

## Bringing The Story Home-Ch. 26- Week of August 6th

### The Hour of Darkness

*Bringing The Story Home* is a tool for you to use with your family to connect with the weekly lessons taught in “The Story” curriculum. Feel free to use these activities in a way that fits your family life. Do what works with the time you have each week.



**Big Idea:** Jesus Died For My Sins So I Can Be With Him Forever!

**Bible Basis:** Matthew 26:26–28, 33–35; 27:46–49; Luke 22:51–62; 23:32–49; John 13:21–30; 14:1–15; 18:4–10; 19:30

**Key Verse:** Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust in me also. —John 14:1

**Parent Tips:** Read and discuss the Big Idea from TrueKidz. Use the Table Talk questions to start a discussion around the dinner table or at some point this week. The Living Faith activity leads family members to wash each other’s feet. The Extra Mile shows your family a couple of videos set to Chris Tomlin’s song “Jesus Messiah.”

#### Table Talk:

##### Younger Elementary

- If you didn’t know how it was going to turn out, this would be the saddest chapter of The Story. A lot of terrible things happened to Jesus. He was arrested, his friends let him down, and he was beaten and killed. When Jesus asked his disciples to pray for him, they fell asleep instead. Talk about a time that your friends let you down.
- Why is it so hard to stay awake sometimes when you’re praying at night?
- How do you think the disciples could’ve encouraged each other to stay awake—would pinching each other have worked?
- After all the miracles they’d seen, why did the disciples abandon Jesus? Don’t you think they would’ve had more faith?
- Will Jesus ever let you down? Why?

##### Older Elementary

- Jesus talks a lot about being God in this chapter (John 14:9, etc.). Why is it so important that Jesus is God?
- During his arrest, Jesus is asked if he’s Jesus of Nazareth. He responds, “I am he” and everybody falls down. Why did those words have so much power? Why didn’t Jesus run away when everybody fell?
- Peter got a little bold when Jesus was arrested, and he cut off the high priest’s servant’s ear. Jesus told Peter to back off, picked up the ear, and healed the servant. If you were one of the soldiers, what would you have thought about this Jesus who knocks over people with his words and has the power to heal?
- Because Jesus hadn’t done anything wrong, the Jewish leaders had to make up false testimony against him. Why was Jesus ultimately sentenced to death? (Blasphemy—saying he was God.)
  - What sets Jesus apart from other people who have claimed to be God?

**Living Faith:** In a poignant act of service, Jesus washes the disciples' feet at the Last Supper. He was the ultimate leader and the ultimate servant. As parents, display that same kind of servant leadership by washing your children's feet. You'll need a basin of warm water and a towel. The idea isn't to scrub and clean the person's feet. You just need to gently bathe the feet with water and dry them with a towel. As you wash their feet, tell your children the way you want to serve them (i.e. by providing food and a place to live, by showing them how to serve Jesus, by encouraging them to be their best).

After you've washed your children's feet, give them the opportunity to wash yours. If they want to, your children can let you know how they want to serve you.

When you've cleaned up from the foot washing, put on a video or some music and have family members give each other foot rubs. A good-smelling lotion can make this even more enjoyable. Be wary of family members with ticklish feet—they tend to kick when they're rubbed.

You can add to this experience by reading John 13:1–16 and by asking these questions:

- What most surprises you about Jesus washing his disciples' feet?
- Do you think it was hard for Jesus to wash Judas' feet knowing that Judas would soon betray him?
- Do you think it's important for leaders to show they love and care for the people they're leading?
- What are some other ways that Jesus showed the disciples that he loved them?

**Extra Mile:** Chris Tomlin's song "Jesus Messiah" has a beautiful message that goes along with this chapter of The Story. Watch this video on YouTube:

- "Chris Tomlin-Jesus Messiah" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIBAf\\_SKwPQ&feature](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIBAf_SKwPQ&feature)

After you've watched the video, talk about the parts of each video that you liked the best. What lyrics from the song impacted you?

**Prayer Time:** Dear God, thank you for sending your only Son, Jesus, as our Savior from sin. Thanks for sending Him as our substitute. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.