



Vacation Bible School 2020
Grades 1-5
SESSION 3

**JESUS PRAYED
IN THE GARDEN**

Jesus knew He had come to earth to be the Savior of the world. He knew that meant He would have to die. On the last night Jesus spent with His disciples, He took them to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to the men, "Sit here while I go pray." Then Jesus asked Peter and two other disciples, James and John, to go a little farther with Him.

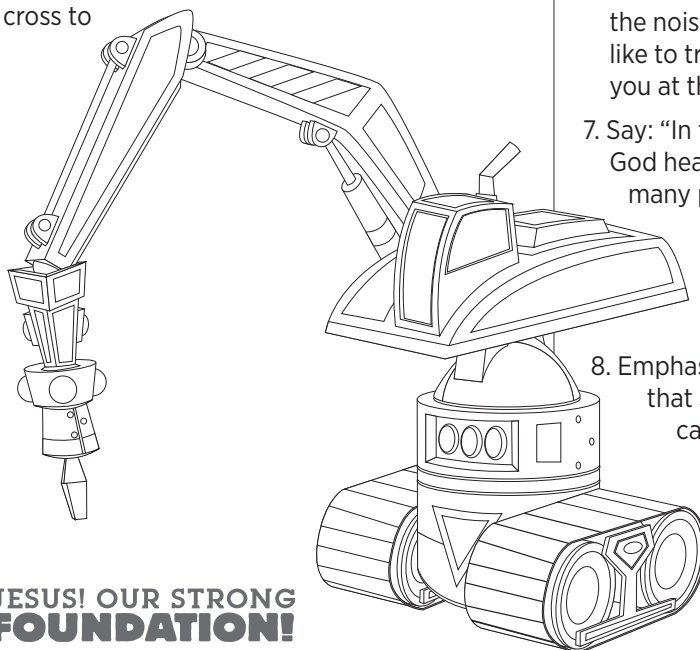
Jesus was very sad and troubled because He knew He was going to die on the cross to save people from their sins. Jesus asked Peter, James, and John to stay awake with Him because He was so distressed.

When Jesus had gone a little farther into the garden alone, He fell to His knees and began to pray. He asked God if there was any other way to provide forgiveness other than by dying. Jesus did not want to disobey His Father, but He also knew all things are possible for God. Jesus told God that He would do whatever God wanted Him to do.

Jesus returned to Peter, James, and John, but found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you stay awake with me for just an hour? Stay awake and pray." Jesus went alone a second time to pray. When He came back, the three were asleep again because they could not keep their eyes open.

Finally Jesus went alone a third time to pray. When He returned and found the three men sleeping, He told them to get up and go with Him. Jesus knew it was time to go with the soldiers and follow through with God's plan. He was willing to suffer and die on the cross to save us from our sin.

Matthew 26:36-46



ACTIVITY

What's that Noise?

(Application Activity #1–10 minutes)

Prep

- Leader pack item 3
- Construction hard hat
- Painter's tape

1. Sort the "Tool Cards" (pack item 3) into two identical stacks. You will only need one card of each type of tool for this activity. Make tape loops and attach one tape loop to the back of each card.
2. Choose a volunteer to face the group, wear the hard hat, and then you attach a card to the front of it.
3. Invite all the kids to make the noise of the tool in the picture. Remind kids they are making the noise, not doing the motion of the tool. Initiate the beginning of the sound if needed. For example, if the tool is a hammer, make the sound "Bang! Bang! Bang!"
4. Repeat the activity several times, choosing a new volunteer and changing out the tools. If needed, place a second set of tools in front of the volunteer as reference for guessing the tool whose sound is being given.
5. Gather in a circle and discuss the different sounds one might hear on a construction site.
6. Ask: "Do you think it might be difficult to talk to each other on a construction site with all the noise? Can you imagine what it would be like to try to hear lots of people talking to you at the same time?"
7. Say: "In today's Bible story, Jesus prayed, and God heard His prayers. Think about how many people pray to God at the same time. Do you think God can hear all the prayers that are prayed? The answer is yes! God hears every single prayer prayed to Him."
8. Emphasize the power of prayer. Remind kids that Jesus prayed in the garden and He called others to pray with Him too. Prayer is important.
9. Close in prayer.