

The Garden of Gethsemane
Luke 22, Mark 14, John 18

Find a spot outside if you can. Tell your family to pick out a part in the “garden” that they would like to learn in.

Say: Today we are in the Garden of Gethsemane. This is the place where Jesus prayed to God before his friends broke their promise to him. This garden is a special place because it is where Jesus placed his trust in God.

Read Luke 22, Mark 14, or John 18 together (Pick the version that is best suited for your child/children).

Ask your family these questions:

- 1. When Jesus went to the garden that night he wanted to go talk to someone. Who did he want to talk to? (His Father)**
- 2. What did he ask his friends to do? (Stay up with him)**
- 3. What did they do? (Fell asleep)**
- 4. What did the leaders ask Jesus? (Are you the Son of God?)**
- 5. What did Jesus say? (I Am)**

Prayer Time:

I am so thankful for Jesus. We have a lot to be thankful for, don't we? Have one person place their hand in the middle of the group, then have everyone else in the family place one hand on top to create a “stack” of hands. Start your prayer, “Dear God, Then the person whose hand is at the base of the stack goes first, thanking God for a single thing. As they pull out their hand out and place it on top of the “hand stack.” Then, the next person, whose hand is now on the bottom, prays, thanking God for one thing, as they pull their hand out and place it on top of the stack. When you sense it is time to stop, raise up the pile of hands. That's the signal for everyone to say “Amen!” and high five the person next to them.

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