

FULL BLOOM (Kinder - 2nd)

WEEK 2

BIG IDEA

Jesus understands when we're hurting.

BIBLE

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: Matthew 26:36-46;
Isaiah 53:1-5

ABOUT THIS WEEK

To keep a garden growing strong and healthy, you'll need to pull up the weeds that can harm the other plants and keep them from growing. This week, we'll hear about how Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane before being arrested. We'll see that we can go to Jesus whenever we feel hurt because Jesus understands when we're hurting.

Large Group Time

Welcome

Judah: Play 5 minute countdown at 9:25/11:25

When checking in kids please make sure that every one is entering the correct age group and check their tags! If their tag doesn't match please get Kayleah or Rachel before allowing the kiddo to enter Freedom KIDS.

Check-In: Heather

Bible Bucks-Lindsay

(Hand out bible bucks to kids who participate on stage or answer questions)

welcome- Liam

Hey, welcome back to *Full Bloom*! Last time, we talked about how Mary showed her love for Jesus with perfume. But guess what? There's more excitement waiting in our garden. Close your eyes and imagine shrinking down, growing wings, and getting extra arms and legs...because today, we're buzzing around like busy bees.

Are you ready to fly to another part of our garden for an amazing story? It's gonna be *un-bee-lievable*!

WELCOME

First time guests (100)

- Bible bucks for Bibles (10)
- Remind to turn in coloring page (75) and say verse (50)

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

ACTIVITY

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this activity, prepare two large stuffed animals with red dot stickers all over them to make different "hurts." To play, put kids into two teams and give each team member a small piece of painter's tape to represent a bandaid. Have one kid from each team run over to their team's stuffed animal, cover up one of the dots, and tag the next player. Keep going until all the dots are covered up, and every kid has had at least one turn.
- **Do you use a bandaid when you get hurt? Does it help you feel better?**
- Just like adults who love you will always make sure you have what you need, like a bandaid or medicine to help you when you are hurt or sick, Jesus knows when you are hurting, too. Jesus felt what we feel, and we will see what he did when he was hurting in our story today.

Please end welcome time by 9:45/11:45

MEMORY VERSE | 2 Peter 3:18a (NIV)- Heather/Lindsay

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Introduce this months memory verse and explain its meaning.

Key points about this verse:

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- This verse is a call to continuous spiritual development, urging believers to not become stagnant in their faith but to continually deepen their understanding of God's grace and their relationship with Jesus.

To grow in grace and knowledge, believers are encouraged to:

- **Study the Word:** Regularly engage with the Bible to learn more about God and His plan.
- **Pray:** Seek God's guidance and wisdom through prayer.
- **Seek Fellowship:** Connect with other believers to encourage and challenge each other in their faith.
- **Live a Life of Obedience:** Strive to live in accordance with God's will, demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit

BUT GROW IN THE GRACE

(hand flat out in front of you and elevate above head)

AND KNOWLEDGE

(point to temples)

OF OUR LORD

(point up)

AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

(savior sign)

2 Peter 3:18a

(hands like a book)

- **See if anyone brought back a memory verse chart. Have them say the verse, take a picture and give them 200 bible bucks :)**

BIG IDEA | Jesus understands when we're hurting.- Heather

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For the Big Idea reveal each week, write each word of the Big Idea on flower cutouts ([like these](#) or make your own out of colored paper). Hide these words, along with a few blank flowers, in a bin filled with dirt, sand, or uncooked beans and topped with plastic flowers and bugs. Give kids plastic shovels to dig through the "soil" to uncover the flowers. Once they find a flower that has a word, have them bring it to you to read. Once all the words are found, practice the Big Idea together using the hand motions below.
- Let's see what Big Idea we dug up today!
 - **Jesus** (Right pointer finger on left palm to left pointer finger on right palm.)
 - **understands** (Point to temple of forehead.)
 - **when we're** (Point to self.)
 - **hurting.** (Hug yourself around your abdomen.)

