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**Series:** Jesus Is the King  
Winter Year 1, Lesson 33

# Satan Wants to Kill the King

**Take Home Point:** \*I won't let Satan steal 'cause I know Jesus is real. \*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

**Bible Event:** Matthew 2

**Key Verse:** John 10:10, "A thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But I came so that my sheep will have life and so that they will have everything they need."

**We will help kids know:**

- Satan tried to stop the promise that God had passed by using King Herod and the wise men. But God was in control.
- Satan did not kill the King; Jesus went willingly to his death.




**We will help kids feel:**

- Safe in Jesus, who will not let Satan steal because Jesus is real in our lives.
- Strong in their battle against the devil.

**We will help kids do:**

- Make a pop-up book to help reinforce the main point for the day.
- Rely on God and his word when Satan attacks them.

# THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
<b>Small Group Warm-Up</b> 	3-4	Satan likes to take things in our lives and replace them with panic, fear, and worry to steal the joy or fun out of being a Christian. Kids play a game called "Electricity" to help think about this.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no supplies needed</li> </ul>
<b>Large Group</b> 	4  8-10  10  10-11	<b>Overview</b>  <b>Puppet Presentation:</b> "Gordy and the Big Bully"  <b>Video:</b> <i>The Animated Stories from the New Testament: The King Is Born</i>  <b>Puppet Presentation Conclusion:</b> "Gordy and the Big Bully"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gordy dressed in a trench coat, sunglasses, hat, and mustache (Use whatever disguise you can find.)</li> <li>video, <i>The Animated Stories from the New Testament: The King Is Born</i> (Nest Family Entertainment Network in partnership with Animated Bible Stories, Inc., 1987) <a href="http://www.nestfamily.com">www.nestfamily.com</a></li> </ul>
<b>Small Group Application</b> 	5-7	Kids will make a pop-up book titled "I won't let Satan steal 'cause..." Then children may draw a picture of a time they felt Satan trying to steal from them (sickness, death, divorce, loss of a friend, etc.).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pop-up sheet copied on cardstock (p.13) (<i>You may want to run some extra copies because some may get ripped.</i>)</li> <li>copies of the "cover" of the book with the phrase "I won't let Satan steal 'cause..." (p.12)</li> <li>stickers that read "I know Jesus is real!" (<i>optional</i>)</li> <li>glue or glue stick</li> <li>scissors</li> <li>markers or crayons</li> </ul>

# Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



**Purpose:** *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

*Today's lesson will give us another look at the spiritual warfare that exists in our lives. Praise God that Jesus won the victory for us and we can rejoice in the victory even when Satan tries to steal or kill as he did in today's Bible event. A more difficult thought for children may be that even though Jesus did eventually die, Satan did not kill the King. The King went willingly to his death. Pray that as you lead the children closer to Jesus, you can give them the assurance through the Holy Spirit that the King is in control.*

You may want to combine two groups to make this game more challenging.

**Today we are going to play the game "Electricity." To do this, we need to sit in a circle on the floor and hold hands. One person has the "electricity." He squeezes the hand of the person next to him. This passes the electricity on to that person. Let's practice and pass the electricity all the way around the circle.**

Make sure each child understands that he only squeezes the person's hand next to him when he has the electricity.

**You can also reverse the direction the electricity flows by squeezing back the person's hand that just passed the electricity. Let's practice changing directions.**

Start the electricity around the circle and then say "reverse", and see if the children can get the electricity going back the other direction.

Now the really fun part of the game starts. Pick one child to be in the center of the circle.

**This child is going to try to steal the electricity. She will try to tag the person who has the electricity. You may want to have the electricity change direction if you see that this child in the center of the circle is getting close to you.**

Start the game and let the children play it several times. If you want to make it more challenging (especially for older students), you can make the electricity go both directions by starting with you.

**How did it feel to have someone trying to steal the electricity?** *(It made me panic or feel frightened as it was getting closer. It was fun but it made me feel a little anxious as it got closer.)*

When we added someone into this game who tried to steal the electricity, it added a little panic or fear. Sometimes our lives can feel like this game. We go along living our lives and something happens that scares us. Maybe your friends leave you out or you get in trouble or you get a bad grade on a test. What does that feel like? It can feel like the panic and nervousness and fear you felt in this game.

Satan likes to take things in our lives and replace them with panic, fear, and worry to steal the joy or fun out of being a Christian. It says in the Bible John 10:10, "A thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill, and destroy..."

