention!