



Jesus Was Tempted

Unit 2 (January) Session 1

Wednesday 4th and Sunday 8th

Scripture Reference

Matthew 4:1-11

Memory Verse

John 6:38

Life Point

Jesus was tempted but did not sin.

Happy New Year!

S (Scripture) O (Observation) A (Application) P (Prayer) Memory Verse

Observation:

Open to Matthew 4 (1-11) and read but when you read scripture today- pause after each temptation and ask: Why do you think Satan used ...

Stones: Jesus was fasting and probably hungry, Satan was tempting Jesus to doubt God’s provision and purpose of His Father.

Temple: Jesus would have been going outside of God’s will, people tend to desire the praise and acceptance of others over God, and doubt. Notice that Satan quoted scripture (Psalm 91) out of context - he twisted God’s Word for his own purposes.

A mountain: Possessions, materialism, glory, and power leads to increasing self-reliance doubting that God supplies all our needs and that His plans are better.

The main answer - is to create doubt for all three temptations.

Application:

Tell kids that Jesus understands our struggles with temptation. Because He is perfect, Jesus provided the perfect sacrifice – His own life – to pay the price for your sin.

Ask kids how did Jesus say no to the temptation? The Word of God.

Jesus handled temptation remembering and obeying Scriptures He likely learned as a child. 😊

Prayer: During prayer today take turns asking each kid prompting them to finish this sentence with a temptation situation: “With Jesus’ help, I can say no to _____” After each child has had a turn end with thanking Jesus for His perfect sacrifice and ask God to help kids obey Him and not give in to temptation. Help us Jesus to trust in you and help us to remember your Word when we are tempted.

Memory Verse:

“For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.”

John 6:38

(Have kids write verse on their index cards.)

Activities

Sword Wars

Memorization Cards

Live It Out!

Temptation vs Help!

Bible Skills: Sword Wars using first 10 books of the NT.

Memorization Cards: Please take time to write John 6:38 on their cards. Highlight it in their Bibles.

Live it Out! Temptation vs HELP!

Explain to kids that feelings, moods, and things that happen to them change, but God's Word does not change. That is why remembering Bible verses helps us to not give in to temptations.

Place the "Temptation" cards face down in one pile and the "Help" cards face down in another pile. Have a child choose a Help and a Temptation card and tell the class what is written on each. Let the class discuss how what is on the Help card can make it easier to resist or avoid what is on the Temptation card. Let each child take a turn choosing cards. You will see scripture references on some of the Help cards. You can take it a step further by looking these verses up.