



Jesus Is Patient with Sinners

MAIN IDEAS

- **Jesus understands that the hearts of sinners are weak and afraid.**
- **Sinners are unworthy of God's love.**
- **Because He is God, Jesus loves and is patient with sinners.**

MEMORY VERSE

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.—1 John 4:10

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Mark 14:27-72
- 2) Luke 22:44
- 3) John 15:13
- 4) Romans 2:4
- 5) 2 Peter 3:9
- 6) 1 John 1:9



LESSON SUMMARY

After the recorded conversation that Jesus had with His disciples during their last Passover meal together, one would think that the disciples were overwhelmed by the words of love and assurance Jesus had expressed in this intimate setting. Jesus' words, ***Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends*** (John 15:13), revealed the extent of His love for them, as well as what awaited Him.

The announcement by Jesus that He would be betrayed by Judas was indeed shocking, but more startling than that was Jesus' statement to the remaining disciples, ***You will all fall away...*** (Mark 14:27). Peter was emphatic that this would never happen—he, Peter, would not abandon his Lord! But Jesus knows the human heart is sinful, weak, and afraid. Our hearts are prone to wander in their affections and loyalties, as the disciples would be reminded shortly. Unlike us however, Jesus' heart never wanders in its affections. Jesus will always display the greatness and worth of the Father, and He will not waver from this mission. How good for us that Jesus is faithful and patient with sinners! In this lesson we recounted the events in the Garden of Gethsemane, including Jesus' arrest and betrayal.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child...



- *pray that God would work in your heart to give you a more steadfast trust in Him.*
- *thank Him for His grace-filled patience in your own life, and rejoice in the fact that this undeserved kindness brought you to saving repentance.*
- *pray that both you and your child will have hearts that increasingly realize the depths of your sin and the depths of Jesus' mercy.*
- *pray that God will be at work in your child's heart to receive the redeeming work of Christ on the Cross.*

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Review the events of Jesus in Gethsemane from Mark 14:32-42.

- **What does the word “agony” mean? Why was Jesus in agony? What had He promised to do for His friends? [Die for them.] Was it going to be an easy thing to do?** Even though Jesus was really God, He also was human. He had real emotions, real tears, and real hurts.
- **Were the disciples' actions loving toward Jesus in the garden? What about at Jesus' arrest? How did Jesus show that He still loved them in spite of this?**
Read and talk about 1 John 4:10.
- **Why is it a good thing that Jesus is patient with sinners who don't yet believe in Him?**
Read and explain the meaning of Romans 2:4 or 2 Peter 3:9.
God's patience is meant to lead sinners to repent and believe in Jesus. **Can you give an example of how Jesus has been patient with you? Are there people you know of who are not yet trusting in Jesus? How could you pray for them this week?**

ACTION STEP

On one side of a piece of paper, draw a picture of Jesus praying in the garden. On the other side, draw a picture of what His disciples were doing. Use the picture to share the story with a sibling or friend.

