

Children's Worship 3/22/2020

<p>Welcome 1 min</p>	<p>Display Power Point Slide 1 – The ArC Logo</p> <p>Welcome children to Children's Worship. Explain that we are here to worship God by singing, reading the Bible, learning about God, praying and giving offering. Introduce yourself by name every week.</p>
<p>Review Series – Lent 5 min</p>	<p>The past few months we have been learning about Jesus life on Earth. We learned about many of the people He included in His ministry and how He taught and helped everyone.</p> <p>But Jesus didn't live on Earth forever. He actually only lived to be 33 years old. At the age of 33, Jesus died, but three days later He came back to life! We have a holiday that celebrates Jesus coming back to life. Does anyone know what it is called? (<i>Easter</i>)</p> <p>The church also has a time to prepare for Easter. It is called Lent. During Lent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus coming back to life on Easter. One way to prepare is to learn about Easter and the events that led to Easter. We are learning how Jesus died and came back to life.</p> <p>Display PowerPoint Slide 2 – Lent Series Logo</p> <p>While many people loved Jesus while He was on Earth, some people did not. Remember we said Jesus was very popular. Sometimes when a person is popular other people can become jealous of that. There were people during Jesus' time who did not like Him. They were jealous of His popularity and they were afraid He would take away their power. These people plotted to have Jesus arrested and put to death. This month we are going to learn about these events and focus on how Jesus and the people around Him responded.</p> <p>(Reason??)</p> <p>Last week we learned how Jesus gave the disciples, and us, a great way to remember Him. It's called Communion and Jesus</p>

	<p>started it at the Last Supper. It was the Last Supper because it was the last time Jesus would eat with his friends before He died. Today we are going to learn about the how Jesus was arrested and how Jesus spent His time right before He was arrested.</p>
<p>Read & Discuss Today's Scripture Lesson – The Garden of Gethsemane 10 min</p>	<p>Last week we were talking about how Communion helps us remember Jesus and I tested your memories. Today I am going to test your ears!</p> <p>I'm going to play a few voices and we'll see if you can identify who the voice belongs to. They are all people you know. We want to give everyone a chance to figure it out, so once you know who the voice belongs to, raise your hand. But don't say anything! Don't call out the name! Don't whisper the name to your buddy! Keep your guess to yourself and just raise your hand. Then we'll see who gets it correct.</p> <p>Play each voice one at a time. Once the recording finishes, give children a moment to get their guess in their heads. Then reveal the person's picture.</p> <p>How did you do? How many got at least one correct? Two? Three? All of them? You guys did pretty good identifying those voices. But sometimes, even when we know someone and hear their voice all the time, it can still be hard to figure out who is talking when we can't see them.</p> <p>Sometimes it is like that with God. God doesn't talk to us like our friends do – sitting next to us and out loud – but He does give us direction. But we have to listen for it in different ways. When we listen for what God wants us to do we sometimes call that God's voice or God's will or God's direction.</p> <p>What are some ways you could "listen" for God's voice? How could you tell what God wants you to do? (<i>Pray, read the Bible for examples, ask a parent/Pastor, think of 10 Commandments, does it help someone or hurt someone</i>)</p> <p>Once we figure out what God's will is – what God wants us to do – it's not always easy to follow those directions. Sometimes God</p>

is asking us to do something hard.

Today we are going to learn about two people who God asked to do hard things. Jesus and Judas. First, Jesus. Jesus knew He was going to be arrested. He knew He was going to suffer and die. But Jesus also knew this is what God wanted for Him. It seems odd doesn't it? Why would God want Jesus to die? It was to help us! When Jesus was arrested and died He was taking the punishment for all of us! By Jesus being punished, all of our sins are forgiven! So it sounds like God wanted a bad thing, but it was actually an amazing thing. BUT, it was still hard.

Next, Judas. God had asked Jesus' friends, His disciples, to follow Jesus. But now people were mad at Jesus. They wanted Him arrested! It was easy to follow Jesus when He was popular, but now it was getting harder. God was asking Judas to follow Jesus when it was hard.

Today we are going to read from the Bible and see what Jesus and Judas' reactions were. Let's see if Jesus and Judas decided to follow God's will, even when God was asking them to do very hard things.

Read Matthew 26:14-16, 36-56

When Jesus was faced with doing a hard thing, what did He ask God? (*To not have Him do the hard thing*)

Ultimately, did Jesus follow God's will or not? (*Followed – He said God's will be done*)

What about Judas? What did Judas do? (*Betrayed Jesus, had Jesus arrested*)

When we are faced with hard challenges, sometimes we are like Jesus and do God's will. And sometimes we are like Judas and turn away from God and make the wrong choice.

When we are unsure how to follow God's will or when God is asking us to do a hard thing, we can follow Jesus' example. What did Jesus go and do when He was unsure about His hard

	<p>challenge? (<i>Prayed</i>) He prayed. He asked God for help. We can do the same.</p>
<p>Offering, Song & Closing Prayer 3 min</p>	<p>Encourage children to bring offering to altar. Offering can be treasure (money), time or talent (cards completed in classroom).</p> <p>Play I Want to Be Like Jesus from Weird Animals VBS https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGfoXDDtJvk</p>
<p>Joys and Concerns and Closing Prayer 3 min</p>	<p>Joys and Concerns were written on cards in the classrooms. Classroom teachers will have provided the cards to you when they arrived at Children’s Worship.</p> <p>Share some of the Joys and Concerns with the group. Incorporate them into the beginning of the closing prayer before reading the responsive portion below.</p> <p>Read the prayer responsively. You read one line at a time and the kids repeat after you.</p> <p>Dear God, We want to follow God’s will. Help us be like Jesus Help us follow God Even when it’s hard. Amen</p>