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Fall Year 2, Lesson 23

Resist the Devil and He Will Flee

Take Home Point: *I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike. *Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: James 4:7

Key Verse: James 4:7b “. . . Resist the devil, and he will run away from you.”

We will help kids know:

- Satan, our enemy, comes to kill, steal, and destroy. He wants to keep us from knowing God and what God wants to do for us.
- We need to place ourselves under God’s authority and the power of the cross of Jesus.

We will help kids feel:

- Confidence in Jesus, who is able to help us resist the devil.
- Caution when we are tempted.

We will help kids do:

- Identify times of personal temptation. Be prepared to meet those times with a strategy.
- Claim ourselves under God’s authority and resist the devil when tempted by saying the take home point, **I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike.*

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Small Group Warm-Up 	3-4	Kids use a magnet and paper clips to discuss how we can sometimes be attracted or drawn to things that may not be god-pleasing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a large magnet for each group approximately one dozen paper clips for each group
Large Group 	4 7-8 9-11 12-13	<p>Overview</p> <p>Puppet Presentation: “Running Shoes for the Devil”—Gordy played a mean trick on his sister at Halloween, and Mr. King teaches him how to resist temptation.</p> <p>Object Lesson Teaching: “Resist the Devil and He Will Flee”—Magnets are used to show how we can be attracted to evil. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, Satan is repelled by Jesus.</p> <p>Puppet Presentation Conclusion: “Running Shoes for the Devil”—Gordy learns what to say to Satan, * “<i>I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike!</i>”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gordy in a Halloween costume a paper cutout of a child with a heart on it (Use a paper that is thin enough so that a magnet can still pick up paper clips through it.) two magnets with opposite poles that resist one another (If such magnets cannot be found in a science or hobby store, they may be found in places that carry old stereo speakers.) two sets of a dozen small paper clips paper strips (8 1/2" x 2") of temptations and fruit of the Spirit (see appendix page 13-16) with a paper clip attached to each
Small Group Application 	5-6	Kids make a card where the name of Jesus “resists” or “repels” the black paint.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> one 4"x 6" card for each child crayons pencils watercolors

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 we will work with the concepts of resist and attract. In large group, magnets will be used to demonstrate how certain things can resist or push away from one another. This is shown by the north polarity of a magnet resisting the north polarity of another magnet. In small group application the resist and attract concepts will be demonstrated by water color paints resisting heavy crayon markings.

For today's warm-up you will need one magnet and approximately one dozen small paper clips. The magnet needs to be strong enough to hold a paper clip and the second paper clip magnetized to the first one. Ideally, a string of magnetized paper clips could be linked, one to another. Show the kids how the paper clips can be attracted to the magnet and how the paper clips can stick to each other. This is called "being attracted" to something.

Begin discussion with:

What are things that might seem attractive to someone, but are not god-pleasing?

In other words, think of something a person might want to do that he/she is "drawn to" or "pulled toward." For example, your mom says you cannot have any candy from the candy dish before supper. The candy looks so attractive that it almost pulls you toward it. Disobeying your mom is something that would not be god-pleasing, but it is very attractive in this situation.

Pick up a paper clip with the magnet and say:

I will pass this on to someone who wants to share another example of something that might look attractive, but would not be god-pleasing. After they tell their example, they can connect one more paper clip to the end of mine. Let's see if the magnet will hold a whole string of paper clips.

As children pass the magnet, encourage them to discuss things that look attractive but may not be god-pleasing.

Before leaving for large group introduce the *concept* of "spiritual warfare" with the following (This *term* won't be used because it might be too abstract):

Just like we can't see God but know he is there, we can't see Satan but he is in the world, too. He is the enemy of God and wants to cause problems for all those who love God. He has helpers called

demons. They would very much like to make sure we don't follow God and they will do anything to make sure we don't. They will even make bad things look attractive so we want to do them. They want these things to get in our way and keep us from God. Even though these things look attractive, they are really ungodly and bad for us. If we don't keep close to Jesus, we won't be able to recognize these bad things and they will trap us and pull us toward Satan. It is very important to know that we belong to God and stay close to him so Satan doesn't win.

Today we will find out how to resist Satan's hold on us. We can learn to say: **I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike.*

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: "Running Shoes for the Devil"—Gordy played a mean trick on his sister at Halloween and Mr. King teaches him how to resist temptation.

Object Lesson Teaching: "Resist the Devil and He Will Flee"—Magnets are used to show how we can be attracted to evil. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, Satan is repelled by Jesus.

Puppet Presentation Conclusion: "Running Shoes for the Devil"—Gordy learns what to say to Satan, **"I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike!"*

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?

Read James 4:7. Then ask:

With whose authority do we have the power to resist Satan? *(God's)*

When we resist Satan, what will he do? *(Run away from us or flee.)*

Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?

