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Go And Make Disciples

The Cross and Beyond

Lesson 13:

Jesus: Betrayed and Denied

Scripture

Matthew 26:36-75
 Mark 14:32-72
 Luke 22:39-62
 John 18:1-27

Memory Verse

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.
 Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Lesson Goals

Understand that Judas betrayed and Peter denied Jesus, just as Jesus had predicted.

Understand that Jesus chose to obey God, even though it would be difficult.

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

If you knew that you were about to experience something very difficult in your life and had the power to change it, would you? Why? Let's see what Jesus did in exactly that type of situation.

"When Jesus had finished praying, He left with His disciples. They crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side, there was a grove of olive trees. Jesus and His disciples went into it." (John 18:1 NIV) This "grove of olive trees" was the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus and His disciples entered the garden and Jesus told His disciples to sit down and pray. Jesus took Peter, James and John a little further into the garden with Him. Jesus was sad and troubled. Jesus knew there was not much more time and He felt close to death. He asked Peter, James and John to stay and watch with Him and then He went even further into the garden. Jesus "fell with His face to the ground and He prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, take this cup of suffering away from Me. But let what You want be done, not what I want.'" (Matthew 26:39 NIV) When Jesus returned He found the disciples sleeping. "'Couldn't you men keep watch with Me for one hour?' He asked Peter. 'Watch and pray. Then you won't fall into sin when you are tempted. The spirit is willing. But the body is weak.'" (Matthew 26:40b-41 NIV) Jesus had already told His disciples that they would fall away and leave Him, that Satan wanted to test them. Now, Jesus is encouraging them to stay awake and pray so that they don't fall into sin when the temptation comes. Jesus went away a second and a third time with the same results; His disciples couldn't seem to keep their eyes open!

Then, the time came for Jesus to be arrested. Judas knew where Jesus and His disciples were. They had been there many times together. "So Judas came to the grove. He was guiding a group of soldiers and some officials. The chief priests and the Pharisees had sent them. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons." (John 18:3 NIV) Judas, who had already agreed to betray Jesus, walked up to Jesus and greeted him with a kiss. Jesus asked them who they were looking for and they responded, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus responded by saying, "I am." The crowd which had come to arrest Him fell to the ground.

Jesus' disciples saw that Jesus was about to be arrested and asked if they should use their swords against the crowd. Simon Peter, who had claimed to be ready to die for Jesus seemed to be ready to defend Him to the death. He whipped out a sword and swung it at a servant of the high priest. Peter cut off Malchus' ear, but Jesus ordered him to put the sword away. Jesus healed the ear. Jesus told them that these things had to happen and then He said, "All who use the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I can't ask My Father for help? He would send an army of more than 70,000 angels right away. But then how would the Scripture come true? They say it must hap-

Application

What did you learn from our lesson? Was Jesus about to pass through something difficult? Could He have changed it, or gotten out of it? Why didn't He?

Jesus could have called more than 70,000 angels at any moment that He wanted to. Jesus could have stopped His own death, but He chose not to. Jesus prayed over and over asking God to keep Him from having to go to the cross, but what He wanted more than anything else was to please God, to obey Him.

Jesus trusted God completely. How about you? Do you trust God? Will you let Him do whatever He wants to in your life, even if it's difficult and uncomfortable?

What good thing happened because Jesus suffered on the cross? My salvation and, hopefully, yours!

Our memory verse tells us that God can even take the bad things that happen in our lives and make something good come from it, "All things work together for good . . . (Romans 8:28)

pen this way." (Matthew 26:52-54 NIV) Jesus had just prayed about not wanting to go to the cross, but He had determined to please God rather than Himself. Jesus knew that things had to happen this way, so He spoke to the crowd, and as Jesus was being arrested, "all the disciples left Him and ran away." (Matthew 26:56b NIV)

Jesus was taken to the high priest's house. Simon Peter and John followed from far away. John entered first, because he knew the high priest. Then, John spoke to the woman at the door and Peter was allowed to enter. The woman at the door asked Peter if he was one of Jesus' disciples. Peter lied and told her that he wasn't. It was cold that night, and while Peter was waiting, he warmed himself by the charcoal fire. (John 18:18 NASB) The servants and officials were there, too.

