

Jesus Is Tempted

Matthew 4:1-11

Grade 4,5

Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)

Materials needed - TV, Temptations Trials (piece of paper), costumes, gavel, pretend jail

- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Pray together, ask anyone if they have any prayer requests.

- Our memory verse for the month is Matthew 5:8. Play this video while singing along, or have a little dance party. (<http://www.worshiphousekids.com/kids-worship-song-tracks/55959/they-will-see-god-matthew-58>)

- Set up the large group room as a court room. Have a jail to the side, a place for a jury, and a table for a judge.
- One at a time ask the defendants to come to the stand. Let them be questioned and tell their story. Let the jury listen to the story, then decide if they are guilty or not guilty of falling into temptation.
- If the defendant is guilty, send them to jail. Let the last defendant be Jesus. He should be the only one who is not guilty of falling into temptation.
- At the end, let the people in jail get on their knees and ask God for forgiveness. Once they have asked for forgiveness, they can get out of jail.

- Let's watch this video together - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mc-x4qKY6Wc>

Break up into small groups

Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)

Materials needed - rocks, ladder, globe

- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together - ask each of the kids to pray for the person beside them.

- Sit down and tell the kids the story of today. Tell the kids that Jesus was tempted three times.
- 1 - Show the kids some rocks. Tell the kids that Jesus was really hungry and satan tempted him to turn rocks into bread.
- 2 - Ask one of the kids to climb up the ladder. Tell the kids that Jesus was tempted to jump from the highest point of the temple so that angels would catch him and everyone would see the big show.
- 3 - Look at the globe and talk about all the cities in the world. Tell the kids that Jesus was tempted to bow down and worship satan so he would be powerful and in charge of big cities.

- Review the temptations with the kids. Point to the different objects and ask the kids how Jesus was tempted.

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed - temptation tool box (a tool box with a bible inside), paper, markers, "What Should They Do?" sheet.

- Have a discussion with the kids. Ask them if they know what temptation means? (its when you want to do something that you know you shouldn't). Give them a few examples of times in your life when you have been tempted. Ask the kids if they can think of any temptations.

- Give each of the kids a piece of paper, ask them to draw a picture or write down some or one of their temptations. Then let them crumple up the piece of paper into a ball, go into the temptation tool box, take out the bible, use the bible as a racket to hit the paper out of the room.

- Go through the "What Should They Do?" situations with the kids. Show them a concordance at the back of the bible. Help them look up verses that would help the people in these situations.

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this months memory verse)

Materials needed - memory verse sheets and tape

- Hide the memory verse words around the room. Ask the kids to go on a treasure hunt and find all the words. Once all the words are found, put them in order and have the kids read the words with you. Say the whole memory verse while point at each of the words. Take one of the pieces of paper away and say the memory verse again. Take another piece away and say it again. Keep going like this until all the pieces of paper are gone and you are saying the verse by memory.