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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 14:32-38, detailing Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. This video is suitable for showing in schools, kids' clubs and churches and could be helpful for family devotions.

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Read Mark 14:32-38 dramatically then show the video.

1. How does Jesus feel? What does Jesus pray?

To help the student "observe" the text, re-read the passage that would help him answer the question.

To grieve is to feel great sadness. Jesus was very sad at what He was going to experience and suffer. The disciples did not have any idea of what was going to happen.

2. How does Jesus conclude His prayer?

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Jesus prays, "*Abba*, Father! All things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will."

"Abba" is another term for father.

Jesus concludes His prayer with "not what I will, but what you will."

3. Was Jesus' prayer answered?

Ask the student: what is Jesus' relationship to God?

Ask the student: did Jesus have His prayer answered? Why not?

Despite being the Son of God, Jesus did not have all of His prayers answered. Prayers that are not keeping in God's will and plan are not answered.