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Series: Jesus is God's Son
Winter Year 2, Lesson 35

Temptation of Jesus

Take Home Point: *JESUS HELPS ME
... *Say "No!" to sin.*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (*CAPS*). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Matthew 4:1-11

We will help children know:

- The Bible Event of Jesus' temptation in the desert.
- Because Jesus had to fight against sin, he understands our struggles with sin.
- Jesus helps us resist temptation.




We will help the children feel:

- Determined to resist temptation with the help of Jesus.
- Repentant when they fail to resist sin.
- Thankful that because Jesus resisted sin, they can be forgiven.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event.
- Craft: Rocky Cross.
- Snack: Bread Bible.
- Game: Rocky Temptations.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: Jesus helps me...Say "No!" to sin.
- Sing and Pray.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Large Group Opening 	3 5	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy puppet holding a "Good Student Award" (computer award print out) Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair or stool microphone optional: decorate stage with plants and fake stones
Small Group Application 	8 9 10 11	Activity 1: Craft-Rocky Cross Activity 2: Snack-Bread Bible Activity 3: Game-Rocky Temptations Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy Appendix A on cardstock, 1 per child gray or brown construction paper glue sticks <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins, cups, water or juice half slice bread (or tortilla) per person soft butter plastic knives cinnamon/sugar mixture Option: letter cereal <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> masking tape crumpled newspaper "rocks"
Large Group Wrap-up 	13 13	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Judy puppet holding a "Good Student Award", Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Judy. (Children call "Judy".)

Judy: Hi everyone.

Presenter: Hi Judy. What are you holding?

Judy: It is my "Good Student Award"

Presenter: Why did you get it?

Judy: I learned to change my behavior.

Presenter: What were you doing?

Judy: I was getting in trouble at school for talking to my friends when I was supposed to be listening. It is hard to be quiet. I have lots to say.

Presenter: I'm sure you do. There are times to talk and times to be quiet.

Judy: That's what I had to learn. I did have help.

Presenter: Who helped you?

Judy: My mom. She told me to ask Jesus to help me.

Presenter: What a smart mom you have. Did it work?

Judy: Yes. I prayed for help to stop talking when I was not supposed to talk.

Presenter: Judy, that's wonderful.

Judy: I am so proud of myself.

Presenter: I'm sure you are. You have learned to resist temptation.

Judy: I don't think so. I learned to be quiet.

Presenter: Judy, 'temptation' means we want to do something we know is wrong.

Judy: Like talking when we are supposed to be quiet?

Presenter: Yes. Or playing when we are supposed to clean our room, even though we know it is wrong.

Judy: I see. Isn't this where you tell me this reminds you of our Bible event today?

Presenter: You are right on target Judy. In our Bible event today we learn that Jesus resisted temptation.

Judy: Did he talk too much?

Presenter: No. He spent 40 days in the desert being tempted to sin by the devil, Satan.

Judy: Oh, no! Did Jesus resist Satan?

Presenter: Yes he did. He resisted the temptation and did not sin. That way he could save us from our sins.

Judy: I am really glad he saves us from our sins.

Presenter: Jesus helps us when we are tempted to sin. Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Judy: Yes I would.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Judy: OK

Presenter: *JESUS HELPS ME... now you say, "Say "No!" to sin."

Judy: Say "No!" to sin.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Judy: Sure.

Presenter: Okay everybody, *JESUS HELPS ME...

Judy: (and everyone): Say "No!" to sin.

Presenter: One more time. *JESUS HELPS ME...

Judy: (and everyone): Say "No!" to sin.

Presenter: Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Judy.

Judy: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Simple Storytelling

Supplies: Stool or chair; microphone. Optional, decorate stage with plants or fake stones

The presenter comes out and sits on the stool or chair and begins telling the story of Jesus' temptation:

Boys and girls, some of you might remember that last week we learned that Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and God the Father showed he loved him.

After Jesus' baptism, he had an important job to do. His father wanted him to go into the hot, rocky desert to be tempted by Satan. This would help him learn to run away from temptation when he wanted to do something wrong.

For forty days and forty nights, Jesus did not eat anything. By the end of the forty days and forty nights Jesus' tummy (rub stomach) was rumbling, grumbly and hungry.

About that time, Satan tried to make Jesus follow him, not God the Father, and this is what Satan said:

Presenter is Satan and says in a whispery voice:

If you are God's Son, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.

Presenter continues story:

Satan was trying to get Jesus to follow him and not the Father. He was trying to get Jesus to be proud to be God's Son and show off for Satan. But Jesus answered Satan and said, "No! Eating food is not more important than God!"

Get off chair and walk around.

Then Satan led Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. Satan had Jesus stand on the highest part of the temple and said:

Presenter is Satan and says in a whispery voice:

If you are God's Son, jump! God's angels will keep you safe!"

Presenter continues story:

Satan wanted Jesus to die before he was supposed to die on the cross. If Jesus had jumped off the temple, he would have been following Satan, not God the Father, so Jesus said, "No! God says, 'Do not tempt me!'"

