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**Teacher Notes**

Video Abstract (Author: Wild Stories About Jesus and Max7.org): This episode of WILD STORIES ABOUT JESUS retells Mark 14.45-52, detailing the arrest of Jesus. This video is suitable for showing in schools, kids' clubs and churches and could be helpful for family devotions.

Read the passage dramatically and help the student visualize the event:

Jesus was still speaking, when Judas the betrayer came up. He was one of the twelve disciples, and a mob of men armed with swords and clubs were with him. They had been sent by the chief priests, the nation's leaders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses. Judas had told them ahead of time, "Arrest the man I greet with a kiss. Tie him up tight and lead him away."

Judas walked right up to Jesus and said, "Teacher!" Then Judas kissed him, and the men grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

Someone standing there pulled out a sword. He struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

Jesus said to the mob, "Why do you come with swords and clubs to arrest me like a criminal? Day after day I was with you and taught in the temple, and you didn't arrest me. But what the Scriptures say must come true."

All of Jesus' disciples ran off and left him. One of them was a young man who was wearing only a linen cloth. And when the men grabbed him, he left the cloth behind and ran away naked. (Mark 14:43-52, CSB)

Show the video.

1. Was Jesus surprised by His arrest? Did He know Judas would betray Him?

Encourage the student to learn how to read in school: One of the most important things to learn in school is how to read. If you are having problems, let your mom and dad know so that they can get help for you in school. Learning how to read well is a vital skill for your success in life. When you can read well, you can read and learn a lot from God Himself!

Ask the student: Did you know that Jesus knew that He was going to be arrested? He even knew the day and time of His arrest!! Let me show you:

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he told his disciples, "You know that the Passover takes place after two days, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." (Matt 26:1-2, CSB)

Ask the student: What did you learn here? Jesus told His disciples when He was going to be arrested!

Then one of the Twelve, the man called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they weighed out thirty pieces of silver for him. And from that time he started looking for a good opportunity to betray him. (Matt 26:14-16, CSB)

Ask the student: What did you learn here? Judas secretly made a deal to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver – for money!

He replied, "The one who dipped his hand with me in the bowl—he will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for him if he had not been born." Judas, his betrayer, replied, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" "You have said it," he told him. (Matt 26:23-25, CSB)

Ask the student: What did you learn here? Jesus knew Judas was the traitor – the bad guy!

Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will fall away, because it is written:

I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.

But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

Peter told him, “Even if everyone falls away, I will not.” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to him, “today, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he kept insisting, “If I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And they all said the same thing. (Mark 14:27-31, CSB)

Ask the student: What did you learn here? Jesus is telling the disciples what will happen when He is arrested and crucified. But the disciples deny that they will abandon Jesus! What did they do when Jesus was arrested?

Then he said to them, “But now, whoever has a money-bag should take it, and also a traveling bag. And whoever doesn’t have a sword should sell his robe and buy one. For I tell you, what is written must be fulfilled in me: And he was counted among the lawless. Yes, what is written about me is coming to its fulfillment.” “Lord,” they said, “look, here are two swords.” “That is enough!” he told them. (Luke 22:36-38, CSB)

Ask the student: This is a little tricky. What did you learn here? Jesus had His disciples bring weapons to make sure that He would be arrested for at least sedition – troublemaking! Jesus wanted to be arrested at that moment!!

Encourage the student: Learning how to read is really important! You learned a lot about Jesus’ arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane!

Show the video again and have the student draw what they thought was the most memorable part of the arrest.