



Vacation Bible School 2020
3s-Kinder
SESSION 3

**JESUS PRAYED
IN THE GARDEN**

Bible Story Passage: Matthew 26:36-46

What's The Point?: Jesus has a plan for me.

Focus Verse: I know that God started a good work in me and He will complete it. Philippians 1:6

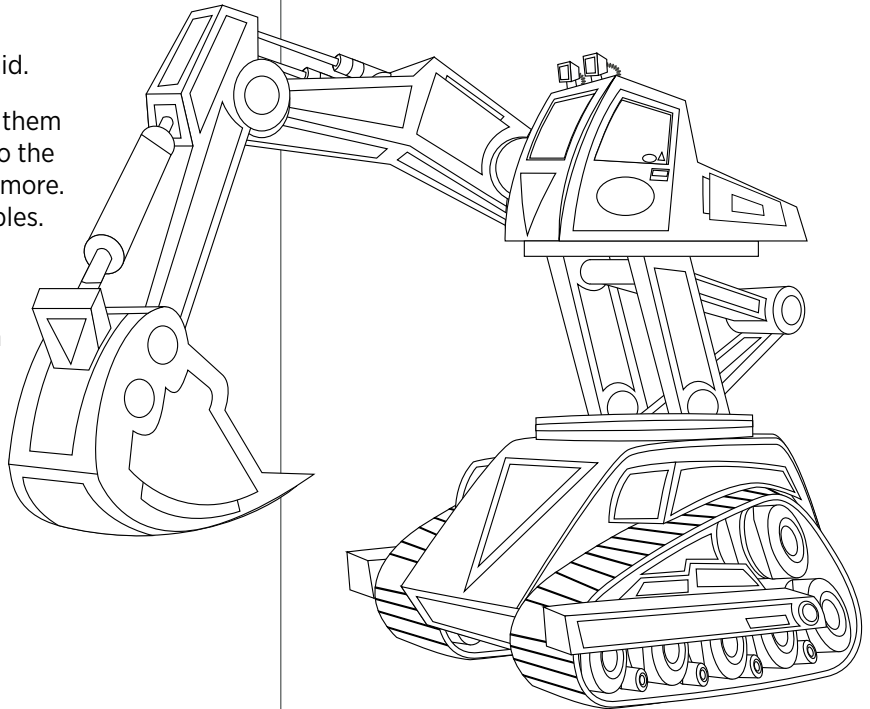
Jesus and His disciples (helpers) walked to a place called Gethsemane. It was a garden near the bottom of a mountain. Jesus said to the men, "Sit here while I go pray." Then Jesus told Peter and two other disciples, James and John, to go with Him.

Jesus became quiet. He began to think about the plan God had for Him and the things that would happen soon. Jesus told His disciples He was sad and wanted them to stay near Him. While Peter, James, and John waited, Jesus walked a little farther away. He fell down on the ground and prayed. Jesus asked God to help Him.

"Whatever You want, God, I will do," Jesus said.

Jesus walked back to the disciples. He found them sleeping. "Stay awake and pray," Jesus said to the men. Jesus walked away again to pray some more. When He finished, He went back to the disciples. They were still sleeping!

So Jesus went to pray again. He asked God to help Him be ready to do God's plan. When Jesus finished praying, He returned to His disciples. He told them to get up and leave the garden with Him.



Closing Riddles

- We walked to a garden called Gethsemane. Who are we? (Jesus and His disciples)
- We are the disciples who went with Jesus to pray. Who are we? (Peter, James, and John)
- I told my disciples I was sad and asked them to near Me. Who am I? (Jesus)
- I told God I would do whatever he wanted me to do. Who Am I? (Jesus)
- I asked God to help Me to be ready to do His plan. Who am I? (Jesus)
- We left the garden with Jesus. Who are we? (His disciples)



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INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITIES

Activity: Complete the “Jesus Prayed in the Garden” Coloring Sheet (in the VBS packet or at www.pcbc.org/vbs.)

GROUP TIME

Introduce the Bible Story: Talk to your child about times when he or she prays (before meals, at bedtime, with family, etc.) Jesus often spent time talking to God. Our story today is about a time when Jesus prayed and trusted God.

Tell or watch the Bible Story: “Jesus Prayed in the Garden”. (You can watch Amy Wiede teach today’s Bible story by going to www.pcbc.org/vbs.) If you choose to teach the Bible story, have your Bible open to the day’s passage. Be familiar enough with the story that you can tell it, and not just read it! (The Bible story is in the VBS packet or at www.pcbc.org/vbs.)

Review the Bible Story: Fold your hands in prayer and ask your child to tell you what part of the story that reminds your child of. Make other motions (sleeping, walking, etc.) and ask your child to tell about that part of the story.

Pray together: Say that Jesus prayed in the garden in today’s Bible story. Give your child an opportunity to pray. Close the prayer time, thanking God that you can learn about Jesus from the Bible.

BIBLE VERSE MEMORY

Bible Verse Song to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” Sing this song with children each day to help them memorize our verse. (Included in VBS packet at www.pcbc.org/vbs.)

BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Activity 1: “Jesus is the Garden” Craft Kit (in VBS packet. For those who don’t have the craft kit, here is a link to an alternative craft: [Praying hand craft](#))

Activity 2: Recall the Bible Story: Throughout the week, use activities your child enjoys to review the daily Bible story and Bible verse. (See list of suggested activities from the VBS Activity Idea sheet, either in packet or at www.pcbc.org/vbs.)

CLOSING RALLY

(Go to www.pcbc.org/vbs to watch this session’s Worship Rally.) After the rally time, use the closing riddles (found on the Bible Story sheet in the VBS packet or at www.pcbc.org/vbs.)

