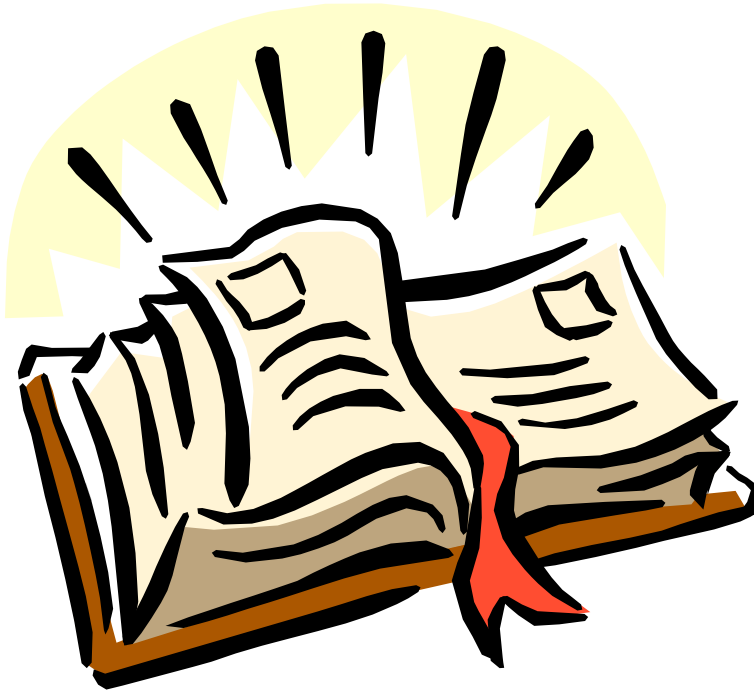


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:

LESSON TITLE: Judas Betrays Jesus

**THEME: Jesus willingly went to the cross
for our sins**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:47-53



Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids. Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about the time when **Judas Betrays Jesus**. The theme was "**Jesus willingly went to the cross for our sins!**" One of Jesus' closest friends, betrayed Him. Judas had spent 3 years with Jesus and knew he was betraying Him to be beaten and put to death. But Jesus also knew that would happen. Jesus willingly laid down His life for us so that our sins can be forgiven.

This week we will look at different aspects of this story, betrayal and how that Jesus willingly laid down His life for His friends, US! Our desire is for children to understand that even if others hurt us, turn against us or let us down that He still loves us no matter what. He will never leave us or forsake us. Have a great week studying God's Word together.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Luke 22:47-53**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Day One

A Friend or Foe?

Text: Luke 22:6 - "So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude."

Read Luke 21:37-38 & Luke 22:1-6

It is very hard to imagine being **betrayed** by your best friend. Think of a good friend that you have. Maybe you have been friends for years. Then one day you find out that they weren't really your friend. Maybe they said bad things about you behind your back or tried to hurt you in some other way. That is exactly what happened to Jesus. A very close friend **betrayed** him. He was one of His twelve closest friends who had spent more than 3 years with Jesus. His name was Judas Iscariot.

Jesus was very much loved by the people who wanted to learn more about Him. Jesus taught the people very differently than the Pharisees. They placed all kinds of rules on the people while Jesus just simply taught the love of God found in His word. But the Pharisees were very jealous of Jesus because all the people were drawn to Him. They felt like they would lose all of their power. So they set out to find a way to kill Jesus. They made a deal with Judas to **betray** Him at a time when all the people wouldn't be around.

Judas said he loved Jesus, and said he was Jesus' friend, but he was really Jesus' enemy. Our enemy, the devil, influenced Judas to do the terrible thing he did. Judas greeted Jesus with a kiss of friendship to show those who were going to arrest Him who Jesus was. Jesus knew that Judas would **betray** Him, but He didn't stop him. He even made it easy for Judas to find Him by leaving the place where He was praying and going back to the other disciples. Jesus knew He had to die so that the whole world could have **everlasting life** in heaven. He was willing to die for us. What a great friend we have in Jesus. He will never **betray** us, no matter what! The next time you feel that you have been **betrayed** remember that Jesus understands and will help. We also need to remember that we need to be loyal to our friends.

- Has a friend ever **betrayed** you?
- Why did Judas **betray** Jesus?
- Who really wanted Jesus to die?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Betray: When one is unfaithful or disloyal and turns against another after acting like they loved them.

Day Two

No Greater Love

Text: John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Read Luke 9:18-22

Think about all of your very best friends. Imagine spending three years with them. They always came to your house and stayed the night. You woke up and had breakfast with them, you ate lunch together and you had wonderful adventures together. They went with you wherever you went and you were never alone. Jesus had a group of friends like that. They were 12 men who Jesus picked to be with Him night and day. These were Jesus' disciples. They were there when Jesus healed people and raised people from the dead. They knew that Jesus was the Son of God. But they did not understand that Jesus would one day lay down His life on the cross. Jesus told them that this would happen, but they just didn't understand. They thought that maybe Jesus would be made king, not **willingly** go to a cross and die.

Why do you think that Jesus would just let someone take Him away to die, since He is God? You would think that He might call down an army of angels and stop this from taking place. In fact the Bible talks about that He could have called down a whole legion (a lot) of angels, but He didn't. He even knew that Judas would be the one to betray Him. Remember the night of the Lord's Supper when He told his friends that one of them would betray Him? He knew that His time had come to go to the cross and He was willing to lay down His life.

So why was Jesus willing to lay down His life? One reason is because it was God's will and plan. It was the way that God would provide salvation to all of mankind if they would simply believe in Him. It is how our sins are forgiven. While we should be the ones to die because of our sin, Jesus took all of our sin upon Himself and provided salvation for us. He also laid down His life because of His great love for you and me. He went through all of this because He wants a relationship with us. Jesus never fought when the religious leaders came to get Him. He just went **willingly** with them because He wanted you to be with Him forever.

