

JESUS' ARREST

THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH SAINT LUKE



ICON ACTIVITY

Orthodox Children's Bible Reader: pages 242-247

Hold up one icon at a time. Ask the kids who they see in the icon and what they think is happening. Then tell them about each icon, one at a time.

Next, mix up the provided icons so that they are *not* in sequential order. Then ask / choose one child at a time to place the icons in sequential order on the provided poster board. If they place it in the incorrect spot, ask them some

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GOAL

Learn to read iconography through the Gospels

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AT CHURCH

Holy Thursday
Services

3

AT HOME

We fast on Wednesdays in remembrance of Judas Iscariot's betrayal of Christ



Class routine:
Move my photo from "home" to "church"



Class routine:
Light a candle - respectfully prayerfully without playing



Class routine:
Venerate our icon



Sing "Lord have mercy" in English, Greek, Arabic, Romanian

guiding questions to help them choose the correct spot.

Finally, ask three different children to tell you as much as they remember about one icon.

ABOUT THE ICONS

- **Garden of Gethsemane** - This icon shows a series of events. We know this because we see Jesus four times in the icon. Starting at the *bottom center*, we see Jesus asking His disciples to pray. At the *top left*, we see Jesus kneeling down and praying “a stone’s throw away.” At the *top middle*, Jesus continues praying, “Father, if it is Your will...” Then at the *top right*, “being in agony, He prayed more earnestly.”
- **Judas’ Betrayal & Jesus’ Arrest** - This icon depicts the intensity of the moment: Judas leans in to kiss Jesus, the “multitude” rush in to arrest Him as they hold weapons, the disciples are caught off guard, and Peter (John 18:10) reacts in an attempt to protect Jesus by striking and cutting off the ear of the high priest’s servant.
- **Peter’s Denial of Jesus** - This particular icon zooms in on that moment when Peter and Jesus



momentarily lock eyes just after Peter had denied Christ three times. The realization slams down on Peter and he leaves the high priest’s courtyard weeping bitterly with remorse.

ACTIVITIES

Options:

- Continue learning about our major feast days with the file folder activity
- Practice responses for “Christ is Risen!” in different languages
- Illustrate their own book about today’s lesson using construction paper folder in half and crayons / markers

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Crucifixion of the King of Glory by Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou

The Gospel of Luke: Good News for the Poor by Fr. Lawrence Farley

The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke by Blessed Theophylact



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AT HOME

FOR PARENTS

Behold, then and see the pattern of your conduct depicted for you in Christ the Savior of all. And let us also observe the manner of his prayer. 'Father,' He says 'if You are willing, remove this cup from me...' And if, therefore it happens that we also at any time fall into

unexpected troubles, and have to endure any mental conflict, let us beseech God, not so much that it may end according to our will, but rather let us ask that whatever He knows to be fit and expedient for the benefit of our souls may be brought to pass.

St. Cyril of Alexandria
via Dr. Constantinou in
The Crucifixion of the King of Glory

HOME ACTIVITY #20

Virtual Field Trip to the Garden of Gethsemane: <https://youtu.be/bJXS-Ee0tsc?si=bSgQzZ1QpVhuVKvr>





