

JESUS ARRESTED

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: MARK 14:43-50



The STORY

Read about Jesus' arrest in Mark 14:43-50.

***Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in this story? (Jesus was arrested.)
- How did the crowd know where to find Jesus? (Judas, one of the disciples, betrayed Jesus and led the crowd to Him.)
- Who arrested Jesus? (The chief priests and the scribes arrested Jesus. These were not the Roman soldiers but Jesus' own fellow Jews.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: chief priests arresting Jesus and the disciples fleeing. Engage the children by asking:

- Why did the chief priests arrest Jesus? (They were jealous of Him. They were afraid the people would stop following them to follow Jesus. They did not want to give up their authority.)
- Why didn't Jesus fight them? (Jesus could have fought back but He knew it was time for Him to die on the cross.)
- What did the disciples do after Jesus decided not to fight? (The disciples ran away in fear. They thought Jesus would fight like an earthly king. They didn't realize that Jesus was a heavenly king with a heavenly kingdom.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

Read Matthew 26:47-56 for the account of the arrest. This account records Jesus' words in response to the arrest. While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Why didn't Jesus fight back? (Jesus knew He came to earth for this purpose. Jesus was going to be arrested and crucified for us so that we could be forgiven for our sin. He was not trying to fight back. He fulfilled prophecy from Isaiah 53:7b, "he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.")
- Who did Jesus say the Father would send to defend Him if He requested? (Jesus said His Father would send more than twelve legions of angels that is, thousands of angels. In addition, since God is all-powerful, He ultimately controls the lives of those who were arresting Him. Jesus did not need angels to defend Him.)
- Why was it important for Jesus to do what the Scriptures said He would do? (God's Word is always true. When God describes the way something is going to happen it is like a promise. God always keeps His promises.)



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WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

The prophet Isaiah foretold the arrest of Jesus when in Isaiah 53:7 he said, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth."

Jesus did not call down legions of angels or defend Himself so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled, see Matthew 26:56. Isaiah went on to share the reason in verse 11 of that same chapter, "He shall bear their iniquities." The arrest of Jesus was linked to His death where He bore our sin. When we see His arrest, we see His willingness to die in our place. This is the greatest demonstration of love in history.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

