

MAIN POINT:

Jesus is the Lamb of God Jesus had entered Jerusalem and celebrated a Passover meal with his disciples. Then He took Peter, James and John to a garden called Gethsemane where Jesus told them that He was very sad and felt close to death. He asked them to keep watch while He prayed. In anguish, Jesus asked God to take the cup of suffering from Him, but only if it was the Father's will. Jesus was dreading the wrath of God against sin because He was about to endure it. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life, but He was the substitute for us sinners. He is the Lamb of God. Jesus—the spotless, perfect, sinless lamb that saves humankind from God's wrath by taking it fully on Himself so we could enjoy His deserved reward, God's approval and affection, through eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION:

1. **Last week we encouraged you to follow Jesus' example and go serve someone in your life at home, neighbourhood or school. Let's take some time to share what we did and how it went.**
(Listen and share.)

2. **Let's read Mark 14:32-42. As we are reading, write out words and phrases that stand out to you. (read passage). What words/phrases stood out to you?**

In verse 36 Jesus asked His Father to take the cup from Him. Have you ever heard about the cup before? What does the cup represent? What does Jesus' statement mean? *(The cup represented God's wrath and the suffering He would endure. Jesus was fully God, but He was also fully human and as a result He experienced the human desire to preserve His life/comfort. He was asking if there was any other way to save mankind, that it would be done. But what happened after His prayer shows there was no other way. Jesus Christ is the only possible sacrifice to save all people.)*

3. **What does it mean that Jesus willingly offered Himself as the perfect sacrificial Lamb to take on the punishment for your sin?** *(Through Jesus' death on the cross as God's perfect sacrifice for sin and His resurrection 3 days later, Jesus made it possible to now have eternal life if we believe in Him. God Himself provided the offering that atones for our sin. In Jeremiah 11:19 and Isaiah 53:7, the Prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah foretold the coming of the One who would be brought "like a lamb led to the slaughter" and whose sufferings and sacrifice would provide redemption for Israel. That person was Jesus, "the Lamb of God".)*
4. **We were challenged today to take sin seriously. What sin do you need to bring to Jesus, ask for forgiveness, repent, and then walk in freedom?**
(Encourage responses and respond yourself.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Ask your child how you can pray for them.

- What is their biggest concern this week?
- Where do they see God working in their life?

Pray with and for your child.

- “I pray that he will use his glorious riches to make you strong. May his Holy Spirit give you his power deep down inside you. Then Christ will live in your hearts because you believe in him. And I pray that your love will have deep roots. I pray that it will have a strong foundation. May you have power together with all the Lord’s holy people to understand Christ’s love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. And may you know his love, even though it can’t be known completely. Then you will be filled with everything God has for you. God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us.” Ephesians 3:16-20
- (Child’s name), Jesus took our place, took the penalty of our sin, because He loves you that much. Know that God sees you today and for those of you who have a relationship with Jesus, when God looks at you He sees Jesus and is well pleased. May you experience the fullness of being in a friendship with almighty God.