How do we have God's authority? *(When we trust Jesus as our Savior, we belong to Jesus. We are under God's rule or God's authority. Because of that, the devil must flee or run away.)*

Application Questions: What does this mean to me?

Application Activity:

Use the magnet and paper clips to have the kids retell what they have learned about Satan causing certain things to be attractive, and how we can resist those things. They can call upon the name of Jesus, knowing that the devil will flee, and we can be attracted to the godly things Jesus desires for us. Have the kids practice the phrase: **I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike.* Have them discuss specific temptations in which they can use that phrase.

The craft event will help them in their discussion. Have them write on a 4"x 6" card the name, "Jesus" in thick, heavy crayon. On the backside, have them write today's Bible verse. Then, using black watercolor paint, have children paint over Jesus' name. The paint "resists" the name of Jesus, just like the devil is repelled by his name. Use tissues to blot off any of the beads of watercolor on the crayon markings.

Have the children take the card home and place it in an area where they are often tempted. This could possibly be a room in the house, their backpack, or at their desk at school. When they see the name of Jesus they can be reminded to call upon the name of Jesus and to resist the devil. When they say, *"*I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike!"* Satan has to flee!

Conclude with:

Here is what we want to remember today. If we ever feel tempted, it means that Satan is trying to attract us to some of those things that seem so good, but are really *bad* for us. When that happens we can say **I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike.*

Closing Prayer:

Gather the kids in a group for prayer. Ask them to pray for God's protection in areas of temptation and to pray for the Holy Spirit to replace temptations with spiritual fruit.

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Large Group Presentation: 20-30 minutes

Running Shoes for the Devil Puppet Presentation

Props: Gordy needs some type of costume that does not fully disguise him, but makes him look a bit ridiculous.

Mr. King: Welcome, boys and girls. I hope you had an interesting time learning about how certain things might seem attractive, but might just be the devil trying to get us to do something God would not want. Today we are going to teach you how to resist the devil and make him run away. Let's see if Gordy will help.

Kids chant: "Gor-dy, Gor-dy, Gor-dy."

Gordy: Trick-or-treat.

Mr. King: Oh, my! What's that ridiculous costume you have?

Gordy: It's a (Fill in with whatever costume Gordy is wearing). What's that ridiculous costume you have, Mr. King?

Mr. King: I don't have a costume on.

Gordy: Aaaahhhh! You mean that's not a mask you're wearing? Ha! Just kidding.

Mr. King: Okay, Gordy. Let's get down to serious business. We are talking about important stuff today.

Gordy: I am, too. I'm talking about trick-or-treat and lots of candy. What can be more important than that?

Mr. King: How to resist the devil and make him run away. That can be more important.

Gordy: The devil! I dressed as the devil, last year..

Mr. King: You did?

Gordy: Yeah! I had this big rubber mask that was a scary devil monster!

Mr King: Your mother let you wear it?

Gordy: Well, actually, she didn't know. I had it hidden in my trick or-treat bag, and I put it on after I left home.

Mr. King: Why did you do that?

Gordy: So I could hide in the bushes next door until my little sister came by, and then I could jump out and scare her! What fun!

Mr King: I'm not sure that would be fun for her.

Gordy: Maybe not. She dropped her candy and ran away, and I had extra candy.

Mr. King: Did you give it back?

Gordy: Are you kidding? She's my sister!

Mr. King: But that's not right.

Gordy: Oh, I was just teasing her a little bit.

Mr. King: Gordy, actually I think the devil had gotten a hold on you.

Gordy: What?

Mr. King: He tricked you. He made it seem attractive to sneak out with a mask and tease your sister and take her candy. That is not what God wanted.

Gordy: Yeah, it's not what my mom wanted either. She found out, and boy did I get in trouble.

Mr. King: Gordy, I want you to pay special attention to this lesson I'm going to show. It's based on the verse James 4:7 (NIV), "*Resist the devil, and he will flee.*"

Gordy: What does that mean?

Mr. King: Why don't you watch and find out.

Resist the Devil and He Will Flee

Object Lesson Teaching

This large group teaching event illustrates James 4:7, "So place yourselves under God's authority. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you."

There is a four-step sequence in presenting this Bible event. Throughout the presentation, various props will be used to demonstrate the principles of attract and resist. These supplies include:

- 1. A paper cutout of a child. Draw a heart in the appropriate place on the cutout. (Use paper that is thin enough so that a magnet can still pick up paper clips through it.)*
- 2. Two magnets that have opposite poles which resist one another. If such magnets cannot be found in a science or hobby store, they may be found in places that carry old stereo speakers.*
- 3. Two sets of paper strips (8 1/2" x 2"). One set of paper strips will be temptations that may seem attractive on the outside, but are not god-pleasing. (See appendix.) The other set of paper strips are "spiritual fruit" from James 2:17 and Galatians 5:22. (See appendix.) Attach a small paper clip to the top of each paper strip.*

***Note to presenter.** *Be familiar with what is written on both sets of paper strips to be able to give some examples for each. However, not all characteristics need to be discussed thoroughly due to time limitations. Following are the four stages of presentation for this large group.*

Set up:

Invite two children forward to act as assistants. One child will hold the paper cutout of a child. The other will be near the stacks of paper strips and be ready to place either "temptations" or "fruits of the Spirit" on the heart of the cutout so the paper clips stay.

