



Holy – Lesson 3

2s and 3s

Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus.” (KJV)

Key Point: Jesus saves us from our sin.

Bible Verse: Matt. 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-50, Luke 22:40-46

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Coloring Sheet

Big Group Time

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.

- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.

Activity

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from Mark 14 in the Bible. **After the Passover meal, Jesus knows it is his time to give his life for our sins (1).** So, after **Jesus and his disciples** finish the Passover meal, they leave the room and **go to** a special place called **the Garden of Gethsemane (2).**

When Jesus goes to the Garden of Gethsemane, he takes three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, into the garden. **He asks Peter, James, and John to watch and pray (3).** Then Jesus goes a little further, kneels on the ground, and begins to pray. Jesus knows he has something hard to do. The thing Jesus is about to do is going to be very hard, but it is the reason he has come to Earth.

Jesus needs to talk to God, his Father, **to get strength and comfort (4).** **After Jesus prays** for a little while, **he goes back** to where his disciples

are **and finds that Peter, James, and John are asleep** (5). **Jesus wakes them up and again asks them to watch and pray** (6) with him. **He** goes a little further away and **prays again** (7).

The second time **Jesus goes to talk to his disciples, they are asleep again** (8), because they are very tired. Jesus decides to let them sleep, and he goes back to pray a third time. **After praying** for a while, **Jesus knows that it is time. Judas**, the disciple who has betrayed him, **and the soldiers are on the way** (9). Jesus goes and wakes his disciples. Judas and the soldiers come into the garden with spears and clubs. Judas lets the soldiers know which one is Jesus, and they arrest him. One of Jesus' disciples, Peter, tries to stop the soldiers. He takes a sword and cuts off the ear of one of the soldiers! But, **Jesus** immediately heals the soldier's ear and **goes willingly with them** (10).

Key Point: Jesus saves us from our sin.

Review Questions

1. In our lesson today, where did Jesus go to pray? (The Garden of Gethsemane.)
2. Which disciples did Jesus take with him? (Peter, James, and John.)
3. What did the disciples do while Jesus was praying? (They fell asleep.)
4. What did Jesus ask them to do? (Watch and pray.)
5. What did Peter do when the soldiers arrested Jesus? (He cut off one of the soldier's ears, but Jesus healed the ear.)

ACTIVITIES:

Praying in the Garden

Supplies

- Flower pictures (12 per bin)
- Painters tape

Tape the laminated flowers to the floor (space them out around the room). Have the children stand on a flower. Let them walk around from

flower to flower in the garden and tell them they can pray and talk to God about whatever they would like. When you call out "freeze!" they need to stop on a flower. Then ask them to think of something to be thankful to God for and share it. Let a few kids say out loud, "Thank you God for..." Then continue walking and praying in the garden. Next time you call out "freeze!" ask a few kids to share out loud, "God help me..." (or, "Give me strength with..." or "I am afraid of..."). Remind them that Jesus prayed in the garden and he asked God for strength and help. Let the children continue walking and next time you say "freeze!" let a few children respond to, "I love you God because..." (Help them think of all the attributes we have talked about so far. God is creator, provider, rescuer, generous, all-knowing, always there, loving...) The last time you have them stop, ask them if anyone would like to pray to God, "God, please forgive me for..." or, "God I am sorry for..." Say to the children: **God wants to forgive us from our sin. We will make wrong choices and sin, but Jesus came to earth to rescue you from sin. He forgives us when we ask and we are truly sorry for what we have done. Remember, we can pray all the time and anywhere. We can pray quietly to ourselves or out loud with our eyes open and God will hear us no matter what.**

Resurrection Eggs

Supplies

Set of Resurrection Eggs (one per bin)

There should be a set of Resurrection Eggs in your room. Please feel free to use these to go over the Easter story. There is an information booklet in the box, but you can just summarize each part. Please be careful to return the items to the correct eggs so that they can be used again and again throughout the unit.