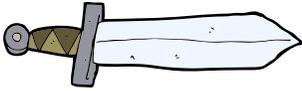


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## Jesus is Arrested

John 18:1-14

Circle the pictures of words you hear in the story or draw your own.



It was late one night. The sky was dark. The evening was quiet. Jesus had just finished praying. He was really sad, because he knew what was going to happen. His people needed rescuing. They had done wrong, and there were consequences...big ones. He knew it would be really hard for him, but he loved his people so much that he was willing to take on those consequences. The time was coming for him to do that.

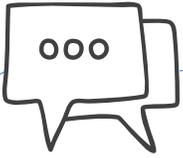
Jesus went into a beautiful garden, one of his favorite places to spend time with his disciples. But, one of his disciples was missing that night, Judas. Judas had decided that money and approval from powerful people was more important to him than his friendship with Jesus. He took the money, then he led a group of soldiers and other people who did not like Jesus into the garden.

They came to the garden with torches, lanterns, and weapons. They were ready to take Jesus away even if they had to force him. They wanted Jesus gone.

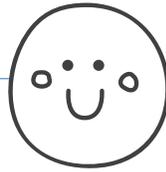
When they found Jesus and tried to take him, one of Jesus' disciples tried to fight for him. Simon Peter took out his sword and struck someone, but Jesus told him to stop. Jesus did not want a fight. He was ready to rescue his people.

Grab a blank piece of paper and create the beautiful garden that Jesus and his disciples loved to spend time in. Then, add colors or pictures to show how the garden might have looked or felt when the angry people came to arrest Jesus.

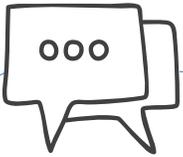
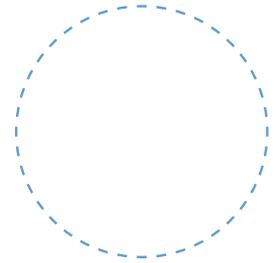




Share what you wonder about the story with the person who read it to you.



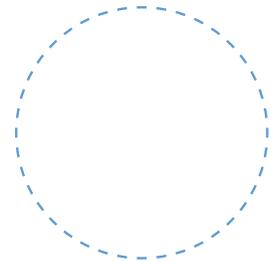
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[draw a picture to show his feelings]



Tell a story about a time when a friend hurt your feelings.



Back then, I felt...



## Family Time Ideas

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- **Feast:** Go to a beautiful spot in nature with some people you care about. Imagine, like Jesus, that you spent a lot of time here with them. Talk about things you think they talked about. Do things you think they did. Rest, play, eat, talk, and pray together.

Draw or write your prayer here.

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I wonder...

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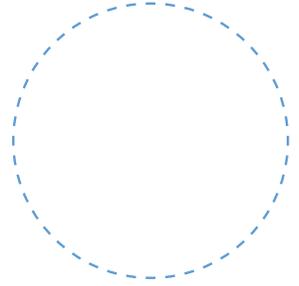
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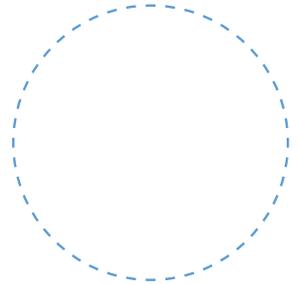
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## Read

*Consider reading the story a few times as you reflect and respond. You could use another translation of the Bible that you have at home, an app, or online to hear the story a little differently, maybe even read a kids version.*

### JESUS ARRESTED

**John 18:1-14 [MSG]**

Jesus, having prayed this prayer, left with his disciples and crossed over the brook Kidron at a place where there was a garden. He and his disciples entered it.

Judas, his betrayer, knew the place because Jesus and his disciples went there often. So Judas led the way to the garden, and the Roman soldiers and police sent by the high priests and Pharisees followed. They arrived there with lanterns and torches and swords. Jesus, knowing by now everything that was imploding on him, went out and met them. He said, "Who are you after?"

They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene."

He said, "That's me." The soldiers recoiled, totally taken aback. Judas, his betrayer, stood out like a sore thumb.

Jesus asked again, "Who are you after?"

They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene."

"I told you," said Jesus, "that's me. I'm the one. So if it's me you're after, let these others go." (This validated the words in his prayer, "I didn't lose one of those you gave.")

Just then Simon Peter, who was carrying a sword, pulled it from its sheath and struck the Chief Priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. Malchus was the servant's name. Jesus ordered Peter, "Put back your sword. Do you think for a minute I'm not going to drink this cup the Father gave me?"

Then the Roman soldiers under their commander, joined by the Jewish police, seized Jesus and tied him up. They took him first to Annas, father-in-law of Caiaphas. Caiaphas was the Chief Priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it was to their advantage that one man die for the people.

Use the blank space on this page to write or doodle what you picture as you read the story or find the coloring page for this story to color.



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# Reflect

What did you wonder about in this story?

What did you find new or interesting in this story?

What word[s] or phrase stuck out to you in the passage?

How do you imagine Jesus felt in this story?

Think of a time when you felt that way. How did you respond?

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# Respond

*Really notice the feelings the story evoked and the things that stood out to you in it. Use the following questions to consider how you can respond to this story.*

What does this story tell me about who God is? And who I am?

What might that mean for how I live my life?

What might God be calling me to in response to this story?

## Application Ideas

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