

DAY 3
ADDITIONAL TEACHING IDEAS FOR KINDERGARTENERS

Bible Story: Jesus Prayed in the Garden

Scripture: Acts 26:1-20

Today's Point: Jesus has a plan for me.

Is It Magnetic?:

- Collect different items from around the house, some magnetic, some not. (Ideas: clothespin, pencil, nut and bolt, crayon, key, spoon, paper clip, ruler, cotton ball, etc.)
- Provide 2 containers and a magnet.
- Attach the "Yes" card (At-Home Kit) to one container and the "No" card to the other container.
- Explain when something is magnetic it is pulled toward and sticks to a magnet.
- Invite your child to choose one item (from the Idea list above) and decide if it is magnetic.
- Have your child use the magnet to test the item.
- Let them place the item in the container that represents their answer.
- Continue until all the items have been sorted.
- Comment that when many people pray, they sometimes place their hands together (like a magnet and magnetic item will pull together).
- Share that in today's story, Jesus prayed in a garden.

Activity Book:

- Complete the activity on page 8 together.
- Tell your child that Jesus prayed and asked God to help Him do God's plan.
- Remind them that God will complete His plan in their lives.

Tools of the Trade:

- Before playing this game, write the name of many different tools (or use pictures) on an index card.
- Put the cards face down on a table.
- Invite your child to put on a pair of work gloves (optional) and choose a card but not let anyone see what card he gets.
- Guide him/her to pretend to use the tool on the card and have other family members guess what he is doing (like charades).
- Encourage him/her not to use any words.
- Play until every card has been guessed.

Hammer Time:

- You will need several pieces of thick cardboard and a container of golf tees.
- Before doing this activity, use a marker to print the alphabet in uppercase letters on the cardboard.
- Invite your child to say their first, middle, and last names.
- Talk about how Jesus has a plan for every person.
- Lead your child to count the number of letters in their first names and gather the same number of golf tees.
- Guide your child to hammer a golf tee beside each letter in their first name. Other family members can do this, also.
- Comment that no matter our name, we can pray and ask God to help us follow His plan.
- Share how God had a plan for Jesus and has a plan for everyone.