Today's Bible event is about the wise men and how Satan tried to kill the newborn King. We will learn that no matter what Satan tries to steal from us, Jesus has already won the battle. Today we will learn to say, *'I won't let Satan steal 'cause I know Jesus is real!'*

## Large Group: 20-30 minutes



**Purpose:** *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible Event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

### Overview

**Puppet Presentation:** "Gordy and the Big Bully"---Gordy is in disguise to hide from a bully.

**Video:** *The Animated Stories from the New Testament: The King Is Born*

**Puppet Presentation Conclusion:** "Gordy and the Big Bully"--- Gordy learns that he does not need to fear because God is all powerful and in control.

## Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



**Purpose:** *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible Event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion, but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

*Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.*

## **Observation Questions: What happened?**

Have kids look up Matthew 2 and follow along in their Bibles.

**How did the wise men know that a King had been born?** *(Matthew 2:1-2. The wise men had seen his star in the east and had come to worship him.)*

**What did Herod want the wise men to do once they had found the baby?** *(Matthew 2:8. To go and search for the child. When they found him, they were to report back to Herod so he could go and worship too.)*

**How did the wise men know not to return to Herod?** *(Matthew 2:12. God warned them in a dream.)*

**How did God protect Baby Jesus?** *(Matthew 2:13-14. God told Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt.)*

## **Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?**

**If you had been a wise man, how would you have felt to have traveled so far and now found Baby Jesus?** *(Full of awe, special that God had picked me to be part of announcing his Son's birth.)*

**Why do you think Herod wanted Baby Jesus dead?** *(He was jealous; he wanted to be the only king.)*

## **Application Questions: What does this mean to me?**

**Satan worked through Herod to try and kill Jesus. The Bible tells us he did not succeed, but what about when Jesus was an adult? Jesus died then. Did Satan win? Did Jesus lose that time?**

**The Bible says that Jesus chose to die for our sins rather than letting us die forever. Jesus didn't lose to Satan. He chose to follow the path of death for us, but then he came back to life.**

**When Satan tries to steal, hurt, or kill us, he has no power. He wants us to believe that we are powerless, but we have the power of Jesus in our lives. What can we say to Satan when he bothers us?** *(\*I won't let Satan steal 'cause I know Jesus is real.)*

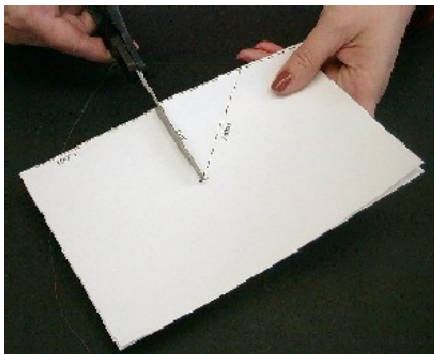
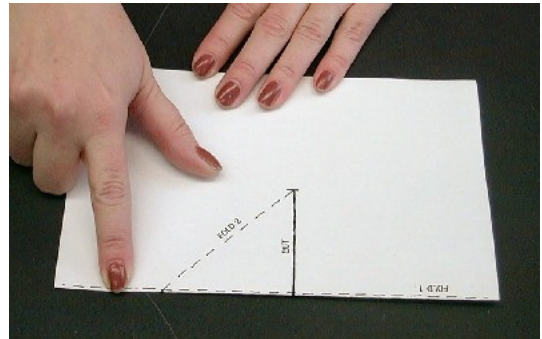
Application Activity:

Help the children realize times when Satan tries to steal from them. (Sickness, death, divorce, loss of a friend, etc.)

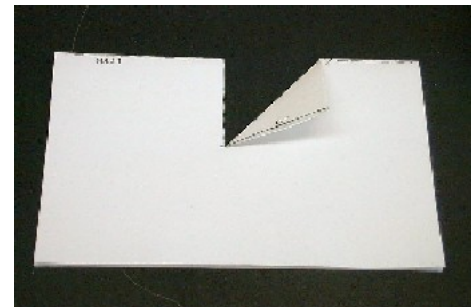
**Satan wants to make us think that Jesus does not care about us or what happens to us. That is absolutely not true. In our Bible verse today, Jesus says, “A thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But I came so that my sheep will have life and so that they will have everything they need.” (John 10:10)**

**We are going to make a pop-up book.**

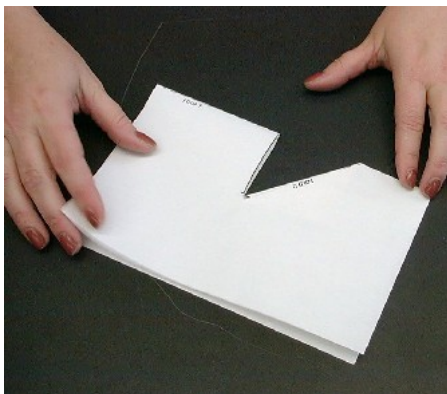
Give each child a copy of the attached design. Have the children fold the page on FOLD 1.



