

Lesson 7: Satan Tempts Jesus Luke 4:1-13

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/FDQnfA0OHmM>

Worship Theme: Jesus has the power to overcome the temptation.

Memory Verse: “Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” (Matthew 4:7)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Pray Jesus' Name <https://youtu.be/uA448Ncse8Q>
2. Everlasting God <https://youtu.be/suW4J1Wbxa4>
3. In the Name of Jesus <https://youtu.be/0b41QksexPE>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above

Icebreaker: Have You Sinned?

Have all the children stand up. They can sit down if their answer to the question is a “yes.”

1. Have you ever punched someone? If so, sit down.
2. Have you ever told a lie? If so, sit down.
3. Have you ever been mean to someone? If so, sit down.
4. Have you ever disobeyed your parents? If so, sit down.

Explain to the children that no one is left standing because no one here is perfect. But the good news is that God knows that we're not perfect! That's why God sent Jesus for us! Jesus never sinned, but he died so that we could have life forever!

5. What are the temptations you face today? (Play on the phone, play games - kind of gambling, and watch TV)
6. How can you overcome these temptations? (Pray, read the Bible and self discipline)

Introduction:

There were farmers who were married, and the husband went out to work. Sopheap, the wife, was grilling chicken that was very delicious to eat with her husband. She put the food on the plate and waited for her husband. But the husband took too long to return, and Sopheap was tempted to eat the chicken. She ate the wing, and it tasted so good that she even licked her finger. Then she was tempted to eat the drumstick and then the chicken breast. Finally, she finished the whole chicken without waiting for her husband. Do you see how easy it is to fall into temptation when our eyes and heart are tempted? Today, we will learn about how Jesus overcame his temptations as found in the bible. How do you think Jesus overcame the temptations?

Bible Story:

Temptation can be very hard to resist. But Jesus resisted incredible temptation. One time Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness without eating anything. That's called fasting—not eating anything for a certain amount of time so that you can pray to God. Forty days without food is a long time! Jesus was tired and hungry. That's when the devil showed up and started to tempt him. He knew Jesus wouldn't do anything really evil—he wouldn't steal, kill, or destroy anything. So the devil had a better plan. He tempted Jesus with food. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” (Luke 4:3) The devil was trying to get Jesus to use his powers in a

wrong way. Jesus knew it was wrong. Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone." (Luke 4:4) Obeying God was more important to him than making food for himself.

The devil didn't give up. He led Jesus to a high place and showed him all the kingdoms of the world. He said, "If you worship me, it will all be yours" (Luke 4:7). Jesus knew he shouldn't worship anyone but God. He told the devil, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only'" (Luke 4:8).

So the devil tried to tempt Jesus in another way. He led Jesus to the very top of the Temple. He said, "Prove you're the Son of God. Jump off this building and see if God's angels come to rescue you." Jesus knew he shouldn't test God this way, so he told the devil that God's Word says, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test" (Luke 4:12). The devil finally gave up and went away, knowing he couldn't get Jesus to sin.

Jesus resisted temptations much like these his whole life. The difference between Jesus and us is that Jesus never sinned. This might surprise you, but Jesus probably had a harder time than you and I do! Think about it: He had all the power to do anything he wanted! You and I don't. But Jesus never took the easy way out! He had power and didn't use it for himself. He was hungry and could have turned rocks into bread. He suffered and fought against the temptations. He chose not to sin because he loved God and he loved us!

Questions to discuss:

1. What was the first temptation of Jesus? (to turn rocks into bread and eat)
2. What was the second temptation of Jesus? (to worship Satan and Satan promised to give the world)
3. What was the third temptation of Jesus? (to jump off from a high place and test God to see if God's angels will come and take care of him.)
4. How did Jesus overcome his temptations? (Through the Word of God)
5. What are some ways Satan tempts you through your eyes and heart? (through devices - inappropriate movies and clips)

Game: Jesus Can Make Us Clean



Materials Needed: Two clear glasses, water, dirt, plate

1. Show the children two glasses of water, and explain that the glass on the right is Jesus and the glass on the left is us. '



2. Every time we sin, it's like we're adding dirt to our lives (add dirt to the glass that represents us).

3. Pour some muddy water on a plate. Show the muddy rock to the children and explain that when we sin, our lives and hearts become dirty, and they become like this mud.



4. But Jesus did not sin! He is pure just like this glass of water that represents Jesus. He lived a sinless life, not to make us feel guilty. He did not sin so that he could take all our sin on himself and make us clean!



5. Pour clean water over the muddy plate and clean it.

6. What used to be dirty and muddy now became clean because Jesus did not sin and because he died for us!

Memory Verse:

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Craft: Three Temptations of Jesus - Coloring Page

Print the coloring page for the children. (see below)

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Re-read Luke 4:5-8. Satan tempted Jesus by offering the world as Jesus’ kingdom. Was the world Satan’s to give? No! The world belongs to God. Jesus knew this and did not fall into the lies of Satan. Instead of taking the easy way out, Jesus took the difficult road of the cross because he knew this was the will of God. If you face temptation today, remember how Christ overcame temptation in the wilderness and ask him for strength to overcome your temptations.

