

# Parent Guide

## Elementary: April 5

**BIBLE STORY:** Jesus Was Arrested  
Matthew 26:36 – 27:2

**MAIN POINT:**  
Jesus was betrayed and arrested.

### FAMILY CONNECT QUESTION:

Do you ever remember a time that someone broke a promise to you or let you down? How did it make you feel?

In today's story, we're leading up to the events that give us the upcoming holiday, Easter. Jesus' friends let Him down at a time He needed them the most.

### ACTIVITY: WHEEL OF FORTUNE

**What you need:** paper, pencil/pen

For each word, draw a small line for each letter. Take turns guessing letters until someone can guess the word.

Word list for older kids: arrest, betrayed, Jesus, guards, cross, Peter, Judas

Word list for early readers: Jesus, cross, pray, mad, night

**Say:** "Let's play a game of Wheel of Fortune. Some of these words might not be words we use all the time—these all have to do with our story of Jesus today."

### ACTIVITY: OLIVE TREE PRAYER

**What you need:** olive tree page, pencil/pen

Print the olive tree page.

**Say:** "Jesus spent time praying in today's Bible Story. Let's think about who we can pray for this week and write their names on the leaves of the tree. We'll put this up where we can see it and pray for them every day this week!"

### ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY

**What you need:** links to today's lesson  
<https://vimeo.com/402999390>

### ACTIVITY: BIBLE STORY RETELL

Jesus was betrayed and arrested, even though He had done nothing wrong. The Pharisees (church leaders at the time) hated Jesus because He preached that no one could work hard enough to earn forgiveness for his or her sin. God's plan was for Him to do all the hard work by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to take our punishment for sin. All we have to do to receive forgiveness is trust in Jesus as our Savior. But the Pharisees did not want to do that, so they waited for a chance to trap Jesus. They waited for one of His disciples to betray Him.

Judas was one of the disciples who had been with Jesus for about three years. Judas had seen miracles, had witnessed healings, and had heard Jesus' teachings. But Judas helped the men who wanted to arrest Jesus, even though Jesus had done nothing wrong. The people who were arresting Jesus probably thought they were in control, but they never could have arrested Jesus if He didn't let them do it. Jesus—who is fully God and fully man, who had performed healing miracles and walked on water, and who is God's own Son—could have gotten out of being arrested at any moment. Yet He allowed Himself to be arrested because He knew God had been planning this all along. Jesus had to be arrested so that all His followers could be set free from sin and from death.

**Pray:** "God, thank you for sending Your Son to be betrayed by His friends, arrested for something He didn't do, and killed on a cross to take away our sins. Thank You for Your amazing plan to rescue us from sin. Amen."

