



BIBLE STORY

The Way

Jesus prays in
Gethsemane
Matthew 26: 36-56

MEMORY VERSE

**Don't do anything
only to get ahead.
Don't do it because
you are proud.
Instead, be humble.
Value others more
than yourselves.**

Philippians 2:3

LIFE APP

Humility

Putting others first by
giving up what you
think you deserve.

BOTTOM LINE

Put others first.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others
the way I want to be
treated.

Activity: Wake Up, Disciples!

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: Bible, penny, nickel

What You Do:

- Invite everyone to sit in a tight circle on the floor.
- Place a penny and a nickel in the middle of the circle, within reach of everyone.
- Ask if anyone remembers anything involving some coins in today's Bible story. (*For a few coins, Judas led a mob of men to where Jesus was, though he knew they would harm him.*)
- Explain that you will read a statement about today's Bible story then you will pause.
 - When they hear you say, "Wake up, disciples!" they should try to be the first to grab the nickel if the statement is true or the penny if it's false.
- Replace the coins after each round.
- Read from the following list of review statements or add others of your choosing.
 - For months the Jewish religious leaders had been plotting to kill Jesus. (*True*)
 - Jesus' disciples stayed up all night praying in the garden. (*False; they fell asleep*)
 - Peter promised Jesus he would never turn away from Him. (*True*)
 - In the garden, Jesus prayed for God's will to be done. (*True*)
 - After Jesus was arrested, His disciples ran away even though they had promised to never leave Him. (*True*)
 - When the Jewish leaders came to arrest Jesus, He hid in a grove of trees and prayed they wouldn't find Him. (*False*)
 - The disciples bravely stood up for Jesus in front of the angry mob who'd come to arrest Jesus. (*False*)
 - Jesus prayed for God's will to be done even if it meant He must die. (*True*)
- At the end of the review, ask kids to share examples from the story of ways people put others first and ways they didn't.

What You Say:

"Seeing Jesus being taken away must have been scary for the disciples. Not only that, but it was also confusing. They were sure Jesus had come to be their King—all He needed was the crown and a throne! But God's plan was not what they expected. We might say it was upside down from what everyone thought would happen. The disciples didn't do a great job of putting Jesus first when the pressure was on. Fear got the better of them. Instead of thinking about what Jesus needed, they turned and ran away. Kind of sad, isn't it? It's not always easy to **[Bottom Line] put others first**. Jesus was the only one to do that perfectly. This month, we'll discover ways Jesus showed humility and learn how we can follow His example."



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Gospel Moment

Sometimes the way God wants us to live seems topsy-turvy or upside-down from the way we feel. He tells us to **[Bottom Line] put others first**, which is usually the opposite of what we often feel like doing. We like being first, getting our way, and doing what we want. But that's not what humility is about. Putting others first by giving up what we think we deserve is what it means to be humble. The words you wrote on your paper remind us that Philippians 2:3 is an upside-down kind of verse. God is telling us to do something that doesn't come easy to any of us. Writing a word upside-down isn't easy but it's even harder to live upside down by not being selfish. But don't worry! If you ask God to turn your attitude upside down, He will help you think of others instead of yourself."

When Jesus was in the garden praying, He was talking to His Father. Jesus asked if there could be another way to complete His mission. But in the end, Jesus chose to do what He had come to do because it was part of God's bigger plan. This was ALWAYS God's plan from the very beginning—from the moment God created the earth and everything in it. Jesus knew that HE was God's amazing rescue plan. Everything in God's plan led up to Jesus, the Savior of the world. Jesus knew what was coming next—that He would have to die on the cross so that we could be forgiven of our sins. Jesus **[Bottom Line] put others first**. He took the hard road. He chose to take on something that was difficult and painful so that we could have eternal life.

Discussion Questions

- 1) How do you think Jesus felt when his disciples fell asleep?
- 2) What's one way we can put others first even when we don't feel like it?

Prayer

Dear God, we need your help to **[Bottom Line] put others first**. It's hard for us to do that. We like to be first—at the head of the line—and get what we want. Help us to focus on others instead of ourselves this week. In Jesus' name, amen.