



Agony in the Garden Drama

Script

The children will dramatize the events leading up the arrest of Jesus. Volunteers will be needed to play the roles of Jesus, Judas, Malchus, Narrator, and other apostles and soldiers (numbers may vary).

Use the following script to guide your dramatic reading.

Speaker	Words	Actions
Narrator	After supper on Thursday evening, Jesus and his apostles went to the Mount of Olives. They stopped in the Garden of Gethsemane.	<i>The apostles and Jesus enter.</i>
Jesus	My dear friends, sit here while I go into the garden to pray. Peter, James and John, please come with me.	<i>Jesus, Peter, James, and John walk. The other apostles sit.</i>
	I am sorrowful and would appreciate your company. Remain here and keep watch with me.	<i>The three apostles sit; Jesus kneels.</i>
	Heavenly Father, if it is possible, protect me from my enemies. Help me in this time of sorrow. Yet it is your will, not mine, that must be done.	<i>The three apostles nod to sleep. Jesus prays and then returns to the three apostles.</i>
	Peter, what happened? You fell asleep! Couldn't you stay awake even this little while? I wanted you to keep watch for me and pray. Peter, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.	<i>The three apostles wake. Jesus leaves once more to pray.</i>
	My Father, please let this suffering pass me by. Yet it is your will, not mine, that must be done.	
	Oh no! They're asleep again.	<i>Jesus returns to the three apostles.</i>
	Dear Father, please hear me. I am so worried. Please let this suffering pass. Yet it is your will, not mine, that must be done.	<i>Jesus kneels to pray once more and then looks again at the three apostles, who are still asleep.</i>



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Jesus	Are you still sleeping? Wake up. My time has come. Now I will be betrayed. Peter, James, and John, get up. Let's go. See! My betrayer is coming.	<i>Judas (holding money bag), soldiers, and Malchus enter.</i>
Narrator	Judas had been paid 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus, his friend. Judas had arranged with the soldiers that he would identify Jesus by kissing him.	<i>Judas kisses Jesus.</i>
Judas	Greetings, brother!	
Jesus	Friend, go ahead and do what you are here to do.	<i>Soldiers grab Jesus. Peter grabs a soldier's sword and cuts off Malchus's ear.</i>
Malchus	<i>(screams)</i> Ahhhhh! My ear! The pain!	<i>Jesus touches the side of Malchus's head.</i>
	<i>(amazed)</i> I am healed!	
Jesus	Peter, put that sword down. We don't meet violence with violence. Using the sword doesn't solve anything. Don't you remember what I have taught you? Soldiers, have you come here to arrest me as though I were a robber? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple, yet you did not arrest me. But this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness. <i>adapted from Luke 22:39–53</i>	<i>Peter hangs his head. The apostles run away in fear. Soldiers grab Jesus and lead him away.</i>
Narrator	Jesus is our teacher, who taught us to accept God's will. When suffering comes into our lives, we ask to become stronger because of it and use it for good, as Jesus did.	
	<i>End</i>	

