

# DISCIPLING CHILDREN THROUGH GOD'S WORD

## Asleep On the Job (Trustworthiness)

**SCRIPTURE:** From Matthew 26

**KEY VERSE:** Proverbs 11:3 (New International Reader's Version)

" Those who do what is right are guided by their honest lives.  
But those who aren't faithful are destroyed by their trickery.

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### **SCRIPTURE TO READ:**

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

<sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him. He began to be sad and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sad. I feel close to death. Stay here. Keep watch with me."

<sup>39</sup> He went a little farther. Then he fell with his face to the ground. He prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. But let what you want be done, not what I want."

<sup>40</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup> "Watch and pray. Then you won't fall into sin when you are tempted. The spirit is willing. But the body is weak."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus went away a second time. He prayed, "My Father, is it possible for this cup to be taken away? But if I must drink it, may what you want be done."

<sup>43</sup> Then he came back. Again he found them sleeping. They couldn't keep their eyes open. <sup>44</sup> So he left them and went away once more. For the third time he prayed the same thing.

<sup>45</sup> Then he returned to the disciples. He said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look! The hour is near. The Son of Man is about to be handed over to sinners. <sup>46</sup> Get up! Let us go! Here comes the one who is handing me over to them!"

Matthew 26:36-45 (NIRV)

### **TALKING ABOUT IT:**

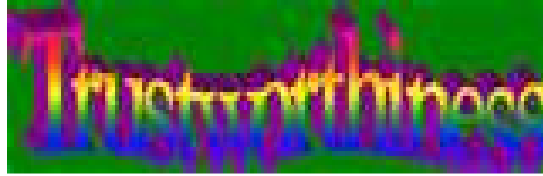
1. What did Jesus tell Peter and the sons of Zebedee the first time He went to pray?
2. What did Jesus find every time He came back from prayer?

3. Being trustworthy means that you are dependable and others can count on you. When you say you'll do something, it will get done. Can people count on you to do what you promise to do?
4. Can you give an example of when you kept a promise to do something for someone?
5. Is it important to consider doing something before you make the promise? Why or why not?
6. Was there ever a time when you promised to do something and then didn't do it? What happened, if anything?
7. Talk about being faithful to the Lord and the importance of doing so.
8. How do you think Jesus feels when we fail to be faithful to Him?
9. In what ways can we show our faithfulness to God?

**A FAMILY PROJECT:**

Have the children make a chart for the week where they can keep track of times they showed they were trust-worthy. Re-evaluate it at the end of the week...praising them for their accomplishments. Read together 1 Corinthians 4:2

## BEING A FAITHFUL, TRUSTWORTHY PERSON



People learn to trust you when you carry out your promises. By following through, you prove to others that you are trustworthy. Below is a coupon. Fill it out to your mom or dad promising to do one job by a certain date. Then copy your coupon on another piece of paper. Place the copied coupon by your mom or dad's plate at the next meal. You might even roll it up and put a small ribbon around it.

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**TO:**

**JOB TO BE DONE:**

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**SIGNED:**



*When Jesus left the place where they were eating,  
He went to a garden called Gethsemane and prayed,  
"Not my will, Father, but let your will be done."*

*Matthew 26:36-46*