

TO HELP US STUDY

1. After singing the hymn, where did Christ and his disciples go? _____
2. What is the name of the place they went to? _____
3. Which of the apostles did Jesus take with him to pray? _____
4. How far away from these three men did he go to pray? _____
5. What did Jesus ask God to do? _____

6. Describe Jesus' sweat while he prayed. _____

7. When Jesus returned, what were the three apostles doing? _____
8. Jesus asked Peter, "Could you men not keep _____ with me for _____ hour? Watch and _____ so that you will not fall into _____."
9. How many times did Jesus pray? _____ What did he pray the last two times? _____

10. If we are like Jesus, what will our attitude be when God tells us No? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Matthew 26:41, "The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Older ones—Matthew 26:41

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

On what two other occasions did Jesus take only Peter, James, and John with him. In what scriptures are these stories told? Use the rest of the back of this sheet to tell what this story teaches us about prayer.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

We have supplied two scriptures for this one story because Luke gives us some details Matthew leaves out, and Matthew provides some singular facts, too. So we need to read both Gospels closely, looking for the facts in both and making them fit into one unbroken, meaningful story. Probably we will do a better job of teaching if we do not start off by reading the scripture accounts aloud to our very small children. If we begin by *telling* them the story clearly, then they can understand and appreciate the reading later.

Before this story can have much meaning to our kids, we must explain to them what "the cup" is. Even then it will be difficult for our small fry to appreciate the fear of death. Perhaps they will more quickly grasp the meaning of pain. We have not succeeded in teaching this story until our children see more in Jesus' prayer than "Now I lay me down to sleep" or "Thank you for my food." While we do not want to deeply disturb our little ones, we do want them to feel the hurt of Jesus to some degree.

While we teach this story to our children, let's pray with them. What better way is there to teach them a lesson about prayer?

FOR ADULT STUDY: Lk 11:1-13; 18:1-8; Ps 88:9; Mt 6:5-15; 7:7-11; Jn 15:7; Jas 4:3; 5:15-16; 1 Jn 3:22; 5:15; Phil 4:6-7; 1 Thes 5:17-18.