

the Passion of Jesus

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Parent Que:

This week your student discussed the prayer of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prayed in the garden just before He journeyed the cross, it was there that Jesus bore the burden of His heart to His Father God. Obviously, this was heavy for Jesus, even being the Son of God.

Leaving the disciples at a tree, Jesus asked the them to pray with Him as he moved on ahead, further into the garden. When Jesus returned they were asleep. Their level of concern was nonexistent, because they were spectators to the circumstance of Jesus. Jesus desired for those closest to Him to be invested in His current condition. Be invested with your student in their current emotional state. Maybe you don't understand it, or your view of what they are feeling seems insignificant, don't let that cause you to be asleep at the tree of unawareness and disinterest as a parent. Pray for them, with them, and engage in their current circumstances that can feel heavy.

Key Scriptures:

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Life can deliver circumstances that feel unbearable. In your grown-up world, the unbearable circumstances of your few may seem silly or insignificant but remember your few are at a critical place of spiritual development. Your extension of empathy places you *in* the journey with them. That is what your few need to know from you, that you are *with them* and *for them* in the journey of life.

What's the grossest thing you've ever had to eat?

Did you finish eating it? Or liking it?

Sometimes life can bring circumstances or situations that cause us to feel like we can't bear them. We can feel overwhelmed and unable to handle the weight of that situation. Tonight, we are going to look at how Jesus journeyed a circumstance that caused Him to feel overwhelmed.

➤ [Read](#) [Mark 14:32-42](#)

➤ [Discuss](#)



Jesus was feeling overwhelmed and distressed. He turned to His Father in prayer.

Do you think of turning to God when you are troubled and distressed? Why or why not?

It bothered Jesus that the disciples fell asleep while Jesus was praying.
Why do you think this bothered Him?

Have you ever faced something really hard and needed friends or family to be there for you? Did you ever feel like they let you down when you needed them?

Because people will not always do the best job at being there for us, the next part of our lesson is super encouraging because we are going to learn about Jesus not just being there for us but praying for us!

➤ [Read](#) [John 17:9-11, 20-23](#)

This is a prayer of Jesus. It's really cool because Jesus is talking to God, His Father, and He prays for His disciples, followers and for us!

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In verse 11 what 2 things does Jesus specifically pray for the disciples? Why do you think this was important for Jesus to pray about?

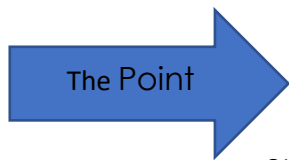
In verse 20, Who does Jesus begin praying for?

Jesus prays unity over us as believers in verses 20-23. Why do you think unity is so important that Jesus prayed for it so much? Is unity with others important to you?

➤ [Read Hebrews 7:25](#)

What do we learn in this verse about why Jesus lives?

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus prays for you? He talks to God about you!



Jesus gave us a great example of where to turn we feel overwhelmed with life when He talked to God the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus continues to talk to God the Father on our behalf. There's no better person to pray for us!

APPLICATION

Jesus has a deep and personal relationship with Father God, and Jesus carried the things that were heavy to His Father in prayer.

Do you struggle to turn to God with the things that overwhelm you? How can you do better with that?

Can you encourage someone with how you turn to God when things are hard? Share what you do.

➤ [Catch-Up/Journal/Pray](#)

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Lesson 2

SAVIOR

crucifixion and resurrection

Luke 23:44-24:11; Romans 5:6-11

Romans 10:9-10

Parent Que: This week your students will discuss the beautiful, true and good story of Easter! The Easter story is the best story because it is a story that has the ability to change lives. Your students will be challenged this week to think about if and how they declare the good and true Easter story to others. Have you shared how and when this story changed your own life with your student? This is important as your student's faith develops. Make sure to share how the good and true Easter story changed your own life!

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For some, the Easter story is a little unclear. For others, we've heard the Easter story, and attended Easter services so many times that it has almost become white noise. In this lesson you'll challenge students' assumptions and attitudes about the Easter story as you help them see that the story of Jesus' death and resurrection is **more than just a story** —it's true! And it's **good news for the entire world**.

Is there a fiction story that you wish were true? Why?

Can anyone think of a story that you thought was true, but later found out it wasn't?

It is never a good feeling when you find out a story you believed to be true turns out to be false. There are a lot of "good" stories out there . . . but just because it's good doesn't mean it's true.

It's the time of year where we focus on the most important story in the world: the death and resurrection of Jesus.

But let's face it. A story about a man coming back from the dead is a story that could make us pause and think, "That's a pretty good story, but . . . is it really a true story?"

➤ **Discuss**

Why do you think the Easter story is difficult for some people to believe?

➤ **Read** Luke 23:44-46, 24:1-6a

➤ **Discuss**

If you were one of the disciples, what do you think you would have been feeling or thinking about everything that had happened at this point?

➤ **Read** Luke 24:6-11

What happens when the women come and share with the disciples that Jesus is not in the tomb?

Why does it matter if the Easter Story is true?



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The story of Jesus death and resurrection changes everything!

- [Read Romans 5:6-11](#)

What was the reason for the death of Jesus?

Share how you came to believe the true story of Jesus with your few and give them a chance to share.



The Easter Story is true and changes lives!

APPLICATION Because the Easter story matters so much, it's the most important story we can tell and should tell.

- [Read Romans 10:9-10](#)

Why do you think Scripture doesn't say that believing in Jesus is enough?
Why is "declaring" it important too?

What's one way someone could make their belief in Jesus public (declare it)?

If you believe in the Easter story, how can we share this story with others? It can be weird or scary to talk about it but let's brainstorm some ways together to share with others.

What will you do with the good news of this true story this week?

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