



# In the Garden

Jesus is arrested

Matthew 26:31-75; John 18:1-8



## Review and Discussion:

Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- ★ **What did Jesus say would happen before the rooster crowed?** (Peter would say that he didn't know Jesus three times.)
- ★ **What did Jesus pray to the Father in the garden?** (Jesus prayed that God would show Him another way. If there was no other way, He would do as God asked.)
- ★ **After Jesus was arrested, how did Peter answer when people asked him if he had been with Jesus?** (Peter denied it. He told them they were wrong.)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child's understanding:

Jesus knew that Peter would deny Him. He also knew that His enemies wanted Him dead. Jesus knew that dying was part of God's plan for Him, too. But Jesus showed that He was willing to obey God—even if that meant giving up His life.



## Explore God's Big Story:

Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

God's way may not always be easy, but it is always right. The pain Jesus felt was very hard. He even asked God to show Him another way. But Jesus was willing to obey God no matter what. We benefit from Jesus' obedience to God. By trusting Him, we can receive the free gift of forgiveness that He offers. We can also learn from Jesus' example to be obedient to God always.



## Memory Verse:

"My Father (*praying hands, looking up!*)

If it is possible, let this cup of suffering (*draw tears down face with your finger*)

be taken away from me (*pretend to push something away*).

Yet I want your (*point up*) will to be done,

not mine (*place hands on chest, and shake head*)."

Matthew 26:39b (NLT)



## Talk to God:

Dear God,

How grateful I am that Jesus was faithful to obey You. Because of His dying on the cross for my sins, I can know, love and follow You. Help me follow Jesus' example of obedience by walking in Your ways.

Amen.



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