



# FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:31-56

## SESSION SUMMARY

In this week's session, Jesus and His disciples went to the Mount of Olives, specifically the garden of Gethsemane, to pray. Jesus knew what was coming, and He tried to prepare His disciples. He warned them that they would abandon or deny Him when He was arrested. He told them He would rise again and come to them. Then, He prayed for them. He asked God for another way, then told God He trusted His plan. So, when the soldiers and officials came to arrest Him, Jesus didn't fight. He willingly gave Himself over to be given as a sacrifice for us. Here are the main themes:

- The Son of Man predicted abandonment (Matthew 26:31-35).
- The Son of Man trusted in God's plan (Matthew 26:36-46).
- The Son of Man exercised restraint (Matthew 26:47-56).

## CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- When is it difficult for us to trust God? How does Jesus teach us to trust Him always?
- When is it tempting to live like we don't know Jesus, even if we don't deny Him?
- Why is it important for us to remember Jesus's authority when life is tough?

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

Talk about situations where it could be difficult to share about or live out your faith openly. Grab a bowl and several strips of paper. On slips of paper, write out some of those situations (for example, a classmate makes fun of you for your faith, you get a mean comment on social media, etc.). Fold the papers and put them in a bowl. In teams of two, draw a paper and act out how you could respond in a God-honoring way. See if others can guess what the difficult situation was and how you chose to honor your faith.