



The Way

Bible Story: The Way (Jesus Prays in Gethsemane) • *Matthew 26:36-56 (Supporting: Luke 22:39-46)*

Bottom Line: Put others first.

Memory Verse: *Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves.* Philippians 2:3 (NIRV)

Life App: Humility—Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve

Activity #1- Bible Story

Parents, read through this week's Bible story with your child or check out our video teaching on [Shoreline's website](#). This week we are learning about Jesus and His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane found in Matthew 26:36-56.

Activity #2- In the Garden Reenactment

- Have your family act out the following scenes from today's Bible story. Have your kids pose during each scene and take pictures to create a slideshow of the story. If you choose to share them on social media, make sure you tag us so we can see your "stories".
 - After a special Passover meal, Jesus led the disciples out of the city toward the Mount of Olives.
 - When they reached the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus told them to sit there while He went to pray. He took Peter, James, and John with Him.
 - Jesus went a little farther and prayed. He begged for God to take away what was coming, and yet He trusted God's plan.
 - He returned to His friends and found them sleeping.
 - Jesus went to pray a second time, but again, He came back and found the disciples sleeping.
 - He left them and went away to pray again.
 - For the third time, He prayed the same thing—begging for God to take away what was coming but trusting God's plan.
 - Jesus returned to the disciples, who were still asleep.
 - Judas arrived with a large crowd that was carrying swords and clubs. The Jewish religious leaders had sent the mob.
 - The mob arrested Jesus and led Him away. His friends, who had promised to stay with Him through anything, ran away. Jesus had chosen the path that would bring life for everyone, but it would cost Him everything.



Activity #3- Discussion Questions

1. How do you think the disciples felt when they saw Jesus being taken away? (*scared, sad, confused.*)
2. What did Jesus do in the story that showed humility? (*He chose to follow God's plan of dying on the cross for our sins, even though it would cost him his life and he was powerful enough to stop it.*)
3. Think of a time recently when someone else put you first? How did that make you feel?
4. Why are some people easier to put first more than others?
5. How can you put others first this week?

Bonus Challenge: How can you put others first this week?

- Mail a card to someone, bake cookies and leave them on someone's doorstep, video call a friend or relative to encourage them, pick up some extra groceries and donate to Shoreline's food pantry. Get creative this week, and as a family find ways that you can put others first.