Then ask them to cut along the solid line.

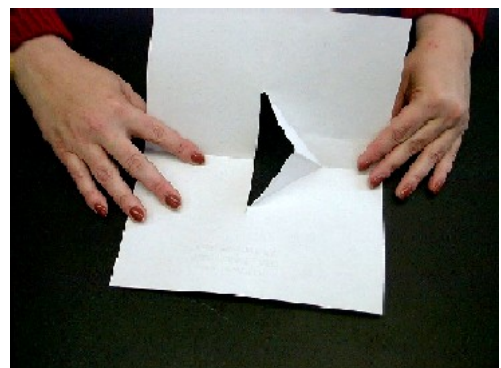


Fold on FOLD 2, creasing the page in both directions.

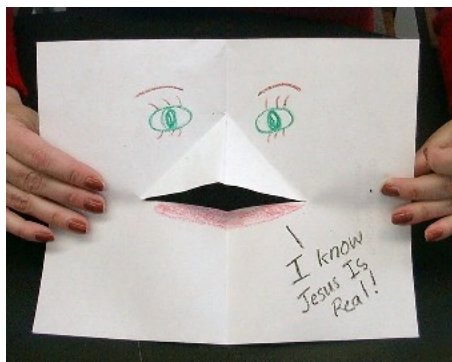


Open the paper and reverse FOLD 2 by pushing it to the inside. Pinch and pull the pop-up portion from the inside. Close and press the folds again.

Open the page. This makes the pop-up.







Have the children open their cards and draw their own faces around the pop-up mouth. They can then write, "I know Jesus is real" by the mouth. (To aid younger children and to save time, you may want to have the children use labels preprinted with "I know Jesus is real.")

Take the book cover that reads, "I won't let Satan steal 'cause..." and glue this to the back of the pop-up card so the title is on the front. On the back of their books, the children may draw a picture of a time they felt Satan trying to steal from them.

Ask the children to talk about their pictures. Then have them practice the take home point again.



#### Closing Prayer:

Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins so we might claim his power against Satan and say, \* ***I won't let Satan steal 'cause I know Jesus is real.***

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## **“Gordy and the Big Bully”**

### **Puppet Presentation**

As Mr. King is talking, Gordy enters wearing a trench coat, hat, dark glasses, and a fake mustache that is starting to fall off. He appears to be anxious as he looks around to see if he's being followed. Mr. King turns and notices Gordy.

**Mr. King:**     **Hello, sir. Can I help you?** *(Looks closer.)* **Gordy? Is that you?**

Gordy looks around, pretending Mr. King is speaking to someone else.

**Mr. King:**     **Gordy?!** *(Half pleading, half stern.)*

Gordy:           *(In his own voice.)* Who? Me? *(In a deeper voice.)* I mean...uh...who are you talking to, man?

**Mr. King:**     **Gordy, I know that's you.**

Gordy:           Yeah, it's me. But don't say anything. I'm in disguise coat.

**Mr. King:**     **You mean you're in disguise?**

Gordy:           No, I'm in dis guy's coat 'cuz I'm hiding.

**Mr. King:**     **Who are you hiding from?**

Gordy:           *(Whispers loudly.)* Tommy Buljinski.

**Mr. King:**     **Tommy Buljinski?**

Gordy:           Yeah, have you seen him?

**Mr. King:**     **I don't know. What does he look like?**

Gordy:           Something like a shaved gorilla.

**Mr. King:**     **A shaved gorilla?**

Gordy:           Yeah, with bad breath.

**Mr. King:**     **Now, Gordy, are you sure it's that bad?**

Gordy:           I'm sure, Mr. King. He says he's gonna pound me.

**Mr. King:**     **Why does he want to do that?**

Gordy:           I don't know. He just does. He's always picking on me.



**Mr. King:**     **He is? Did you tell someone?**

Gordy:           I told my mom. She said I should pray for Tommy.

**Mr. King:**     **Your mom is right.**

Gordy:           Yeah, I know. So I prayed. I prayed that Jesus would put Tommy Buljinski back in his cage.

