

Activities:



Show children a bottle of medicine. What is the worst-tasting medicine you have ever had to drink? Share a story if you have one. What do you think sin would taste like if you could bottle it up? Nasty-tasting? What about the sins of the entire world? Would that be the worst-tasting drink ever made? When Jesus died on the cross, He took everyone's sins on Him. At one point, He describes taking on these sins as being like a cup He would have to drink...a cup full of sin.

Squeeze garlic in a press. The Garden of Gethsemane was an olive garden. Gethsemane means "oil press." To make olive oil, olives are squeezed in a press. As Jesus prepared for His death on the cross in prayer, it must have felt like He was an olive in an oil press, being squeezed.

Place one cup inside bowl and pour water into it until it is just about full. Continue to slowly pour in more water until the cup overflows. Jesus was so sad He felt like He was dying. Other translations say His soul was overflowing with sorrow. Imagine this cup was Jesus' soul and the water was sorrow. What must it have felt like to be so full of sorrow?

Have children stand up and face you. Ask each of them to come and greet you with a handshake one at a time. Smile and tell them "You are under arrest!" or other bad things. Would you act friendly toward someone you were going to have arrested and killed? Sometimes we do something similar. We may act nicely toward someone, but then make jokes about them behind their back, or we may say rude things to them but try to make it sound nice, like, "Oh, it's so nice that you don't care how your hair looks. I wish I could be that relaxed." When we do these things, we are acting like Judas.

UPPER

ELEMENTARY

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE



NAME: _____

Gethsemane, Jesus, Peter, Judas, Garden, Prayer, Rabbi,
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Lower Elementary

Garden of Gethsemane

Name: _____



Again Jesus went to pray and said, “My Father, if there is no other way, and I must suffer, I will still do what you want.” ~ Matthew 26:42

- ❖ Children color and cut out Jesus praying
- ❖ Children glue strips of brown construction paper and green tissue paper onto black construction paper





Preschool

Coloring Page:



Encourage children to draw themselves praying. Then give them green tissue paper to glue onto the page to make it a garden.

Modeling Dough:

Give children Christmas tree and people cookie cutters and encourage them to make a giant garden with people praying.

Game:

Judas betrayed Jesus at night instead of during the day. People usually do things they know are wrong in darkness so others won't see. Give children different situations to decide whether someone would do this in the darkness (when others aren't looking) or the light. Turn the lights on or off, accordingly.

- ❖ Stealing candy
- ❖ Helping a friend
- ❖ Kicking someone
- ❖ Writing a get-well card
- ❖ Cleaning your room
- ❖ Calling someone a name
- ❖ Breaking a toy because you are mad
- ❖ Shouting at your family
- ❖ Making a present for someone

Garden of Gethsemane



Name: _____

I can pray to God.