

July 2
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
JESUS WAS TEMPTED
Matthew 4; Luke 4

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The devil tried to get Jesus to sin, but Jesus never sinned. Jesus always did the right thing. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from sin. When we are tempted to sin, we can ask Jesus to help us say no to sin.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

KEY PASSAGE:

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Key Passage Phrase: *Jesus takes away the sin of the world.* John 1:29

LEARN

1. GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON

Introduce the Bible Story

Greet children as they come to group time. Explain that sometimes we are tempted. Comment we are tempted when we want to do something we know is wrong. Give a couple of age appropriate examples of temptations for preschoolers such as wanting to take three cookies when they are told to only take two, or wanting to say something unkind or push a friend back when a friend accidentally pushes them.

SAY *We each have choices we make every day. At times, we might be tempted or want to make a wrong choice. Jesus can help us make the right choice. Jesus was tempted, too. He went to the wilderness to pray and talk to God. The devil came and tempted Him three times. Listen to the Bible story to hear what happened.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date
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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Preschoolers' answers will vary.)*
2. Who came to Jesus in the wilderness to try to get Him to do wrong things? *(the devil)*
3. Why didn't Jesus do what the devil wanted Him to do? *(Jesus did not want to sin against God.)*
4. Have you ever wanted to do something that you knew was wrong but decided not to do it?
(Preschoolers' answers may vary. Help them understand that sin is when we do wrong things that disobey God and what God would not want us to do.)
5. ***What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.***

SAY *After Jesus was baptized, God led Him into the wilderness. It was a quiet place where Jesus could spend time alone in prayer. After many days in the wilderness, Jesus was very hungry. The devil came to Jesus and tried to get Him to do wrong things. He told Jesus to turn a stone into bread, but Jesus said no. Then, the devil took Jesus to the top of the temple and told Him to jump off, but Jesus said no. Jesus knew the devil was trying to trick Him. Then, the devil took Him to a high mountain and told Jesus that he would give Him all the money and power of the great kingdoms if Jesus decided to worship him. Jesus*

said no and told the devil to go away. Jesus never sinned. Jesus always did the right thing. Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from sin. When we are tempted to sin, we can ask Jesus to help us say no to sin.

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at John 1:29. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage.

Say the key passage, phrase by phrase, encouraging preschoolers to repeat the phrases after you. Then, lead the children to shout the key passage as they say it together a few times.

SAY *Many years before John was born, Isaiah the prophet said, ‘Someone is shouting in the wilderness.’ He told people to get ready for the Lord; make way for Him! Isaiah had been talking about John! John had a very important job. He was supposed to get people ready for Jesus—the Messiah God promised. People wanted to see the Son of God and Savior of the world.*

5. PRAY

Pray, thanking God that Jesus always did the right thing. Ask God to help boys and girls do the right thing when they are tempted.

ACTIVITIES

MOVE AND OBEY

Gather **five different colors of construction paper, a few sheets of each color**. Secure the papers to the floor with **tape**, spreading and scattering the different colors throughout the room. Ask the children to stand in the middle of the room. Say a command such as, “Tiptoe to a blue piece of paper.” Lead children to tiptoe to one of the blue papers around the room. Continue the activity naming the other colors of paper and varying the commands. Other possible commands: hop, take big steps, crawl, and walk while waving hands over head.

SAY *You did a great job obeying the directions I gave you. In the Bible, we read commands that God gives us to obey. In our Bible story, we learned the devil tried to get Jesus to do wrong things and disobey God. Jesus always did the right thing. We choose to make right or wrong choices. When we want to make a wrong choice, we can ask Jesus to help us make the right choice and learn God’s Word.*

LIST PLACES CHILDREN GO

Use the **white board and a dry erase marker**. Guide children to name places that they go such as the grocery store, preschool, a friend’s house, church, doctor’s office, and playground. Make another list of the places that Jesus was tempted by the devil. Comment that the devil can tempt us anywhere we go.

SAY *We named many of the places we go. In our story today, we learned Jesus was in the wilderness spending time praying and talking to God. The devil came and tempted Jesus. That means the devil tried to get Jesus to do wrong things. God wants us to obey Him, wherever we are! Jesus turned away the devil by telling the devil what the Bible says. Jesus always did the right thing. When we want to make a wrong choice, we can ask Jesus to help us make the right choice.*

ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY *Jesus always did the right thing. When we want to make a wrong choice, we can ask Jesus to help us make the right choice.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Matthew 4 and tell the following Bible story.

JESUS WAS TEMPTED

SAY *After Jesus was baptized, Jesus stayed in the wilderness for many days. He prayed to God. Jesus did not eat anything while He was in the wilderness, and He was very hungry.*

The devil came and tried to get Jesus to do wrong things. The devil said, "If You are God's Son, turn these stones into bread."

If Jesus used His power to turn the stones into bread, He could eat the bread. Then He would not be hungry anymore. But Jesus said no. He trusted God to give Him what He needed. Jesus said, "Man needs God's words more than bread!"

Then the devil took Jesus to the top of the temple and said, "If You are God's Son, jump down. The Bible says God will not let You get hurt." Jesus said no. Jesus knew the devil was trying to trick Him by misusing God's words. Jesus said, "God's Word says, 'Do not test God!'"

Finally, the devil took Jesus to a high mountain where they could see kingdoms in the land far and wide. The devil said, "Look! I will give You all the money and power of these kingdoms. All You have to do is worship me!" Jesus said, "No! Go away! The Bible says, 'Worship only God.'"

So the devil went away. Angels came to help Jesus and serve Him. In all of these things, Jesus always did the right thing.

Christ Connection: Jesus always did the right thing. When we want to make a wrong choice, we can ask Jesus to help us make the right choice.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus always did the right thing.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead..

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: *Jesus takes away the sin of the world.* John 1:29

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY

Encourage the children to pretend to be bees and make buzzing sounds as they come to the group time area. Invite them to sit. Comment that honeybees make honey. Remind the children that John, Jesus' cousin, ate locusts and wild honey.

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3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase at John 1:29. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Lead children to stand and say the phrase. Encourage them to say the phrase again, jumping as they say each word.

SAY *The key passage phrase is important because it tells us that Jesus takes away our sins when we trust in Him. Jesus always did the right thing. He never made a wrong choice. We all make wrong choices. When we want to make a wrong choice, we can ask Jesus to help us make the right choice.*

ACTIVITIES

JUMP AND SAY "WORSHIP ONLY GOD"

Using three pieces of paper, write *Worship Only God* (one word per paper). Tape the papers to the floor. Guide toddlers to jump from one paper to the next while you help say the words. Allow each toddler to take a turn. Encourage other toddlers to help say the words while they are waiting for their turn. Play as time permits.

SAY *Jesus was tempted to make wrong choices. Jesus worshiped God and made right choices. Jesus always did the right thing. We can make right choices and worship only God today.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the activity page. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY *Jesus always did the right thing. When we want to make a wrong choice, we can ask Jesus to help us make the right choice.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

After Jesus was baptized, Jesus went into the wilderness. Jesus did not eat for many days. He was very hungry! The devil said, "If You are God's Son, turn these stones into bread." Jesus said, "Man needs God's words more than bread!" Then the devil took Jesus to the top of the temple and said, "If You are God's Son, jump down. God's Word says He will not let You get hurt." Jesus said, "God's Word says 'Do not test God!'" The devil took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him kingdoms in the land far and wide. The devil said, "I will give You all the power of these kingdoms if You worship me." Jesus said, "No! Go away! God's Word says to worship only God!" The devil went away, and God sent angels to take care of Jesus.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.