

JESUS WAS TEMPTED | Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4

Bible Story: Jesus was tempted and never sinned.

Memory Verse: ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. **John 1:1-2**

Big Picture Question: Is Jesus God or a human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

Bottom Line: *We fight temptation and trust Jesus because He is God.*

Christ Connection: *Jesus never sinned, but He obeyed God and was baptized like sinners are baptized. Baptism reminds us of Jesus' death and resurrection. It reminds us that when we believe in Jesus, we start a new life—a life lived for Jesus.*

10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Mother's Day Craft

What You Need: photo booth set up, photo printers, flowers, photo frames, hole punches, washi tape

What You Do:

- A photo booth will be setup to take a picture of each kid.
- As each kid leaves the photo booth they should receive a photo.
- Allow kids to attach the photo to the photo frame.
- Help kids punch a hole in the frame to insert the flower.
- Give each kid a flower and ask them to put it in the hole.
- Then help kids put washi tape of the back of the frame to hold the flower for mom.
- Encourage kids to keep it nice so they can share it with mom or other family member at pick up.

What You Say "Today is a good day to tell mom you love her. She needs that every day, but especially today. Let's clean up and get ready to hear about how we can Follow the Leader today.

10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

CONTEXT

Satan wants to ruin God's plan. In Genesis 3, he tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God. Sin entered the world, and the perfect relationship between God and man was broken. But all along, God had a plan to rescue His people through His Son. So when Jesus came to earth, Satan didn't back down. After Jesus was baptized—beginning His ministry and effectively declaring war on Satan—Satan tempted Jesus.

If Satan could just get Jesus to stray from God's perfect plan—if he could just get Jesus to sin—then Jesus would be disqualified to be the sinless Savior people needed. But Satan could not stop God's plan.

Jesus' temptation is not primarily an example to be followed but more a declaration of who Jesus is. He is the answer to God's promise of a descendant who would crush the head of the snake. (Gen. 3:15) Jesus is the perfect sacrifice required to take away sin. Where Adam failed, Jesus succeeded. Adam brought guilt and death to the human race, but Jesus brings forgiveness and life to all who trust in Him.

Even today, the devil works hard "to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10). Teach kids that the power to resist temptation comes from Jesus. Kids may struggle to understand that following Jesus won't mean instant eradication of sin and temptation in our lives. (Sanctification is a lifelong process!) Pray that the kids you teach would see Jesus as their greatest treasure—more valuable than any instant gratification the world has to offer.

Finally, give kids hope for when they fail. Jesus' perfect obedience is credited to those who trust in Him. Remind the kids that "if we confess our sins, he [God] is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to

cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). We can boldly approach God's throne to receive both grace and mercy when we need it. (See Heb. 4:14-16.)

TEACHING FOCUS (Jesus' Temptation)

As we teach kids about Jesus, encourage them to see that Jesus is perfect. He never sinned, but He can relate to us and to the temptations that we face. He was tempted by the devil three times just as we are tempted. When we are tempted to do wrong, we can fight temptation by trusting Him because He is God and He lives in us.

Christ Connection: *Jesus was tempted, but He trusted God and never sinned. Jesus is perfect and righteous. A perfect sacrifice was required to take away sin. Jesus was that perfect sacrifice. He died on the cross to free us from sin and to give us the power to say no to temptation.*

Bottom Line: *We fight temptation and trust Jesus because He is God.*

Today's Takeaways:

- After being baptized, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.
- While there, Jesus did not eat for 40 days, and He spent time praying.
- Satan came and tried to get Jesus to sin.
- Jesus was tempted and never sinned.
- We are tempted to sin.
- Because we have a relationship with Jesus, we are not powerless to sin.
- We have His power inside of us.
- **Bottom Line:** We fight temptation and trust Jesus because He is God.

PRAYER AND TIME OF COMMITMENT

Give kids a chance to believe in Jesus for the first time. Remind them that God loves them so much that He sent Jesus to earth to pay for their sins. Lead them to pray as you pray. Pray that believers will submit their lives to the Holy Spirit, follow Jesus, and tell others about Him.

25 Minutes SMALL GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Discussion Questions:

- **How did Jesus fight against temptation?** *(Jesus quoted Scripture to remember what is true; Matt. 4:4,7,10)*
- **Why do we face temptations?** *Guide kids to think about why Satan wants people to sin. Remind them that Satan wants to prevent people from glorifying God and keep Christians from living the way God has commanded us to live. We also have sin natures that desire sin and selfishness. We are tempted when we dwell on sinfulness and when Satan tries to get us to disobey.*
- **Can we resist temptation?** *Discuss the difference between people who trust in Jesus and people who do not. Help kids see without Jesus, we cannot avoid sin. Remind them, though, that everyone who trusts in Jesus has the Holy Spirit living inside. Christians can use the power of the Spirit and the Word of God to fight temptation and obey God.*
- **Why is it important to resist temptation?** *Help kids see that Christians cannot lose their salvation when they choose sin, but sin still dishonors God, hurts us, and hurts those*

around us. We resist temptation not to earn God's love, but because we love and trust God that His commands are good for us.

Activity: This or That?

What You Need paper, markers, tape

What You Do:

- Designate 2 sides of the room.
- You may hang signs that say A and B, This and That of some other label.
- Ask kids about how they would act given different options, and instruct them to walk to the side of the room you assign to each option.
- Give kids a chance to explain their choices.
 - Options:
 - Keep a lost wallet or turn it into the lost and found.
 - Copy a friend's homework or turn yours in unfinished
 - Befriend a new kid at school or stick with friends you know
 - Eat only candy for breakfast or eat the oatmeal mom made for you
 - Jump off the couch onto the coffee table or onto the floor
 - Take all of your toys and your brother's or sister's toys to your room or bring all the toys into one room to play together

What You Say "If we faced those situations in real life, we would probably be pretty tempted to choose the selfish, sinful option. The devil tried to convince Jesus to put His human needs before His obedience to God. Jesus was tempted but never sinned. Instead of turning stones into bread to eat, Jesus used God's Word to defeat the devil. How can you use Jesus example as a way to fight temptation so you can glorify God with your whole life?"

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, Bible Memory Verse Grid Poster laminated or put in page protector, sticky notes, dry erase markers

What You Do:

- Show kids the Memory Verse Grid and have them say the verse with you 3 times.
- Then cover all the words with sticky notes.
- Split the group into 2 teams and give each team a different color dry erase marker.
- Get teams to take turns in choosing a space and saying which word should be under the post it note.
- If they are correct, they can circle the word in their team color. They can discuss answers in their team but a different person must speak each time.
- The first team with 3 words in a row/across is the winner.

What You Say " Jesus life as a human started when Mary became pregnant, but God the Son existed long before that. In fact, He has no beginning and no end. He has always existed and will always exist. That what our memory verse teaches. Jesus was with God the Father and the Holy Spirit at the start of creation, and He is God the Son."



All Star Kids

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Kinder – 2nd grade

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Say:

"Father, thank You that Jesus was tempter but never sinned. We know that He perfectly understands our suffering and pain but also perfectly obeyed You at all times. Help us love You more and obey You as Jesus did. Give us wisdom to seek You when we face temptation. Amen.

5 Minutes HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents about our Big Picture Question: **Is Jesus God or human? As the Son of God, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.** Encourage families to pick up the Family Study Guide online or on the slat wall.