

# TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of Matthew, Jesus was feeling very, very sad. He had never done anything wrong, but some mean people didn't like Him saying He was the Son of God, so they wanted to arrest Him. Jesus knew bad things were going to happen to Him, so He took some of His disciples to a place called the Garden of Gethsemane.

When Jesus got to the garden, He told His disciples to stay there and keep watching. Then Jesus went away to pray. He prayed, "God, if it's what you want, make my pain and sadness go away."

When Jesus came back from praying, he found His disciples asleep. Let's pretend like we're sleeping. Jesus woke them up and said, "Couldn't you stay awake and watch with me for one hour? Keep watching out and pray so that you don't make bad choices." Then Jesus went away to pray again.

When Jesus came back from praying a second time, the disciples were asleep again. So He left and went to pray for a third time. When Jesus came back from praying a third time, He said to the disciples, "Are you still sleeping? Get up. Let's go. My enemies have come to arrest me."

Suddenly, soldiers with swords came to arrest Jesus. Before they got to Jesus, one of the disciples named Peter pulled out a sword of his own. He was going to fight the soldiers to keep them from taking Jesus away. But Jesus said to Peter, "Stop! Put your sword away! This is all a part of God's plan." Then the soldiers arrested Jesus and took Him away.

**THE BIG IDEA:** GOD HEARS ME WHEN I PRAY.  
**BIBLE BASIS:** MATTHEW 26:36-56

## ACTIVITY: APRIL 5, 2020

**When I Am Sad** (Response to God Activity)

**Supplies:** GO! Home Guide and crayons

**Directions:** Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a picture of a sad face. While they're drawing, ask the children to talk about what makes them sad.

**Question:** How do you think God can help you when you feel sad?

**Question:** Where is your favorite place to pray to God?

**Say:** In today's true Bible story, Jesus prayed when He felt sad. We can pray when we feel sad too. Let's say a prayer to God right now and tell Him about the things that make us sad.

**Prayer:** Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by asking God to be with the children during the situations they shared about.

**WHAT'S THE  
BIG IDEA?**

