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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why was Jesus arrested?
- Why didn't Jesus fight back against His enemies?
- If you had been there, what do you think you might have done?

Jesus Was Arrested

Matthew 26–27

STORY POINT: JESUS ALLOWED HIS ENEMIES TO ARREST HIM.

Jesus came with His disciples to a garden. Jesus took three of His disciples into the garden, and Jesus became very sad and troubled. He fell facedown and prayed, "Father! If it is possible, spare Me from this. But I want to do Your plan."

Jesus came back and found the three disciples asleep. Jesus went away and prayed a second time. Then He said, "Get up, for it is almost time. Someone is going to betray Me."

Suddenly Judas arrived with a large crowd carrying swords and clubs. The men grabbed Jesus and arrested Him. Jesus' followers ran away, but Peter stayed nearby to watch. The men who arrested Jesus led Him to the high priest. The religious leaders wanted a reason to kill Jesus, but they couldn't find one. The high priest asked, "Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?"

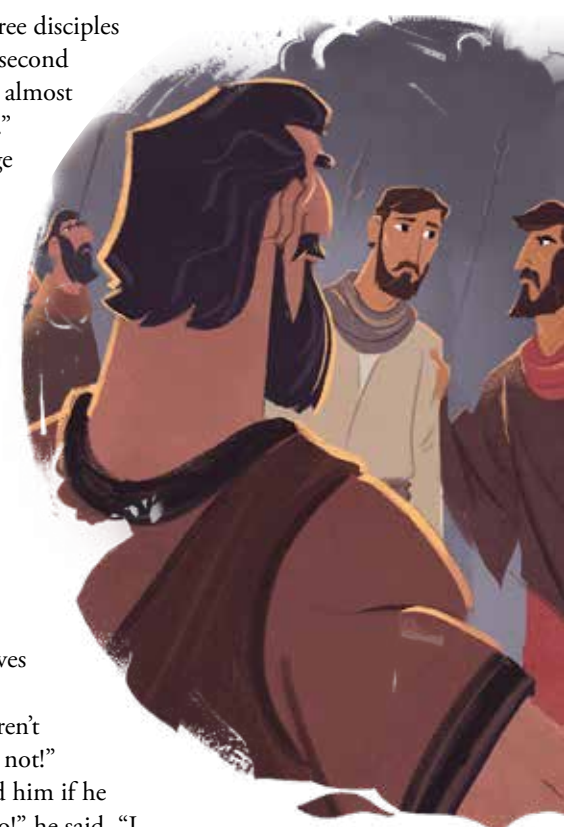
Jesus replied, "Yes, that's right."

Caiaphas and the religious leaders did not want to believe that Jesus is God's Son. They said Jesus was lying. The crowd said, "He deserves to die!"

A servant saw Peter and asked, "Aren't you one of Jesus' disciples?" "No, I'm not!" Peter said. Twice more someone asked him if he was a follower of Jesus. Peter lied. "No!" he said. "I don't even know Him!"

The next morning, the religious leaders decided how they would kill Jesus. Then they took Him to Pilate, the governor.

Christ Connection: Jesus knew that His death was God's plan to save people from sin. Jesus' friends turned against Him and He was arrested and put on trial, but Jesus followed His Father's plan in order to bring salvation to the world.

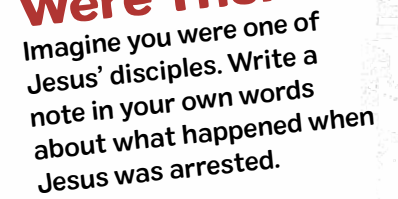


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Use letters of *GETHSEMANE* to find the answer for each clue.
Then fill in the blanks in the story point with the circled letters.

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- How was Jesus' death part of God's plan to save sinners?
- Did Jesus deserve to die? Do we deserve to die? Why?
- How do you feel knowing Jesus died for all your sins—past, present, and future?

Jesus' Crucifixion

Matthew 26–27; John 18–19

STORY POINT: JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY FOR OUR SINS.

Jesus stood before Pilate, the governor. Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, that's right." Then the religious leaders made accusations against Jesus, but Jesus did not say anything.

Pilate asked, "Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?"

The crowd answered, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate asked, "Why? What has He done wrong?"

But the crowd kept shouting, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate's soldiers took off Jesus' clothes and put a scarlet robe on Him. They made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they hit Jesus and mocked Him. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. They put a sign above His head that said: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two criminals were crucified next to Him.

Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again with a loud voice, "It is finished!" Then Jesus died. Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb cut into a rock. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb, and Roman soldiers stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus' body.

Christ Connection: We deserve to die because of our sin, but God loves us and kept His promise to send a Savior. Jesus never sinned, but He died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, and those who trust in Him have forgiveness and eternal life.



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Cross Search | Find the words hidden in the word search.

arrested	cross	hosanna	Passover
bread	crown	Jerusalem	Peter
Caesar	cup	Jesus	Pilate
Caiaphas	disciples	Messiah	pray

Made Right | Circle the correct words or phrases to tell the story of Jesus' death.

Jesus stood before Herod / Pilate, the governor. Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King / Coach of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, that's right."

Then the religious leaders made accusations against Jesus, but Jesus protested / did not say anything. Pilate asked, "Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?"

The crowd answered, "Crucify / Arrest Him!"

Pilate's soldiers put a scarlet robe / coat on Jesus. They made a crown of gold / thorns and put it on His head. Then they hit Jesus and mocked Him. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Two / ten criminals were crucified next to Him. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again with a loud voice, "It is finished!"

Then Jesus died / disappeared. He was buried in a rich man's tomb cut into a rock. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb and Roman children / soldiers stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus' body.

