

**UNIT 2
SESSION 4**

*Bonus
Teaching Hour
for Babies*

JESUS PRAYED IN A GARDEN



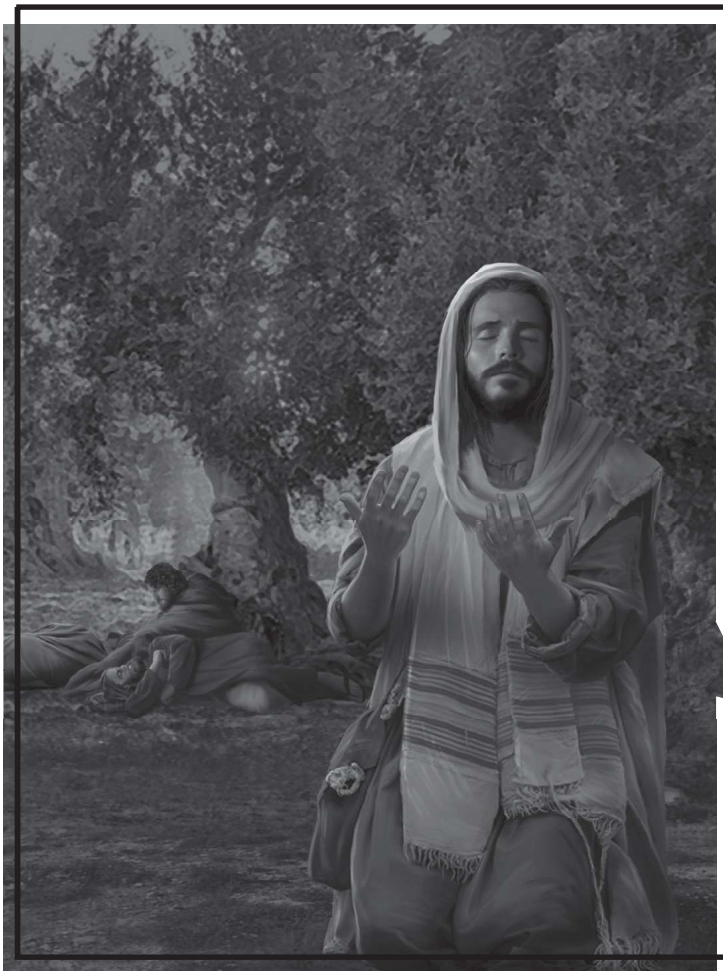
TRANSITION/GROUP TIME

BIBLE STORY STATEMENTS

- » Jesus and His disciples (helpers) stopped in a garden.
- » Jesus went to pray (talk to God).
- » The disciples went to sleep.
- » Jesus came back. He told the men to get up and pray so they would do good things.

BIBLE WORDS

- » Jesus, disciples (helpers), pray (talk)



ROOM

YOUR TEACHING PARTNER(S)

DATE OF USE

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God hears me.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Mark 14:32-40;
Luke 22:39-46

BIBLE VERSE

We can ask God to help us.
Psalms 30:2

LIFE POINT

God hears and helps
people.

REMEMBER TO

Use a calm, quiet voice.

Focus attention on the
babies.

Review parents'
instructions and any
medical information.

Put take-home items in
children's bags.

Make a final diaper check.

Release children to
authorized adults.



BIBLE-LEARNING ACTIVITIES

LOOK AT A GARDEN AND PRAY

Gather: *Printables: "Garden Picture"*

- » Hold a baby and look out a window together. Follow your church's security procedures if taking a baby on a short walk outside of your room.
- » Call attention to what you see. Thank God for the trees and grass.
- » Look at the picture of the garden together as you say the Bible story statements.
- » Tell that Jesus prayed (talked) to God.
- » Say short sentence prayers. Thank God for the baby's family. Thank God that we can come to church. Tell God that you love Him.
- » Say: "God hears me."

TALK IN A MICROPHONE

Gather: *Bible, echo microphones*

- » Demonstrate how to speak and make noises into a microphone.
- » Invite a baby to talk or make noises into a microphone.
- » Comment that you can hear the baby when she talks.
- » Say: "God hears and helps people."
- » Tell that Jesus talked, or prayed, to God and we can, too.
- » Open the Bible to Psalm 30:2 and read aloud: "We can ask God to help us. Psalm 30:2."
- » Pray, thanking God for helping us.
- » Say the Bible Verse into a microphone for the babies to hear.

PUT BALLS IN A BOX

Gather: *Large shoebox with lid, ball pit balls, scissors*

Do: *Cut a round hole in the box lid large enough for the balls to fit through. Place the shoebox and balls on the floor.*

- » Demonstrate placing the balls into the box through the opening.
- » Invite a baby to finish placing the balls in the box.
- » Comment that Jesus' helpers went to sleep when He was praying (talking) to God.
- » Tell that Jesus told the men to get up and talk to God.
- » Pray with a baby, thanking God for listening to us when we talk to Him.
- » Say: "God hears me."

PRETEND TO SLEEP

Gather: *Pillows, blankets*

Do: *Place the pillows and blankets on the floor.*

- » Cover yourself with a blanket and pretend to sleep.
- » Close your eyes and make snoring sounds as you rest your head on the pillow.
- » Invite the babies to pretend to sleep.
- » Tell that Jesus' helpers went to sleep when they were supposed to be praying.
- » Mention that Jesus told the men to get up and pray (talk) to God.
- » Pray with the babies, thanking God that we can talk to Him.
- » State: "God hears and helps people."