While Peter was down in the courtyard, Jesus was being questioned by the high priest. "He asked Him about His disciples and His teaching." (John 18:19 NIV) Jesus had spoken openly in the synagogues or at the temple and wondered why the high priest didn't question His disciples instead. "When Jesus said that, one of the officials nearby hit Him in the face. 'Is this any way to answer the high priest?' he asked" (John 18:22 NIV) Rather than Jesus disrespecting the high priest, though, this official had just disrespected God. Jesus was not just any other man; Jesus was God in a human body. (John 1:14)

A little later, the same female servant who had been at the door when Peter entered said again, "This fellow is one of them." (Mark 14:69 NIV) Peter lied again and said he was not.

"About an hour later, another person spoke up. 'This fellow must have been with Jesus,' he said. 'He is from Galilee.'" (Luke 22:59) This man was a relative of Malchus whose ear Peter had cut off. He was sure that he had seen Peter in the garden. "Then he began to curse and swear, 'I do not know the man!' And immediately a rooster crowed." (Matthew 26:74 NASB) At that moment, Jesus turned and looked right at Peter and Peter remembered what Jesus had said about denying Him three times. "Peter went outside. He broke down and sobbed." (Luke 22:62 NIV)

Jesus obeyed God to the end, even though it would mean His death. Peter, on the other hand was so afraid of the consequences of claiming to follow Jesus that he lied about even knowing Him. Which one are you more like?

Preparing for the Next Lesson

Jesus is Tried and Condemned



Preschool Lesson

Teachers:

Bring a picture of a rooster or chicken to class today. If a stuffed animal is available bring it instead.

After Jesus prayed, He was arrested by a large crowd of men. They came with lanterns, torches and weapons. Jesus' disciples ran away in fear.

Jesus was carried to the house of the high priest. The high priest was the most important religious leader. He was going to question Jesus.

Two of Jesus' followers followed the crowd as they carried Jesus away. They were Peter and John.

Peter warmed himself by a fire outside in the courtyard while Jesus was being questioned. One after one, people came up to Peter asking him a question. The servant girl at the door was the first one. She asked if Peter was one of Jesus' disciples, or followers. Peter lied and told her, "No." (That was lie #1. Hold up one finger.)

A little while later the servant girl from the door came over to Peter and asked again if Peter was one of Jesus' followers. Again, Peter lied and said he was not. (That was lie #2. Hold up two fingers.)

About an hour later, someone else came up to Peter. This person had seen Peter in the garden with Jesus before He was arrested. "You must be one of them," he said. Peter answered, "I don't know the man!" (Matthew 26:74 NIV) (That was lie #3. Hold up three fingers.)

As soon as Peter told the third lie, a rooster crowed. That reminded Peter of something that Jesus told him. Jesus had warned Peter that this would happen and Peter was too proud to believe Him. When Peter remembered, he went away and burst into tears.

This is a sad story. Thank goodness it is not the end of the story. Jesus had already told Peter something wonderful. Peter was going to return to Jesus.

Did you know that when you do bad things you can come back to Jesus, too. Jesus can forgive the bad things we do and clean us up!

Thank you, Jesus, for second chances.



Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Color an entire piece of paper with various bright colors. Paint over the crayon with black tempera paint. Scratch a picture into the black paint. Talk about how the black paint looked like it ruined the beautiful, bright picture. Then discuss how God can make good come out of anything and how we should give thanks in ALL circumstances.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Bring sour candy for the snack. Talk about the circumstances Judas, Peter and Jesus found themselves in and how each one responded.
- Bring various food with olives for the snack. (Olive spread or olive oil on bread or crackers; stuffed olives, etc.)
- Make balloon swords and encourage your students to reenact the story.
- Sing “I Will,” “The Lord Has a Will,” “Trust and Obey,” “Turn Your Eyes Up-on Jesus,” “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus,” or another song related to the lesson.
- Make origami roosters or chickens.
- Find Jerusalem on a map. Find the Garden of Gethsemane and Caia-phas’ house on a detailed map of Jerusalem.
- Read the memory verse in several different translations, including the Message.
- Dig Deeper: Read John 18:4-8. When Jesus answers the crowd by saying, “I am He,” what Jesus is literally saying is, “I AM.” Now read Exodus 3:1-14. When Jesus said, “I AM,” He was claiming equality with God. Jesus is God. (John 1:1)
- Dig Even Deeper: Look up, read and discuss the following verses in light of the lesson. Psalm 34:18, Psalm 23, Ephesians 3:14-21, and 1 Thes-salonians 5:16-18

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