

Children's Resources – 5th July 2020

Matthew 26: 47-56

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do."^[a] Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant^[b] of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Intro

Have you ever tried to escape?

Maybe you were playing a game with your friends and your team had to escape?

Maybe you were playing with your mummy or daddy and they have you held in their arms and you have to escape?

Well in today's story Jesus says He had a chance to escape but He did not because He loves us, let's find out more . . .

Story

Do you remember which of the disciples betrayed Jesus? That's right – Judas.

And how much did he betray Jesus for? Yes, 30 pieces of silver.

Well in this part of the story the chief priests come to arrest Jesus. They knew who he was because Judas had told them he would kiss the person who was Jesus.

Judas came up to Jesus, gave him a kiss on the cheek and he was arrested.

How sad to be betrayed by one of the disciples.

One of Jesus' disciples, Peter, attacked the soldiers but Jesus warned him not to.

Then Jesus said 'Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"

Jesus was saying that because He is the Son of God, He could ask God to help Him escape from being arrested and killed. But he wouldn't because it was God's plan that Jesus should die and rise again so we could have our sins forgiven.

Isn't that amazing? Jesus loves us so much that he didn't try to escape from getting arrested or killed because He knew it was part of God's plan to save us.

Let's thank Him now.

Prayer

Father God,

We thank you for sending Jesus to die for our sins.

We thank you that we can have our sins forgiven and a right relationship with you.

We pray that each of us would love and follow you.

Please help us to do this.

Amen

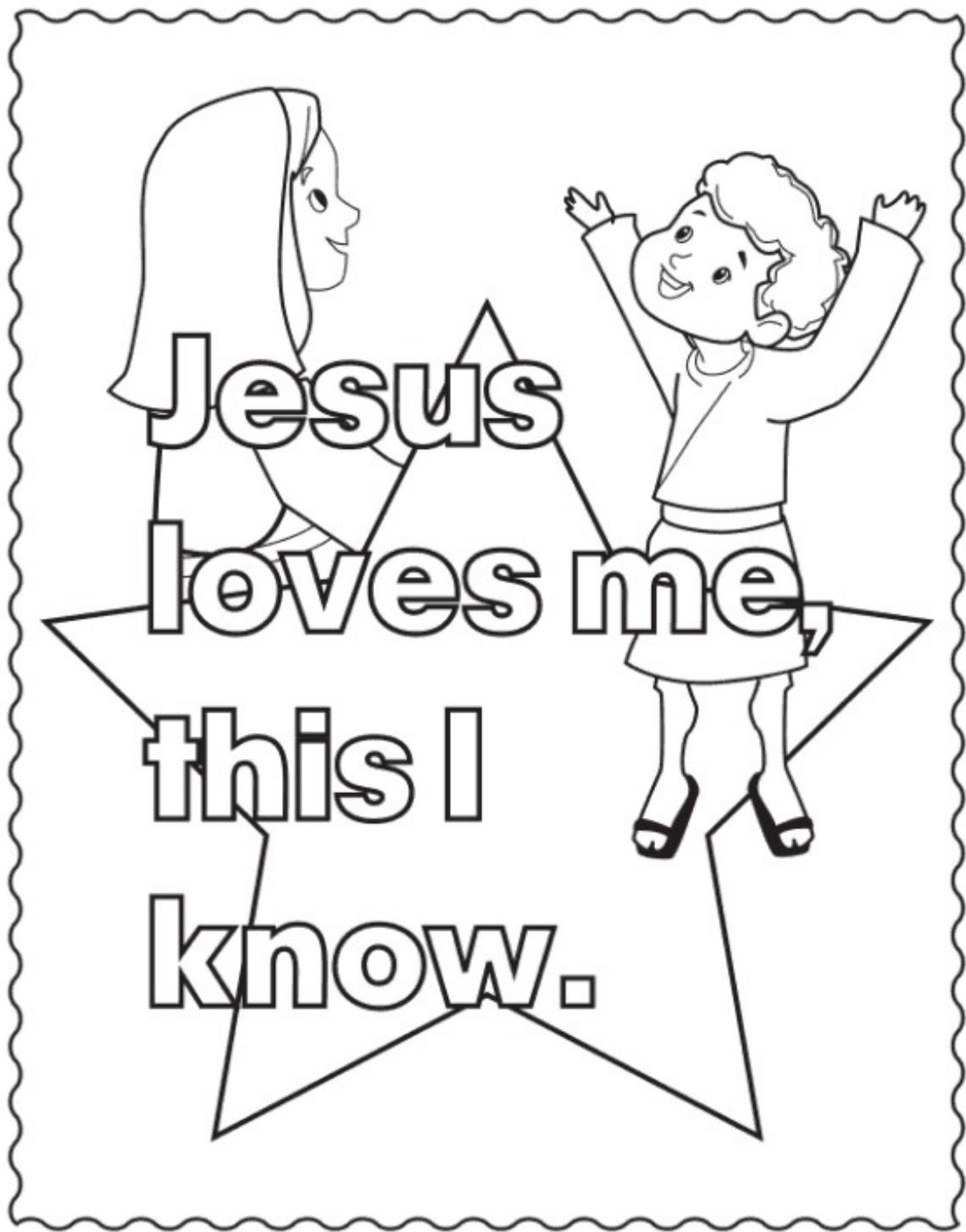
Activities

1. Wordsearch
2. Colouring Page

Garden of Gethsemane

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worried	sleep	prayer	garden
jesus	peter	sword	



Jesus

loves me

this I

know.