- **tithes and offerings**

PRAY FOR: Pray for Krishna's Future

Books of the Bible: Quinn- Introduce the New Testament. -**JAMES**

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Judah- please skip old testament

Worship-Liam & Quinn

1. I can count on God
2. Higher than the Sky

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

- Gardens are often a peaceful place. People stroll around gardens to appreciate nature, breathe in that fresh air, and even spend time with God. In today's Bible story, Jesus goes to a garden with a few of his close friends ... but he's not quite at peace.
- **Let's read Matthew 26:36–39 to find out what's happening.**
 - Jesus and his disciples had just eaten before coming to the Garden of Gethsemane. Their stomachs may have been full, but for Jesus, his heart was extra heavy that evening.
 - Jesus told his disciples—Peter, James, and John—that he was in a lot of pain and asked them to stay awake with him while he prayed. Then Jesus prayed to God to take away "this cup" if it was possible.
 - **What do you think that meant?** Was Jesus holding a cup filled with something inedible?
 - Jesus knew what was about to happen. Jesus knew that in a matter of moments, he would be captured by soldiers and taken away. He would face all sorts of pain and eventually die. Jesus asked God if there was any way to avoid this suffering.
 - But even as he prayed this, Jesus wanted to follow God's plans.
- **Let's keep reading Matthew 26:40–42.**
 - Jesus was so overwhelmed, but when he returned to his friends, they were asleep! They most likely did not understand the amount of pain Jesus was in. Perhaps if they did, they wouldn't be able to sleep either and could stay awake to be with him.
 - Jesus wasn't going to give up on them, though. So he woke them up and asked them to keep watch again while he prayed the same prayer once more.
- **Let's read Matthew 26:43–46 to see what happens next.**
 - Even though his friends did not realize it, these were their final moments together before Jesus was arrested. If they had known, maybe they would have stayed awake. But the time had come when Jesus would face the most challenging moments of his life on earth.
 - From the moment Adam and Eve made a mistake in the Garden of Eden, God had a plan to save all of us, and that plan was all about God's son, Jesus. Jesus knew that what was coming next would be the most challenging thing God had ever asked him to do. Jesus was ready for it, though.
- Even if it hurt, Jesus was ready to do whatever was needed to help save us. This was a part of God's plan to bring our relationship with God into *full bloom*!

INSTRUCTIONS: Judah– Play this week's bible story video

Select a spin it winner from each grade, remind the Kids of what Spin- It is and why they were chosen. Let any visitors spin the wheel for their first time

Dismiss to small groups

Small Group Time

Introduce yourself

Give out bible bucks for participation

Really focus on discussion this week. (Remember, we have a lot of visitors.)

• SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

- **What did Jesus pray about in the garden?** *He asked God to "remove this cup," which was about the pain he was about to go through.*
- **What were the disciples doing while Jesus prayed? What were they supposed to be doing?** *The disciples fell asleep. They were supposed to stay awake to keep watch and pray.*
- **Why did Jesus ask them to stay up and keep watch? Who did Jesus know was coming?** *Jesus was going through a difficult time. He knew he was going to be betrayed and arrested.*

• APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **Is it easy to talk about how you feel when you're hurting? Who can you talk to or ask for help when you are feeling this way?**
- **What are some ways you've felt hurt in the past?**
- **How can you help someone who might be hurting?**

Prayer

Ask for prayer requests and pray together

- God, thank you for reminding us that Jesus knows what it's like to hurt, to be sad, and to feel alone. When we feel hurt, help us remember we can always turn to you. Jesus understands our hurt and is our best source of comfort. Amen.

ACTIVITY | Memory verse coloring page

Give each kiddo a coloring page. Allow them to color as you help them take turn shopping

PICK UP!

- **PICK UP, CALL NAMES:** Heather
- **PICK UP, CHECK TAGS UPSTAIRS:**
- **SECOND GRADE:** Lindsay
- **THE BOX DOORWAY:** Liam