

Gethsemane - Lyrics Unscramble

Prep:

- Print copies for however many small groups you plan to use. I recommend 4-5 small groups, but you may need more if you have lots of kids in your Primary.
- Use a paper cutter (or scissors) to cut into word strips. You can group 2-3 lines if you want an easier challenge.
- Put all the lyrics strips into an envelope, out of order.

How to Play:

- Sing through Gethsemane once all together. Tell them to pay close attention, because they're going to be put to a challenge, next!
- Have the children form small groups. This can be done by class, by row, or by any other means.
- Sing through the song and challenge the children to put the song in order as you sing along.
- See how far the children got. Have the children sing aloud with you however far they've matched, then continue unscrambling the song as you sing through it again.
- After 2-3 times through the song, you may be ready to transition to the extension activity!

Extension/Alternate Ideas:

- Have the children flip upside 2-4 word strips. You might decide how many depending on how big you made them (1 line or 2-3 lines per strip) and how much time you have available. Sing through the song again, and have the kids sing only the upside-down strips, or alternatively only the face up strips. Continue eliminating word strips!
- Have each group work on only one of the colored sections. They'll also sing only their colored section of the song. Then, have them rotate to a new colored block of lyrics to unscramble and sing their section!
- Set-up the different colored word strips around the room. Have each small group assigned a color. The first time through, have them hunt for their word strips one at a time. Once they've found one of their colored word strips, the 1st child will sit down, and the next child will hurry to look for one of the word strip in their color. The goal is to have all the Primary children back in their seats before the song is over. (Have 2-3 children at one time for large Primary).

**Jesus climbed the hill
to the garden still
His steps were heavy and slow
love and a prayer
took Him there to the
place only He could go
Gethsemane Jesus loves me
So He went willingly
to Gethsemane
He felt all that was
sad, wicked, or bad
all the pain we would ever know
while His friends were asleep
He fought to keep
His promise made long ago**

**the hardest thing
that ever was done
the greatest pain
that ever was known
the biggest battle
that ever was won
this was done by Jesus
the fight was won by Jesus
Gethsemane Jesus loves me
so He gave His gift
to me in Gethsemane
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