1. Describe The Enemy.

Open the Bible to John 10:10 so the kids can see you use your Bible.

The Bible says that Satan wants to steal, kill, and destroy. He wants to take us away from God and make sure that we have a miserable life. The Bible also says (2 Corinthians 11:14) that Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. He makes himself and the things he tries to tempt us with look very attractive.

Have the child assistant hold the magnet behind the paper at the point of the heart.

Satan would like to attract things to our hearts that would hurt us or would be bad for us. We will demonstrate this with a magnet behind the heart.

2. Attractive temptations.

I would like the assistant to reach into the pile of “temptations” and see which of these “temptations” cling to (point to paper cutout) this kid’s heart.

Talk about some of the temptations as found in the appendix or on the paper strips. Make mention of the Magic 8 Ball and Ouija Board. Although they seem to be harmless games, if we look to them for spiritual power or direction, Satan has tricked us into believing these things can give us answers instead of God.

Other dangerous temptations, especially around Halloween, might include filling our minds with images of evil as depicted in horror shows or haunted houses. Horror shows do not show the truth of Jesus’ power over evil. These things instead glorify Satan.

You might also mention role-playing game cards that have their origin in false religions. (Pokemon)

Other everyday temptations include things such as being mean or picking on a sibling. You may discuss whatever temptations stick to the heart.

3. Placing Us Under God’s Authority.

God wants to help us get rid of those temptations. He wants to fill us with Jesus who has the power to make the devil flee. Watch how this magnet will force the other magnet away.

The Jesus magnet is moved behind the cutout and has the similar pole in position to repel the Satan magnet. Of course, the group cannot see this happen, so it might be helpful to take both magnets for a moment and lay them on the table to watch one push the other away by repelling as one pole resists the other.

When we trust Jesus as our Savior, we belong to Jesus. We are under God’s rule or God’s authority. Because of that, the devil must flee or run away. The Bible says in James 4:7, “*So place yourselves under God’s authority. Resist the devil and he will run away from you.*” Would you like to see the devil run? So would I. And when he does, those temptations fall away. As the magnet is moved the temptations fall to the ground.

4. Attract Spiritual Fruit.

Now that we have Jesus, we are filled with the Holy Spirit who attracts spiritual fruit. I'd like my assistant to pull out some of the special titles of the fruit of the Spirit.

Discuss these as they are placed on the cutout child.

These are the wonderful qualities God gives us when we call on his name.

Conclusion:

Here is what we want to remember today. If we ever feel tempted, it means that Satan is trying to attract us to some of those things that seem so good, but are really *bad* for us. When that happens we can say **I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike.*

Let's say that together, **I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike.* The Bible says that Satan must flee because you are resisting the devil. That's like the Jesus magnet now pushing Satan away, and the Holy Spirit's power once again attracting the good fruit.

Running Shoes For The Devil

Puppet Presentation Conclusion

Gordy: Mr. King, I think I understand.

Mr. King: What do you understand, Gordy?

Gordy: I've been tricked!

Mr. King: What do you mean?

Gordy: Well, Satan made it sound like so much fun to play a trick on my sister and then steal her candy, that I thought it was okay just because she's my dumb sister.

Mr. King: Your "what" sister?

Gordy: Oh, I mean my lovely sister.

Mr. King: Right.

Gordy: But what am I suppose to do to keep from getting tricked by him?

Mr. King: Well, the Bible verse says, *“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*

Gordy: Oh yeah. That’s when I say **I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike!*

Mr. King: Sure. When you say that, it’s just like the Jesus magnet pushing away Satan’s influence.

Gordy Does that happen every time I say it?

Mr. King: Yes Gordy. That’s why we remind ourselves all the time that **I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike.*

Gordy: Yeah that’s pretty cool. I think it will work.

Mr. King: So, what are you going to do with your sister?

Gordy: Well, I’ll try not to trick her and steal her candy.

Mr. King: And, what else?

Gordy: Well, maybe I should give her some of my extra candy this year.

Mr. King: That’s great Gordy. I think you’ve got it. Why don’t you close us in prayer.

Gordy: Okay. Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us that you have power over the devil. Thank you for your forgiveness and how you gave your life for us. Now, help us to tell Satan to take a hike because we belong to you. In Jesus’ name, Amen. That’s cool, Mr. King. Can I say it one more time?

Mr. King: Yeah, how about everyone saying it all together?

Gordy: All right kids, let’s go! **I belong to Jesus. Satan, take a hike!*

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