



Sunday Resources for April 5, 2020

Lesson: *A Dark Night in The Garden*, from the Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 294
The Garden of Gethsemane, from Luke 22; Mark 14; John 18

Aim: To start to understand the meaning of Jesus' death.

Questions:

- Who is Jesus? *Jesus is God's son.*
- Had Jesus ever done anything wrong? *No, he was a perfect man. He felt all the feelings that we feel, but he did not sin.*
- Why did Jesus have to die? *Jesus knew he would have to die to take the punishment for our sins.*
- Why did Jesus do this? *Jesus died for us because it was part of God's plan. He loves us and was willing to give up his life to rescue us.*

Review: Jesus is God's Son. He knew he had to die to rescue us. *His body was broken and his blood was poured out on the cross so we could be saved. This was part of God's plan.*

Reflect: What did we discover about Jesus from today's story?

Prayer: Thank you Jesus for coming to save me and make me clean. Thank you for dying in my place to rescue me from my sin.

Activities:

- ★ **Younger kids:** Spread butcher paper or newspaper on your table. Use finger paints to paint a picture of Jesus praying alone in the garden.
- ★ Once your hands are messy from painting, make a mini bubble bath in the sink and talk about how our sinful choices make our hearts messy, and Jesus does the work to make them clean.
- ★ **Older Kids:** Share with each other things that have scared you, just like dying on the cross scared Jesus. Remind children that when Jesus was scared, he prayed to God and told him his fears. We can always go to God with our fears.

Links:

Sing: [Wide, High, Long, Deep](#) by Elle Holcomb