

Children's Resources – Sunday 28th June 2020

Matthew 26: 36-46

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch^[a] with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on.^[b] See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Intro

I wonder if you have ever fallen asleep or even camped in a strange place?

Maybe during the last few months when you have been at home you have camped in your garden?

Well in today's story the disciples fall asleep in a garden- let's find out more!

Story

Jesus and his disciples went to a garden called Gethsemane.

Jesus told the disciples to wait while He went and prayed. It was nighttime and the disciples were very tired.

Jesus knew He was going to have to die soon so He could save us from our sins and He went to talk to God about it..

When He came back from praying He found the disciples sleeping and he said to them, 'So, could you not watch with me one hour?'

Again Jesus went and prayed and came back and found them sleeping for a second time. And again Jesus went and prayed for a third time and when He came back He found them sleeping again!

How do you think Jesus felt finding the disciples sleeping again?

Disappointed? Let down?

He had wanted them to pray with Him!

We need to be ready, alert and ready to serve God at all times.

But just like how the disciples found it hard to stay awake, we can find it hard at times to serve God.

A lot of us have found that last few months hard as we have had to stay at home and missed seeing friends and family. We have found it hard that we haven't been able to go to church to worship God.

But we can and should ask Jesus to help us do these hard things. We can do this by praying, let's pray now.

Prayer

Father God,

Thank you for the Bible which teaches us all about you.

Please help us to be ready and alert to serve you at all times, even when we find it difficult.

We know that we can only do this by asking Jesus to help us. We ask Him to do that now.

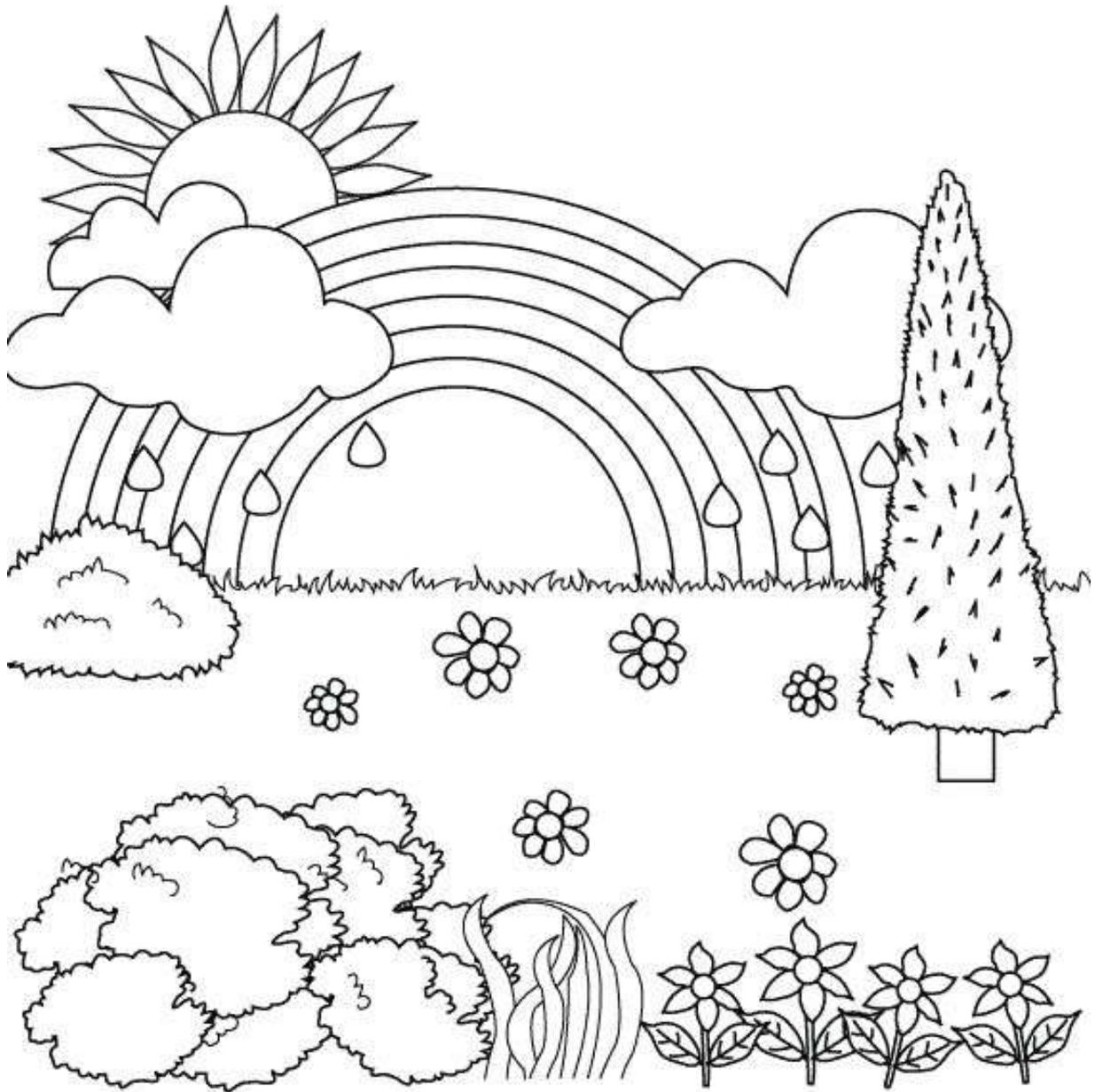
We pray all these things in Jesus' name,

Amen

Activities

1. Colouring Sheet
2. Wordsearch

Garden of Gethsemane Colouring Sheet



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