

SUNDAY FUNDAY

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JESUS WAS ARRESTED

GAME TIME

PAPER CHAINS

Help your kids make paper chains by connecting looped strips of paper together like links. Provide time for them to slip their hands into the links at the ends of their chains to pretend they are handcuffs. Allow the kids to break free of their chains, if they wish.

SAY: If you are actually going to arrest someone, you need much stronger chains than these! Today we will hear about a time Jesus was arrested. Jesus is God's Son, so the only way any chains could hold Him is if He allowed it to happen. Why would Jesus allow His enemies to arrest Him? We'll learn more soon.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Was Arrested Matthew 26-27

Jesus and His disciples went to a garden to pray. Jesus told eight of His disciples to stay at the garden gate. Three of the disciples went into the garden with Jesus. He told them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Jesus was very sad. He fell facedown and prayed. "Father! If it is possible, do not let this happen. But I want to do Your plan."

Jesus went back to His disciples, but they were sleeping. "Couldn't you stay awake with Me for one hour?" He asked Peter. Jesus left again to pray. He came back and His disciples were sleeping again. "Get up," Jesus said. "It is almost time." Jesus knew it was time for Him to do God's plan to rescue people from sin.

All of a sudden, another disciple—Judas—came into the garden. A large crowd was with him, and the people carried swords and clubs. Judas kissed Jesus so the crowd would know which man was Jesus. The people in the crowd grabbed Jesus to arrest Him. Peter pulled out his sword to fight the crowd, but Jesus told him to stop. Then Jesus said, "This is happening just like God said." Jesus' disciples all left, but Peter stood back to watch what was happening.

The crowd led Jesus away to the high priest. The religious leaders wanted to find a reason to kill Jesus, but Jesus had done nothing wrong. The high priest asked Jesus, "Do You have anything to say? Are You the Messiah, God's Son?"

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus knew God's plan was for Him to die to rescue people from sin. Jesus' friends left Him and He was arrested, but Jesus did not fight back. He wanted to do His Father's plan no matter what.

PLAY "THREE CORNERS"

Label three sheets of paper 1-Garden; 2-High Priest; and 3-Pilate. Tape one paper in each of three different corners of the room. Stand in the fourth corner of the room. Invite players to stand in the middle of the room and say that you will face the corner, close your eyes, and count aloud to five. While you are counting, children will tiptoe to any of the three corners of their choosing. As you soon as you finish counting, call out one of the corner numbers and its name. The children in that corner must answer the big picture question. Repeat the game as time allows.

SAY: Jesus was arrested in the garden, taken to the high priest, and then sent to Pilate, the governor. Jesus was arrested though He did nothing wrong. Jesus knew God's plan was for Him to die and to rescue people from sin. What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.



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

The high priest and the religious leaders did not want to believe that Jesus was telling the truth, so they said He was lying. They said He deserved to die.

As Peter watched, a servant came up to him. "Aren't you one of Jesus' friends?" he asked. But Peter said, "No! I'm not!" Two more times, people asked Peter if he was Jesus' friend. Peter lied. "No!" he said. "I don't even know Him!"

The next morning, the religious leaders made a plan to kill Jesus and took Him away to Pilate, the governor.