

What's Happening at Sunday School?

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Jesus in Gethsemane

After the meal, Jesus and His disciples went to the garden.

Jesus became very sad and troubled. He knew that he would suffer and die on the cross the next day. He said to the three disciples, "My soul is filled with tremendous sadness. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Can you imagine how Jesus was feeling? The weight of the entire world was on Him, past, present and future.

He prayed to His Father for help. He knew what was going to happen, and He knew how hard it was going to be. "Father, if there is another way to save all people from their sins, do not let me suffer and die this terrible death. Yet not my will but your will be done."

Those are words for us to take to heart. How do we pray? We pray for help, we pray about our worries, we pray about so many things. Do we end our prayers with the confidence of Jesus? Whatever our desires may be, to end our prayers with the understanding that God's will is best.

"Your will be done."

Jesus continued to pray, and an angel came and strengthened Him for what was to come.

When Judas showed up with soldiers, and betrayed Jesus with a kiss, Jesus accepted what was going to happen to him.

"Don't you know that I could ask my Father to send thousands of angels to help me, and he would send them at once? But how then would the Scriptures come true? God's Word says that this must happen—it is all part of God's plan."

What can we see in this lesson?

He teaches us how to pray: to turn to God, to pray unceasingly, with the knowledge that God's will is greater than anything we can understand.

He teaches us to trust in God's plan. His calm acceptance of what was happening to Him demonstrates for us that we too can accept whatever life sends us.

He shows us His great and unfailing love. In our lesson, all of the disciples ran away. We too "run away", we fail in standing up for Jesus, for our faith, we sin all the time. Jesus is doing this for us too, because He loves us.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this demonstration of prayer. We see Jesus, who is true God with you, turning to you for love and strength. Help us to keep this lesson ever in our mind, to turn to you in every trouble, and in the end, we know that no matter what happens, we can trust that Your will be done. Amen.



Did you know... Come join the fun!

We are looking for people to join our Sunday School Team.

Could you help to co-lead a class? Can you help to substitute when we are short staffed? Or perhaps assist with the younger students while they are being taught?

It is a joy to share God's love with the children. We receive far more than we give.

Mention it to your child's teacher, or reply directly to this email and we would be happy to discuss the different ways you can help.

Mission Money Bibles... 80 Bibles

Our families are blessed. Do you have a Bible in your home? Many of our children have even more than one Bible. Not having access to God's word is a sad thought. With this year's mission money, our children get to give the gift of God's word to other children.

A gift of \$2.00 will purchase a Bible for a child that has no access to one.

Please consider having a conversation with your child. Help them realize how blessed they are for this gift of God's love and salvation, and help them share this love with other children.



Thank you, Pastor Mueller, for joining and teaching us this week!



God's blessing to you as you go throughout your week. See you next Sunday!
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