



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

# THE APOSTLES WERE ARRESTED



Read all or parts of Acts 5:12-42 from your Bible.



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TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE

Have you ever heard the phrase, “No pain, no gain”? It most often refers to the discomfort that comes with lifting weights or working out. The pain is caused by tiny tears in the muscles that leave the lifter sore for a couple of days. The gain comes as the body repairs these tears to make the muscle bigger and stronger than before.

Jesus had promised that His followers would be persecuted and suffer just like He did. Not long after Jesus returned to Heaven, His followers experienced exactly what Jesus was talking about. They were arrested, beaten, and had their lives threatened, but they continued to tell others about the amazing love of Jesus.

Though they faced hard times, the followers of Jesus continued to praise God. Like a sore muscle that is growing stronger through pain, their faith in Jesus was growing stronger through these trials. Their example is a reminder to us that no matter what we face in this life, we can find joy and hope in the eternal promises Jesus makes to those who trust in Him. Even in hard times, our words and actions can honor God and show others how much we trust in His promises.

**Jesus calls His followers to be faithful and tell others about Him, even in times of trouble. Just as Jesus experienced rejection and suffering, so will His followers. We can have joy in suffering, knowing God uses our suffering, like Christ’s, for His glory.**

***Pray:** Lord Jesus, helps us to trust in You when we face hard times. Give us faith to endure these times and remind us of the eternal promises You have made. Help us to live in a way that gives You glory in every circumstance. Amen.*



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- LEARN SCRIPTURE -

*The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.*



**He was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds.**

Isaiah 53:5



## Family Worship Experience

- SING SCRIPTURE -

Finish your family worship experience by playing the Key Passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.



## **Family Prayer Time**

### **Mornings**

Pray for courage and endurance to face the suffering and cost that comes with following Jesus. What difficulties might we face when following Jesus? How can our response to these hard times help others follow Jesus?

### **Evenings**

Praise God for His faithfulness to us—even when our faith is weak. Thank Him for loving us, caring for us, and for promising to always be with us. How does God’s faithfulness in all things strengthen our desire to follow Him?



## **Family Activities**

### **For Fun**

Play a game of “Red Light, Green Light” with kids. Explain that kids can move across the room toward you when you say, “Green light,” but must stop and freeze when you say, “Red light.” After the game, talk about the story from Acts 5 of when the followers of Jesus continued sharing the good news even when they were told to stop.

### **To Serve**

Ask your church for a list of members who cannot physically attend church to learn about Jesus. Offer to visit a church member and deliver a meal and Bible study materials from the church. Pray for the others on the list. Talk with kids about the benefits of being a part of the church, which includes supporting other members when we face hard times.