**Mr. King:**     **Gordy, are you really praying to help Tommy?**

Gordy:           Yeah, I think a cage would be good for him!

**Mr. King:**     *(In a tone that gently corrects.)* **Gordy...**

Gordy:           Well...Actually, I also prayed that God would help Tommy not act like a gorilla. And I prayed God would help me not get pounded.

**Mr. King:**     **Great, Gordy. Jesus is bigger than Tommy Buljinski and he can protect you.**

Gordy:           Yeah, that's what I told Tommy. I told him I know someone bigger than him and I've been talking to him about Tommy.

**Mr. King:**     **I guess that's true. You were talking to Jesus about Tommy. What did Tommy say?**

Gordy:           He said that he was going to pound me *and* my friend. So I ran and hid in dis guy's coat.

**Mr. King:**     **Oh! Well Gordy, some people are always trying to bully and scare people. And some even try to bully people into not believing and following Jesus. That's been happening for thousands and thousands of years.**

Gordy:           But why do they do that?

**Mr. King:**     **Behind it is someone even bigger and meaner than Tommy Buljinski.**

Gordy:           I don't know about that. He would have to be bigger than a gorilla.

**Mr. King:**     **I don't mean bigger in size. I mean bigger in power. I'm talking about Satan.**

Gordy:           You mean the devil?

**Mr. King:** Yes. Satan has been trying to stop people from believing and following God all through history. In today's lesson from Matthew 2, we see that Satan used a king as a bully. The king tried to kill Jesus when he was just a baby.

Gordy: A king? Satan used a king to try to kill Jesus?

**Mr. King:** It's true. Jesus once said that Satan is like a thief and he comes to steal, kill, and destroy. But Jesus came to give us life and everything we need.

Gordy: I'd like to find out more about this.

**Mr. King:** Well, watch this video about King Herod and the magi. We'll talk about it afterwards.

Show the video: *The Animated Stories from the New Testament: The King Is Born*. View the six-minute section at the end of the video in which King Herod is introduced along with the wise men.

## **"Gordy and the Big Bully"**

### Puppet Conclusion

Gordy: Did Herod really have all of those baby boys killed?

**Mr. King:** Yes, Gordy. It was terrible but true.

Gordy: But Baby Jesus escaped! He lived!

**Mr. King:** That's right. God took care of him. The expensive gifts the kings gave Jesus were used to help Joseph and Mary pay to take Jesus to Egypt.

Gordy: Wow! Satan's plan to kill Baby Jesus failed, but... (*Looks down.*)

**Mr. King:** What is it, Gordy?

Gordy: Well, didn't Jesus die when he got older? Didn't Satan win then?

**Mr. King:** No. No matter how powerful Satan may seem, God is more powerful. Satan can never outdo God. You see, Jesus *chose* to let himself be killed as a sacrifice for our sins. He rose again on the third day and went up to heaven. It was part of God's plan.

**Now we can trust him as our Savior and Jesus will live in our hearts. It may seem like Jesus lost but he really won! He will give us victory over Satan when he attacks us.**

Gordy: Like with Tommy Buljinski?

**Mr. King: No matter what, Gordy. Jesus will always be with you. He will give you power even over Tommy Buljinski. It is the power of his love and not just the power to pound Tommy back.**

Gordy: So Jesus is bigger than Tommy?

**Mr. King: He is, and his love is bigger too. Jesus even loves people like Tommy.**

Gordy: Wow...I never thought of that.

**Mr. King: Yes, so keep praying for Tommy. Maybe you will even have a chance to tell him about Jesus.**

Gordy: Maybe so! Maybe I should stop calling him a gorilla. I don't want Satan to get me to always be thinking bad things about Tommy or to be worried about him all the time. After all, Jesus can take care of it.

**Mr. King: That's right! Remember: *\*I won't let Satan steal 'cause I know Jesus is real.***

Gordy: Yeah, he's real even against gorillas—I mean, Tommy Buljinski. Can I pray about this right now?

**Mr. King: Sure, Gordy.**

Gordy: Thank you, God, that you sent Jesus to defeat Satan. Help me to remember that Jesus lives in my heart because I believe he is my Savior. Because of what Jesus did, he gives me power to love my enemies. I pray right now for Tommy Buljinski. I pray that you would get him with your love, because maybe no one else loves him or maybe he doesn't know how to love others. Maybe, you can even use me to show him your love. Help me know what to do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Draw a picture of a time you  
felt Satan trying to steal  
something from you.

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