



## MEMORY VERSE

**"Pray that you may not enter into temptation."  
LUKE 22:40**

### Visual Aid:

#### What you will need:

As many blank sheets of paper as the number of children in your class, pencils, pens, crayons or markers.

#### Four Symbols

Prepare a sheet of paper for each child in your class. Divide it into four sections and have them label them

The garden

The cup

The kiss

The sword

In our lesson today we will see four very important symbols. Each symbol will help us in understanding the meaning of our text. A symbol is something that, when you look at it, reminds you of something else. Like the symbol of an arrow that may mean or point a certain direction. When we look at our four symbols, they will help to remind us what they represent.

## LESSON TIME!

In Today's Lesson we will live with Jesus the time that they arrested Him, A time when He was betrayed by one of His disciples. A time that He spent in prayers to teach us that in tough hard time we have to pray.

**Lesson Goal:** We always need to pray

### Luke 22:39

39 Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.

The first symbol is a garden. The name of the garden where Jesus went with His disciples is "Gethsemane." Gethsemane means "olive press." An olive press would squeeze the olives with a lot of pressure until the juice in the olives ran out. This Garden of Gethsemane was a place where Jesus was under the press; a lot of pressure, Jesus Knew He would be betrayed and would be arrested and that it is very near that He will be crucified.

Jesus and His disciples would often go there to rest and pray. All the disciples went with Jesus to the Garden except one. **Who did not go to the garden? Judas!** He had other plans, plans to betray Jesus. Remember what the garden symbolizes? It gives us a picture of the place where Jesus was under pressure.

### The Garden

Have your class draw in the designated box a picture that represents the Garden of Gethsemane.

### Luke 22:40-42

40 When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours, be done."

The **second symbol** is a **cup**. This was no ordinary cup. This cup was not a real cup that you would fill up with water. This was an imaginary cup that was filled up with the sins of the world and the suffering that Jesus would bear for all humanity.

Remember last lesson we discussed that Jesus is our Savior; Jesus will take all our sins and be crucified on our behalf on the cross to save us. Jesus is praying because He is teaching us that we need to pray and know God's will in our life.

**We always need to pray.** and remember in Hebrews 13:5 God says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

### The Cup

Have your class draw in the designated box a picture that represents the cup Jesus would take to save all of mankind from their sins.

### Luke 22:43

43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

In Psalm 91:11 "For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways." God cares so much for us. God will always help us when we are in a difficult situation. He is always there for us. An angel came to strengthen Jesus who is the creator of all angles and all creation because God wanted to remind us that His angels surround us to help strengthen us as well.

### Luke 22:44

44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

The pressure from this cup was so great that Jesus was in agony. His body was sweating. Luke says it was like drops of blood coming out as sweat. The pressure Jesus was under inside started to show on the outside. If you look around at people you will see that when people are under a lot of pressure, they show it on the outside. We need to remember when we see the problems of people around us, to pray for them, because on the inside the pressure is even greater than it shows on the outside. **We always need to pray.**

### Luke 22:45-46

45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow.

46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

Jesus hoped the disciples would support Him in prayer. When we are going through tough times, we should have people support us in prayer. Asking someone to pray for us is a lesson Jesus Himself knew was important.

The disciples fell asleep. They needed to pray for themselves also, that they would have strength when they entered into temptation. Prayer gives us the strength we need to face the temptation of evil.

**We always need to pray.**

## Luke 22:47-48

47 And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. 48 But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

**The third symbol** is a **kiss**. While Jesus was speaking to His disciples about praying, a multitude of men came into the garden. Judas led the group of men directly to Jesus. Then he kissed Jesus. In this culture men would often kiss each other on the cheek. It was usually a sign of friendship and greeting.

Judas' kiss was not out of friendship but of betrayal. When he kissed Jesus it was a signal to the other men that this was the man that they were to arrest. It was a kiss of betrayal. **How do you respond to people who have done you wrong? When people do things to us that hurt us, how should we respond?** [this should be a quick discussion to the ultimate goal of forgiveness as Jesus forgave all on the cross].

### The Kiss

Have your class draw in the designated box a picture that represents the kiss of betrayal Jesus received from Judas.



## Luke 22:49-53

49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, “Permit even this.” And He touched his ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? 53 When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

Our beloved God Jesus was betrayed and arrested that night after a long night of prayer and being under pressure; He will then go for investigation and be crucified for us.

**Our fourth symbol** is a **Sword**. The response of the disciples to the betrayal of Jesus was to fight. Peter drew his sword and cut the ear off of the servant of the high priest. This is the wrong way to

solve our problems. In the world of today people always try to solve their problems by violence. That is how the world tells us to handle our problems and disagreements. Do you think this is the right response?

The sword symbolizes the response of men. When we look at the sword in our lesson we are reminded of the men who came and arrested Jesus. How they beat Him, tortured Him and finally killed Him by hanging Him on the cross. What was Jesus' response to the sword? He reached out in love. He took the ear of the man [his name was Melkhes] and healed him. Jesus tells us to love our enemies and to do good to those who do us wrong.

As a class read Luke 6:27-30. Discuss loving enemies, doing good to those who do bad, turning the other cheek. When we get the kiss of Judas do we respond with a sword? No, we need to respond with the love of God. Jesus could have called down a million angels to wipe out the men. He did not use force, but He used love.

### The Sword

Have your class draw in the designated box a picture that represents the sword of man contrasted with the love of God.

Let's review our symbols:

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| 1) | What does the garden represent? | Pressure and stress |
| 2) | What does the cup represent?    | suffering and sin   |
| 3) | What did the kiss represent?    | betrayal            |
| 4) | What does the sword represent?  | violence            |

### Application to Life:

So; if we look at the lesson of the Garden of Gethsemane using our symbols, what do we learn for our lives?

When we are in a garden of Gethsemane, pressured and stressed, we need to pray and ask God for strength first. Ask God what He wants us to do. When we are kissed by betrayal and someone does us wrong, we should not respond with a sword, fighting back, but with the love of God. The only way we can do the right thing every time is if we trust completely in God's strength and the love He has given us. **And if we always pray.**

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer Thanking God for saving us and for bearing our sins for us, being crucified for us, and asking God for strength when we are under pressure, to obey His commands, and to repay evil with good.

**Email to Parents:**

This week we learned about The Garden of Gethsemane. The theme was "**We always need to pray!**" We learned that Jesus was facing the most difficult before He gets arrested. It was the night before the cross and we can learn a lot from the events that take place in the garden. The main thing we learn is that in this very difficult time, Jesus taught us that in difficult times we always ought to pray. In Prayer we find that God loves us; He listens and will always help us. In 1 Thessalonians 5 we are told to pray without ceasing. The section of scripture that we studied was Luke 22:39-53.

**Activities:**

<https://calvarycurriculum.com/pdf/Curriculum/Original/Curriculum/CURR233.PDF>

**Videos:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1iubwfFT2Q>