



All Hands on Deck

Jump In

In all four gospel accounts, the story of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane is found. Knowing that he would be betrayed by one of his own friends and disciples, Jesus went into the garden to pray. It is in the garden that Jesus displays his humanness. Jesus was fully God, but also fully human. Jesus felt fear and hurt knowing that he would be betrayed. In his hurt, Jesus relates to us because he has experienced it. In our own hurt, we can look to Jesus because Jesus' prayers in the garden teach us how to respond to the hurt in life. Jesus acknowledged his pain and fear in his prayer to God, but Jesus faithfully submitted to God's ultimate will for him, whatever that would be. Jesus models faithfulness because he turned to God in prayer, but loved and trusted God's plan regardless of the result.

Dive Deeper Together

Read Matthew 26:31-58 together in the Deep Blue Kids Bible.
OR

Read "In the Garden": Jesus and the disciples finally arrived at the Mount of Olives after the Last Supper. Jesus knew that Peter would pretend not to know him three times that night, but Peter did not believe him. Jesus and the disciples continued walking until they found a garden in Gethsemane. Jesus was very upset and anxious knowing that he would be betrayed, so he left the disciples to pray alone. Before he went to pray, he asked his disciples to stay near and keep watch. Every time Jesus came back to check on them, he found the disciples asleep! How frustrating! As Jesus prayed he asked God to take away his pain, but to let it be whatever it must be. Jesus was scared, but wanted to be obedient to whatever needed to be done. After he was done praying, he found his disciples asleep again! This time, Judas approached Jesus and greeted him with a kiss on the cheek. Judas' kiss was the cue for the crowd to arrest Jesus and take him away to the high priest.

Grow Stronger Together

Explore your yard or local community park. Gather your family together in a garden to pray and think about Jesus' experience in the Garden at Gethsemane.

Pray Together

Share joys and concerns, and then say this prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us, even when we fail to do what you ask us to do. Help us to pray faithfully like you did at Gethsemane. Amen.

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Unit 1: Jesus Shows Love

BV: I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you must also love each other. (John 13:34)

AP: Jesus shows us how to love each other.

In the Garden (Matthew 26:31-58)

The games in the Deep Blue Adventures app are awesome! Download the app at www.deepbluekids.com/app.