- Have you accepted Jesus into your heart?
- Why did Jesus go with His enemies so easily?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Willingly: Accepting and giving consent. Jesus went willingly to the cross so you could be with Him in heaven.

Day Three

God's Way Is the Best Way!

Text: John 18:11 - "So Jesus said to Peter, 'Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?'"

Read Luke 22:47-53

"I'm willing to die for you, Jesus!" That was the cry of Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends. He wanted to do what was right. When Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss, Peter wanted to be a good friend and defend Jesus. Can you imagine defending God? We learn something very valuable in the story that we are looking at today. When something is God's plan there is nothing we can do to stop it. No amount of swords, or guns or tanks or anything else could have stopped Jesus from carrying out God's plan for His life.

It is always best just to trust in the Lord. Jesus told Peter to put his sword away and then He asked him a question, "Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?" In other words He could have said to Peter, "is there a better plan than the one that the Father has given Me? Are we going to come up with something better by fighting back? This is what the Father has for me and this is what I need to do. We can't fight against His plan!"

Then Jesus takes it even a step further and does something very kind and loving. He takes the ear of the servant that Peter had just cut off and heals him. Could you imagine? The man who came to arrest Jesus was just healed by Him? What an act of grace and mercy in the middle of a terrible situation! But think about the love that was shown to this man and everyone there. I wonder if this servant later became a believer in Jesus. We just need to trust Jesus and watch Him turn bad situations into good ones that glorify Him. We shouldn't try to take things into our own hands and try to do what we think is right. God's way is always the best way!

- Do you think that Peter's heart was in the right place?
- Why did Jesus heal the person Peter hurt?
- What do you learn from this story?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Cup: God's plan and will for Jesus to lay down His life.

Doeg the Edomite

Text: 1 Samuel 22:22 - "So David said to Abiathar, 'I knew that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul.'"

Also read 1 Samuel 22:6-18

Doeg the Edomite was not a very nice man. In fact he betrayed David to King Saul who hated David and was trying to kill him. Let's look at what happened. Saul for years was very jealous of David because God chose him to be king instead of Saul. So Saul wanted to kill him. He chased him through the deserts and wilderness of Israel. One day David stopped in Nob and visited a priest there. He asked for food and supplies for his men. Well, it just so happened that Doeg the Edomite was there and heard what was going on.

Later Saul was talking to some of his leaders and wanted to find out about where David was. Doeg spoke up and said he saw David with the priest in Nob. So Saul sent for the priests to come to him. It is really sad what happens now because Saul kills all of the priests for helping David. But one of them escapes to go and tell David what has happened. Saul had turned so far away from God that he was willing to kill God's priests. All of this happened because Doeg betrayed David.

What can we learn from this sad story? Saul and Doeg were filled with hatred and they turned away from God. They were willing to betray and kill to get what they wanted. Eventually God's judgment came upon each of them. Saul died in battle a very miserable man. But David was chosen by God to be the next leader of Israel. God's blessing was upon David. Even though he was betrayed God protected him. God will always protect us to. When we put our faith and hope in Jesus even if others turn against us or try to hurt us we will be strengthened in the Lord. Let's remember to always put our trust in Jesus and don't worry about others who may be mean to us.

- What did Doeg the Edomite do?
- Did God protect David anyway?
- How has God protected you?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Edomite: someone from the land of Edom, descendants of Esau.

Day Five

Demas, Alexander and the Lord

Text: 2 Timothy 4:17 - "But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion."

Also read 2 Timothy 4:9-18

In our story today we see three different characters who all had a relationship with Paul. We have been looking this week at betrayal. The opposite of that is loyalty. We are going to meet a man named Demas and a man named Alexander. We will learn about what the Lord does very differently with the two men. Paul was a great apostle who took the good news of Jesus to unbelievers. There were a lot of people who worked against Paul and even forsook him. Demas was a man like that. He had actually been in the ministry with Paul for a while. But the Bible says that he loved this present world more than the things of God and forsook the Lord and Paul to live for the world. How it must have broken Paul's heart and the Lord's that Demas turned away.

Then we see a man by the name of Alexander. He was a coppersmith. He was probably an unbeliever who worked very hard against Paul when he preached the gospel. Since he was a coppersmith he may have even made different idols that people would purchase from him to worship. As many people turned to the Lord they would stop buying his idols and he wouldn't make as much money. We are told that Alexander worked very hard against Paul and his friends. He even did Paul much harm. Paul warns Timothy to watch out for him.

But then in verse 17 we see the Lord. Even though these others have turned against Paul we see that the Lord stood with Paul through everything. Isn't it great to know that even if our friends forsake us, or other people don't like us because we are a Christian that Jesus will always stand with us. He will never leave us or forsake us! He is closer than a brother! He will never betray us for any reason! Jesus strengthened Paul, helped him to accomplish His will and delivered him from the mouth of the lion. This is probably talking about protecting him from the plans of the devil to try to destroy Him. Let's always remember that no matter what, Jesus will always stand by us.

- What did Demas and Alexander do to Paul?
- What did the Lord do? What will He do for you?

Kid's Prayer Time



This week pray that the Lord would strengthen you in His grace. If you have been betrayed or let down by anyone, even a friend, ask the Lord to help you in that situation. He promises that He will help!

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

**"Jesus died on the cross
for our sins."**

Third Grade and Above

**"By His knowledge My
righteous Servant shall
justify many, for He
shall bear their
iniquities."**

Isaiah 53:11b