

Holy - Family Lesson 3

Divine Attribute: God is holy

Heart Response: Repent

Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. Jesus is God’s Son.
2. Jesus is perfect and holy, but we are sinners.
3. Sin separates us from God.
4. Jesus came to save us from our sins.
5. We need to be sorry for our sin.

Family Worship

Choose your favorite songs from the [Spotify playlist](#) found on the curriculum resource page. Have fun, sing loudly, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to Romans 6:23. Remind your child that this is where we find today’s verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

Bible Lesson

***Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words*

in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.

Supplies:

Bible (Matt. 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-50, Luke 22:40-46)

(Open your Bible to Mark 14:32-50) **Last week, our lesson was about Jesus having a special meal with his disciples. During the meal, Jesus told the disciples to continue to remember him by celebrating together what he was going to do for them. We still celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We call this celebration the “Lord’s Supper” in our church.**

After the Passover meal, Jesus knows it is his time to give his life for our sins. So, after Jesus and his disciples finish the Passover meal, they leave the room and go to a special place called the Garden of Gethsemane. They have been there many times before. Jesus wants to go there and pray.

What is prayer? (Allow your child time to answer.) **Prayer is talking to God. Just like when you talk with your parents, brothers and sisters, or friends, you can talk to God every day.**

Jesus talked to God, his Father, often. In fact, Jesus always started his day talking to God. He would get up very early, go out alone, and spend time talking to God every morning. Jesus also prayed to God throughout his day. If Jesus, who lived a perfect life and never sinned, needed to talk to God often, that means we also need to talk to God often.

When are some times that you pray? (Allow your child time to answer. Adjust your response to what your child says.) **Some people pray before meals and before bed; that is great! We can pray**

anytime. It is important to begin our day talking to God. Then, we can also talk to God throughout our day.

When Jesus goes to the Garden of Gethsemane, he takes three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, into the garden. He asks them to watch and pray. Then Jesus goes a little further, kneels on the ground, and begins to pray.

Jesus knows he has something hard to do. The thing Jesus is about to do is going to be very hard, but it is the reason he has come to Earth. Jesus needs to talk to God, his Father, to get strength and comfort.

After Jesus prays for a little while, he goes back to where his disciples are. Peter, James, and John are asleep. Jesus wakes them up and again asks them to watch and pray with him.

He goes a little further away and prays again. Jesus prays for himself, for his disciples, and he even prays for us! Going to the cross to die for our sins is going to be very hard, but this is the only way we are able to receive forgiveness for our sins. It is the only way to restore our relationship with him.

The second time Jesus goes to talk to his disciples, they are asleep again, because they are very tired. Jesus decides to let them sleep, and he goes back to pray a third time.

After praying for a while, Jesus knows that it is time. Judas, the disciple who has betrayed him, and the soldiers are on the way. Jesus goes and wakes his disciples. He tells them that the time has come, and as he is talking, Judas and the soldiers come into the garden with spears and clubs. Judas lets the soldiers know which one is Jesus, and they arrest him.

One of Jesus' disciples, Peter, tries to stop the soldiers. He takes a sword and cuts off the ear of one of the soldiers! But, Jesus immediately heals the soldier's ear and goes willingly with them.

Next week, we are going to hear where the soldiers take Jesus and what happens to him. This was God's plan from the very beginning. He would come and rescue his people from sin.

Prayer

Father God, we are thankful that Jesus taught us how important it is to pray. We know that we can talk to you anytime. Help us remember to start our day by praying to you and to pray throughout the day. When we sin and we are truly sorry, we know we can ask you to forgive us and you will. Amen.

Coloring Sheet

Supplies:

Coloring sheet (found on [Kids Resource Page](#))

Crayons

Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

Review Questions

- 1. In our lesson today, where did Jesus go to pray?** (The Garden of Gethsemane.)
- 2. Which disciples did Jesus take with him?** (Peter, James, and John.)
- 3. What did the disciples do while Jesus was praying?** (They fell asleep.)
- 4. What did Jesus ask them to do?** (Watch and pray.)
- 5. What did Peter do when the soldiers arrested Jesus?** (He cut off one of the soldier's ears, but Jesus healed the ear.)

Optional Additional Activities

Prayer Book

Supplies

White Copy Paper

Crayons

Tell your child that they are going to make a prayer book to remind them of times when they can pray. Fold two or three pieces of paper in half to make a book. Trace your child's left hand (with fingers closed to represent their praying hands) on the front of the booklet and their right hand on the back of the booklet.

Next, flip through the book and have your child draw a picture on each page showing different times of the day that they can pray. Talk to them about how we can pray at any time and during any activity. These pictures will be a reminder of that.

