



UNIT 20 | SESSION 2 | APRIL 18-19, 2020

Elementary Parent Guide

Jesus' Temptation

Bible Passage: Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4

Story Point: Jesus was tempted and never sinned.

Key Passage: "He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30

Christ Connection: Jesus died on the cross to free us from sin and to give us the power to say no to temptation.

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the discussion questions. Check out the [Younger Kids Activity Page](#) for K-1st or the [Older Kids Activity Page](#) for 2nd-5th as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

ACTIVITY OPTION 1: REMEMBRANCE ROCKS

(Medium-sized Rock, Permanent Markers)

Provide kids with a medium-sized rock. Allow the kids to use permanent markers to write the story point or a favorite Bible verse reference on the stones. You may provide decoupage paste and foam brushes for kids to coat their rocks to protect the writing.

SAY • The devil tried to convince Jesus to put His human needs before His obedience to God. **Jesus was tempted and never sinned.** Instead of turning stones into bread to eat, Jesus used God's Word to defeat the devil. These remembrance rocks can help us remember to fight temptation so we can glorify Jesus with our lives.

ACTIVITY OPTION 2: MAKE A BRACELET

(2 Jumbo Craft Sticks, Jar, Hot Water, Optional Embellishments: Washi Tape, Glitter, Paint, Stickers, Markers)

In KidCity we learned about how Jesus was tempted, but never sinned. Jesus always obeyed God. Jesus used God's Word to help Him say no to temptation and that can work for us too! Make this bracelet craft with your kid to remind them (and you) that God can help us live for Him and say no to sin. Check out the talking points below.

Caution! Make sure an adult supervises this craft for safety.



Step 1: Soak popsicle sticks in hot, hot water for at least 30 minutes until the wood softens and becomes pliable. (Use both in case they break.)

Step 2: Gently bend the popsicle sticks between your fingers. If the wood is still too stiff to manipulate, boil more hot water and soak the sticks for 15 more minutes.

Step 3: Carefully bend the stick to fit inside of a sturdy straight-sided cup or jar.

Step 4: Let the sticks dry overnight. If you want to hurry the drying process along, you can bake the sticks in the oven at 200°F for 20 minutes (if you used an oven safe jar), but this can cause warping. It's best to be patient and just wait for them to dry on their own.

Step 5: Decorate! You can embellish these wooden bracelets with anything and everything. Use paint, embroidery thread, lace, gems, plastic flowers, glitter and washi tape. You can also punch small holes into the ends of each stick and add a tie to keep the bracelets on better. Write the following verse in permanent marker at the end. "When you are tempted, God will give you a way out." 1 Corinthians 10:13

How do we teach our kids to fight against the temptations that they'll encounter?

"You are tempted in the same way all other human beings are. God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted any more than you can take. But when you are tempted, God will give you a way out. Then you will be able to deal with it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

Talk about it:

1. Parents, share a few age appropriate examples of how you fight temptation in your life.
2. Make sure kids know temptation isn't a sin and that it happens to everyone, but temptation can easily lead to sin if we let it turn to action.
3. List some of the better things to think about when you're being tempted by inappropriate things.
4. Talk right now about some of the temptations your kids need to watch out for. Make a plan for how you'll deal with them when they come up.
5. Read 2 Timothy 2:22. Why is it important to run away from temptation? What does this passage say we should pursue instead?
6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

SAY • What are some things we might be tempted to do, but know we shouldn't do them? (*Allow kids to respond.*) Jesus used God's Word to help Him say no to temptation and that can work for us too. Memorizing God's Word - the Bible is a way to fight temptation when it comes, and it most certainly will come.

DISCUSSION

(Bibles)

Guide kids to open their Bibles to Matthew 4. Explain that today's Bible story is found in Matthew 4:1-11.

SAY • Raise your hand if you have ever been tempted. Keep your hand raised if you have ever said no to sin. Now put your hand down if you have ever failed and sinned.

The Bible says that **Jesus was tempted and never sinned**. Jesus is different than us. That's good news! Jesus knows how hard it can be to say no to sin. When we are tempted to sin, we can pray and ask Him to help us say no to sin. Read aloud Matthew 4:3-4. Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

Who tempts us to sin? Why? *Lead kids to recall that the devil tempted Jesus to sin. Assure them that God never tempts anyone to sin. Explain that the Bible says the devil is "the father of lies" (John 8:44). The devil is against everything that God loves. He might tempt us to sin because He does not want us to follow Jesus. (Option: Read James 1:13-14.)*

How can we say no to temptation? What should we do if we give in to temptation? *Lead kids to discuss how Jesus resisted temptation—by remembering the truth found in Scripture. Encourage kids to memorize Scripture and pray against the schemes of the devil. Emphasize that when we are tempted, God provides a way to resist it. When we do sin, we can repent and turn back to God. He will forgive our sins. (Option: Read 1 Cor. 10:13.)*

Why is it important to know God's Word? *Invite kids to discuss the importance of knowing what is true about God and about ourselves. We are often tempted when we believe lies about God or ourselves. Knowing God's Word and treasuring it in our hearts can help us stand up against temptation. (Option: Read Ps. 119:9-11.)*

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Pray as a family and ask the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God?

What does this story teach me about myself?

Who can I tell about this story?

CONNECT

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Download the Kids Activity Page and encourage your child to do it at home with you this week.