



Lesson 29

1st-4th

JESUS IS TEMPTED BY SATAN

March 15 & 16

**GOD'S WORD IS
POWERFUL**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: After Jesus was baptized, He went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray. While He was there, Satan tried to tempt Him three times to do something that wasn't God's will for Jesus. Each time, Jesus responded by quoting a Bible verse about God. Finally, Jesus told Satan to go away and he did.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that Jesus faced temptation on earth, just like us. But He never gave into the temptation or sinned. Instead, Jesus reminds us the importance of knowing and using God's Word to help us resist temptation and sin because God's Word is powerful!

Matthew 4:1-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Serve (Saturday, May 2)
woodmenvalley.org/acts

Kids Camp Leaders Needed (June 9-12)
woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
Youtube

KEY VERSE:



In the same way, **let your light shine so others can see it.** Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (NIRV)

shortened version for younger kids is in bold

MISSION FOCUS:

CURE INTERNATIONAL

CURE is a group that loves Jesus and helps kids feel better. They have hospitals in Africa and the Philippines where doctors fix things like little feet that need straightening and legs that need help to walk right. Kids from many countries come to CURE to get better!

During the month of May, you can help by bringing a gift of money to help a child get the care they need or praying for those who are part of CURE.

Let's be part of God's work in making kids healthy and happy!



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CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Do you have any offering to put in our offering bin? *(Direct child to offering station)*

When you're done, grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

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EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God's Word is Powerful!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.



Today, we are learning about how **God's Word is Powerful**. This story comes from the Bible in **Matthew 4:1-11**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Jesus

2. What was the problem?

Satan tried to tempt Jesus to disobey God

3. What did God do?

Jesus used God's Word, through Bible verses, to stand firm against Satan and not sin

Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



MAKE: Hiding God's Word in Our Heart Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: paper person cut out, crayons/markers, Bible sticker, God statement sticker



DO:

Pass out one paper person cut out. Have children draw a heart in the middle of the person. Then have them decorate the person like themselves. When finished have them place a Bible sticker in the middle of the heart. Add the God statement sticker to the front or back of the craft.



SAY:

Today we get to hear a story about Jesus that reminds us how God's Word (the Bible) is powerful. We should learn God's Word and keep it in our hearts. Let's make a craft to prepare us for this lesson.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



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LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Our King is Coming

SONG 2: Help Me Live in Step



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you hide God's Word in your heart! May you trust that God's Word is powerful!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God's Word is Powerful!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: Isaiah 41:10 verse card, markers/crayons, Bible



SAY:

Jesus faced temptation on earth, just like us. But He never gave into the temptation or sinned. Instead, Jesus reminds us the importance of knowing and using God's Word to help us resist temptation and sin because God's Word is powerful!



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***Temptation is a BIG word! It's like when your grownups tell you no dessert before dinner because you need dinner to stay healthy and strong, but then you see cookies on the counter and reallyyyyy want to eat one. Seeing the cookies makes you reallllyyy tempted to eat one.***
 - ***What do you think you should do? Eat the cookie or obey your grownup by not eating the cookie?*** Let kids respond.
 - ***Satan, our enemy really wants us to disobey and eat the cookie because it takes us further away from what God wants for us. But God wants us to do what is right always - like listening to our grownups and NOT eating the cookie!***
 - ***How did Jesus say no to the temptation in our story today? By using God's Word!***
 - ***We can use God's Word to stay away from temptation too because God's Word is powerful!***
 - ***Let's read a verse together:*** Read Isaiah 41:10 from one of the kids Bibles.
 - Pass out verse card and markers/crayons to each kid. ***Now I'm going to read it two more times as you color in the words!***
 - ***Take this card home and read it with a grownup once a day this week to help hide God's Word in your heart. God's Word is powerful!***
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you hide God's Word in your heart! May you trust that God's Word is powerful!

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RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Jesus

2. What was the problem?

Satan tried to tempt Jesus to disobey God

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4. Why does this matter to me?

We will all face temptation in our life, but when we know God's Word and remember what He says, it helps us do what is right!

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: choose a Bible verse to memorize this week, write sticky notes of verses and put on the bathroom mirror, listen to worship songs to remind us of God's Word



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

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CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.