



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

## Preschool 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 never sinned.

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 key passage and discussion questions. Check out the [Big Picture Card](#) or [Preschool Activity Page](#) as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

## ACTIVITY OPTION 1: PLAY WITH STONES

(Stones)

Take a walk and collect stones with your child. Encourage children to stack and balance the stones. Name things the stones would be good for, such as building a fireplace, putting on the road to keep it from getting muddy, and throwing in the lake to make a splash.

**SAY** • The stones are hard! They are different colors and sizes. You named a lot of things to do with stones. Do you think they would be good to eat? [*Allow preschoolers to respond.*] In our Bible story today, Jesus was hungry, and the devil told Jesus to turn stones into bread. Do you remember what Jesus said?

## ACTIVITY OPTION 2: JUMP FOR JESUS

(No Supplies Needed)

Explain to your child that you are going to jump and cheer every time Jesus does what is right in the Bible story. Retell the Bible story, jumping with the preschoolers at the right times.

- Jesus was tempted to turn stones into bread, but Jesus said no and trusted God to give Him what He needed.
- The devil tried to trick Jesus to test God, but Jesus said no to the devil.
- The devil told Jesus to bow down and worship him, but Jesus said no! Go away!

**SAY** • Jesus obeyed God's plan. Jesus always did what was right!

## ACTIVITY OPTION 3: THUMBS UP/DOWN

(No Supplies Needed)

Suggest situations where children should give a “thumbs up” or a “thumbs down.” Suggested situations include when you want to take something that belongs to someone else, when you want to share a toy with a friend, when you want to hit your brother or sister, when you want to do what your mom or dad tell you to do, when you want to talk when your teacher is telling the Bible story, or when you want to pray to God. Encourage the children to motion “thumbs up” if the situation is obeying and a “thumbs down” if the situation is disobeying. Allow your child to suggest a situation.

**SAY** • Sometimes we really want to do something that we know is wrong. We call that being tempted. In our Bible story today, Jesus was tempted, but Jesus always did the right thing and never sinned.

## KEY PASSAGE MOTIONS

(Balloon, Permanent Marker)

Say the key passage using motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying. “He (point up) must become greater, (hold arms upward in a V) but I (point thumbs to chest) must become less (crouch down)” John 3:30 (open hands like a book).

## REVIEW

Ask the following questions. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

**How did Jesus feel after not eating for many days?** (*Jesus was very hungry.*)

**What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn stones into?** (*The devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread.*)

**Who was tempted and never sinned?** (**Jesus was tempted and never sinned.**)

**Who can help you say no to sin?** (*Jesus will help you say no to sin and make good choices.*)

**SAY** • Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. He said no every time, using the words of the Bible to help Him. The devil could not get Jesus to sin. Jesus has never sinned. He is our perfect Savior! He died on the cross to save us from sin. When we are tempted, we can ask Him to help us say no to sin.

## PRAY

Invite your child to share any prayer requests they have.

**SAY** • Jesus, we praise you! Even though you were very hungry, you did not turn the stones into bread for yourself. Even though God could have saved you if you jumped off the temple, you chose not to put God to the test. Even though the devil offered you all the power in the world, you chose to say no. Instead, you gave your life to save us who said yes to sin. You are our perfect Savior! We love you. Amen.

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(Big Picture Card for 2s-3s or Preschool Activity Page for 4s-5s, Crayons)

Children may color the Story Point coloring page. Encourage them to do the Activity Page at home with you this week.