

# [HOMEPAGE]

*For families of junior soldiers*

## THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:

### When Betrayed

## MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 1:5 (NIV)

"Here is the message we have heard from him and announce to you. *God is light. There is no darkness in him at all.*"

The memory verse for the week is included on each HOMEPAGE. Help your child review it during the week. The portion of the memory verse printed in *italics* is the portion of the verse for younger junior soldiers to memorize.

## PARENT POINT:

Ask your child to show you the pouch they made in junior soldiers today. Read over the ways to stand firm in faith. If you have any additional suggestions, write them down and add them to your child's pouch.



**TODAY IN JUNIOR SOLDIERS** the children continued their study of how Jesus stood firm. The focus of today's lesson was how Jesus stood firm when He was betrayed.

Before going to the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus predicted that His disciples would desert Him, and that Peter would deny Him three times. Their loyalty to Him temporarily collapsed and they gave in to fear.

Peter insisted that he was the exception, and that he'd never turn away from his Lord. In John 21:15, Peter claimed greater allegiance to Jesus than the others, but in Mark 14, Jesus told Peter that his failure would be greater than all the other disciples, in spite of his good intentions. The disciples insisted that Jesus' predictions were wrong, but in a few short hours the actions of the disciples proved Jesus' predictions to be correct.

After dinner, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane. He asked the three disciples to keep watch while He prayed. In the garden, Jesus became distressed and troubled. He was overwhelmed with sadness.

Three times Jesus interrupted His prayer and returned to Peter, James, and John to find them asleep. The third time Jesus found the disciples sleeping He said, "Enough!" He told them that the hour had come when the Son of Man was to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Judas, the one who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, had arrived with a crowd to arrest Jesus.

Jesus had full knowledge of the events that were going to transpire during His betrayal and arrest. He knew that one of His closest friends was going to betray Him. Jesus knew what betrayal felt like. He went to His Father for strength and guidance to face the events to come; His arrest, His unfair trial, and His death. Jesus didn't let the betrayal of others stop Him from doing God's will. Jesus stood firm in His purpose—being our Savior.

## INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

This lesson helped junior soldiers realize that Jesus experienced difficult times to save us from our sins. They gained a deeper appreciation for Jesus' sacrifice.