

## **WWJP: What Would Jesus Pray ?**

### **Activity: “Jesus Had To Ask God Too”**

Play a game of “Follow the Leader”. Go into a large space if you can. Choose to be the leader yourself, or let the older children take turns. Instruct the leader beforehand to include frequent “waiting” times during play...(stand still for half a minute here & there)

Sit down & talk about what was different about the way you played this game, this time ?

- “Jesus took Time To pray” !
- Before making decisions, Jesus prayed to his Father in Heaven. Jesus would want to do something right away..., but He knew He had to pray about it first. “Yet not as I will, but as you will”. (Mt. 26:39)
- Read one of these pieces from scripture each week. Or ask a different child each week, skill permitting. John 1:14; Luke 4:13; Matthew 4:1-3, 14:23-25; Philippians 2:6-8; Luke.6:12-16; Matthew 26:36-44; Luke 22:43.
- Say the Lord’s Prayer each week, reminding the children that Jesus taught it to us. Not that we would just learn it by heart and recite it mindlessly, but so that each phrase would prompt us to pray specifically and intimately to our Lord about all our needs and concerns.

### **Prayer Craft: WWJP (What Would Jesus Pray) Bracelets**

- Supplies Needed: cord or string large enough for each wrist with extra length for knots and tying. 4 medium size beads for each child. One on one with each child, have them use permanent black marker to write one letter on each of the 4 beads.
- Let each child string the beads on a cord. They can tie knots on each side of each bead to hold it in place. If you have extra, let the kids make a bracelet to give a friend. Encourage them to think about something Jesus might pray each time they look at their bracelet and use that to prompt their prayers.