Walk around some more. Then Satan led Jesus to a high mountain and said:

Presenter is Satan and says in a whispery voice:

I will give you all of this if you bow down and worship me!

Presenter continues story:

Satan wanted Jesus to make Satan God and follow him instead of God the Father. But Jesus said, "No!" God's word says, 'Worship the Lord your God and only him.'"

Then Satan left Jesus and God the Father sent his angels to feed Jesus and take care of him.

Jesus was tempted to do wrong things. Sometimes we, too, are tempted to do wrong things, like sneak a cookie before supper, hit our brother or sister who broke our block tower, or play with our dad's sharp tools. We can ask Jesus to help us resist temptation and not do wrong things. When we learn God's word, we will know when Satan is trying to tempt us. Because Jesus did not give in to Satan's temptations, he was able to die on the cross so that we can be forgiven when we do sin.

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. *JESUS HELPS ME...Say "No!" to sin.

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
Thank you for sending Jesus.
He helps me say no to sin.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Frere Jaques*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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YES he DOES.

Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft “Rocky Cross”

Supplies: Copies of Appendix A on cardstock, one per child; gray or brown construction paper; glue sticks

Boys and girls, today we are going to make a cross covered in rocks. Temptations are like rocks that Satan throws at us to try to hurt us. Jesus helps us resist the temptations and not sin. When we resist the temptations, Satan runs away from us. Sometimes, even though we don’t want to, we sin. The Good News is that Jesus died on the cross and all our sins were put on the cross with him. We are forgiven and our sins are gone.

Please do not cover the words on your cross with your rocks.

To make:

1. Tear small pieces off the gray construction paper.
2. Wad the pieces of paper into “rocks” (balls).
3. Glue the “rocks” onto the cross.

Review the Bible Event.

How did Satan tempt Jesus? (*He tried to get Jesus to turn stones into bread, jump off the temple, and worship Satan.*)

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Activity 2: Snack “Bread Bible”

Supplies: napkins, cups, water or juice; ½ slice of bread (or tortilla) per child; soft butter; cinnamon/sugar mixture; plastic knives. Optional: letter cereal

***CAUTION: <i>Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.</i>

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Boys and girls, today we are going to make a pretend Bible. One way Jesus helps us resist temptation is through God's word. God's word teaches us right from wrong. The Bible gives us the power to say “No!” to sin.

Spread butter on your bread. Now we will sprinkle some cinnamon/sugar on the bread.

Fold the bread in half and open it so it has a crease like the fold in a book.

Option: Put a few of the letter cereals on your bread to make a Bible.

Now you may eat your Bread Bible.

Review the Bible event.

How did Jesus resist Satan's temptations? (*He used God's word to help him.*)

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Activity 3: Game "I"

Supplies: Masking tape; crumpled newspaper "rocks"

Boys and girls, today we are going to play a game called "Rocky Temptations". As we go through life, we run into many temptations. Jesus will help us get past those temptations. Sometimes we make mistakes, but Jesus helps us start over fresh and clean by forgiving us.

To set up:

1. Make a grid using masking tape. There should be about 12 squares in the grid.
2. Put newspaper rocks in a few of the squares.
3. As the game progresses, add more rocks to the grid.

To play:

- Have the children cross from one end of the grid to the other without stepping in a square with a rock. The rocks are temptations that they want to avoid.
- Gradually add rocks to the grid to make it more challenging.
- At one point, there should be enough rocks in the squares to make it impossible for the children to cross without stepping in a square with a rock. Have the children ponder what to do for a moment.
- Tell the children that they must ask you for help. When they do, remove the minimum number of rocks to get across. They must ask for help to receive it.
- A child who steps into a square with a rock must go back to the beginning.
- Play as time and interest allows.

Review the Bible event.

How are we tempted to sin? (*Answers will vary but may include hitting someone, not doing chores, sneaking a treat before supper, etc.*)

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Prayer Time:

How can we resist temptation? (By asking Jesus for help and learning God's word.)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: **We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming.**

(If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: **Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It looks like a Rocky Cross. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.**



Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS HELPS ME...**

Kids say:

...Say "No!" to sin.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS HELPS ME...**

Albie says:

Say, "No!" to throwing rocks at me!

Presenter:

Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like a Bread Bible. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS HELPS ME...**

Kids say:

...Say "No!" to sin.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS HELPS ME...**

Albie says:

Say, "No!" to ketchup on my Bread Bible!

Presenter:

Albie, today we played a game called Rocky Temptations. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS HELPS ME...**

Kids say:

...Say "No!" to sin.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS HELPS ME...**

Albie says:

Say "No!" to stepping on rocks with my tender toes!

Presenter says:

"Albie, listen one last time.

***JESUS HELPS ME...**

...Say "No!" to sin.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS HELPS ME...**

Albie's response:

(Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)

***JESUS HELPS ME...Say "No!" to sin.**

Presenter says to Albie:

Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants you to say “No!” to sin.

