Jesus and His disciples celebrated the special feast called the Passover. After the Passover feast, the disciples went out to a garden with Jesus. Jesus said that each of them would leave Him. Peter promised that he would never leave, but Jesus said, “Before you hear the rooster crow, you will deny me three times!” Jesus prayed in the garden, but His disciples kept falling asleep. Soon, Judas arrived with soldiers who arrested Jesus! Jesus was taken to unfair trials. He was beaten and mocked.

— based on Matthew 26:36-51

**The Point: Jesus prayed to God.**

After Passover, Jesus went to a garden to talk with God. He knew what was about to happen. Jesus knew He was going to suffer and die on the cross for our sin. Before going to the cross, Jesus spent time talking with God the Father and preparing for what came next.

Jesus trusted God's plan and obeyed His will.

Where do you go when things feel hard or scary? Where do you look when you need answers to things you don’t understand? Jesus teaches us that God wants us to look to Him. When we pray, we can be honest with God. We can tell God what scares us or worries us. We can confess and repent from our sin. We can ask for His help. God wants us to spend time in prayer with Him, trusting Him no matter what. Jesus prayed to God.

**Prayer:**

Father, Thank You that we can spend time with You in prayer. Please help us to trust Your plans and to obey You in all things. Thank You for loving us. Amen.

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**Activity: Prayer Jar**

Create a prayer jar as a family. Find a jar, popsicle sticks and markers. Give each kid a few popsicle sticks and have them write a prayer prompt on each stick (you can use slips of paper if you do not have popsicle sticks). As a family decide on a rhythm to use the prayer jar. It could be during dinner or at night before bed.

**Prompts:**
- Obedience and self-control
- Our leaders
- Our community
- God's forgiveness
- Something you need
- Relationship with God
- A sibling
- Relationship with others
- Friends
- Our church
- Something you want
- A family member
- Health
- Praise God!