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## Jesus's Temptation



### Key Passages

- Matthew 4:4, 4:7, 4:10

### Lesson Focus

- Jesus knew God's Word. So should we.

## Lesson Overview



### Come On In

Students will color the Young Jesus Coloring Sheet as a review of Lesson 10 and/or play with play dough.



### Circle Time

**Prayer**—Using the Flip Chart Prayer Page, discuss prayer and give each child the opportunity to pray after determining what type of prayer you will offer today.

**God's Word**—Students will hear how Jesus used God's Word to help Him fight temptation.

**Song**—Students will sing songs to help them remember the lesson of the day. Lyrics to the songs are found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.



### Activity 1: It Is Written

Students will hear how God's Word can help us when we are tempted to sin.



### Activity 2: Bible Dot-to-Dot

Students will complete a dot-to-dot worksheet and color the picture.



### Memory Verse Review and Activity

Students will review the memory verse as they play a game and recite/sing the verse. Give them an opportunity to repeat the verse with you or after you individually.



### Applying God's Word/Snack

Students will review the lesson while enjoying the snack for the day.

# Lesson Preparation

## WHAT YOU WILL DO

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED



### FOR THE TEACHER

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.



### COME ON IN

- Print one Young Jesus Coloring Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Provide play dough if appropriate.

- Young Jesus Coloring Sheet for each student
- Crayons
- Play dough
- Cookie cutters



### CIRCLE TIME

- Practice the songs on the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.

- Lesson Flip Chart
- Bible
- Stuffed animal for prayer time



### IT IS WRITTEN

- Print and cut out one copy of the It Is Written Activity Cards from the Resource DVD-ROM. These will be passed out to eight students for use during the activity.
- Print and cut out one copy of the It Is Written Scripture Cards from the Resource DVD-ROM. These will be posted on the board before beginning activity.
- Keep the teacher guide for your use.

- 8 It Is Written Activity Cards
- 4 It Is Written Scripture Cards
- It Is Written Teacher Guide
- Tape or poster putty



### BIBLE DOT-TO-DOT

- Print one Bible Dot-to-Dot from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- One Bible Dot-to-Dot for each student
- Crayons



### MEMORY VERSE REVIEW AND ACTIVITY

- No extra preparation necessary.

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page



### APPLYING GOD'S WORD/SNACK

- Prepare and bring snacks.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Lesson Flip Chart for Review
- Snacks



# Prepare to Share

## SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above along with this background.

Last week we discussed Jesus's perfect obedience while on earth. His obedience in every aspect of the Law fulfilled all righteousness (Matthew 3:15), which is what God demands from all of us—perfect righteousness. This is unattainable for sinful man. But God's plan always included Jesus living a perfect, sinless life. His righteous life and substitutionary death would provide a way for us to receive His righteousness, giving us redemption from our sins and hope of eternal life with God.

In order to apply His righteousness to man, Jesus—who was fully God and fully man—had to identify with man in every way except sin. The Bible states that Jesus came in the “likeness of sinful flesh” (Romans 8:3). This means that He came, not in pre-fall Adamic flesh, but in post-fall flesh. He came with all of the weaknesses of a post-fall body, just like the stuff that you and I are made of, yet without sin.

Our lesson today reveals two very different ways Jesus—as God—identified with man during His life on earth. These events both occurred at the very beginning of His public ministry.

The first event is Jesus's baptism by John. John was baptizing and preaching a message of repentance (Matthew 3:2). The people from Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan were coming to John, confessing their sins, and being baptized (Matthew 3:5–6).

John was the fulfillment of the Scriptures that spoke of one crying in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord (Matthew 3:3; Isaiah 40:3). And John's baptism was one of confession and repentance of sins in preparation for the Messiah. So why would Jesus want to be baptized by John? When Jesus, the sinless one, came to be baptized, it is no wonder that John attempted to prevent Him. John knew it was he who should be baptized by Jesus (Matthew 3:14).

However, Jesus had come to purchase righteousness for mankind. He would bring righteousness and redemption by living a perfect life and bearing our sins. In order to do this, He had to identify with man and his sin. And Scripture confirms this when it tells us that the perfect one, who knew no sin, became sin for us “that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21). The prophet Isaiah revealed this, too, when he said that the Messiah would die, be numbered with the transgressors, and bear the sin of many

as He made intercession for sinners (Isaiah 53:12). Jesus's baptism by John represented His willingness to be identified with the people He came to save, and not only with the people, but with their sin—the sin He would soon bear Himself on the Cross.

The second event occurred immediately after the baptism. Fresh from a “victory” with an endorsement by His Father—“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”—Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit where He was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1). Again, we see Him identifying with those He came to save. Jesus was fully man, and as such He was tempted in the same way man is. And because of this, we are assured that this sinless God-man—our Redeemer—is one who can empathize with our weaknesses because He was tempted in all points, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).

The first specific temptation recorded for us came after Jesus had fasted from food for 40 days. The tempter suggested Jesus command the stones to become bread. And Jesus answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God’” (Matthew 4:4). The ploy was to get Jesus to doubt His Father's provision and to meet a legitimate need Himself. In essence He replied, I am a man, and I cannot marginalize myself from my brethren. He had us in mind already at His first temptation.

Then the devil tested Jesus again. This time he quoted from Psalm 91:11–12 as he took Jesus to a high pinnacle on the Temple and suggested if Jesus were really God, He could jump off and God would send His angels to protect Him (Matthew 4:5–6). Again, Jesus responded with the Word of God, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God’” (Matthew 4:7). In essence, Satan said, “Show the crowd how much faith you have in your Father,” and Jesus replied, “No, I do not test God. It is my Father in heaven who tests me.”

The third test came on a high mountain where the devil promised Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He would bow down and worship him. Jesus again stood firm on the Word of God, saying, “it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve’” (Matthew 4:8–10). Jesus's response came from Deuteronomy 6 where Moses showed Israel the Promised Land and warned them not to become satiated with the land of Canaan without God. The land itself would become a curse if God was forgotten. Likewise, Jesus said to Satan that all the kingdoms of the world would become a curse without His Father.

Jesus's response to these temptations gives us a model of how to successfully overcome temptations by God's grace. Jesus responded to the devil by relying on God and His Word.

We must learn to respond in the same way. By saturating our hearts and minds with the truth, we will recognize temptations and lies that come at us in attempts to cause us to sin. We must have a firm grasp on the offensive weapon God has armed us with—the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17). This will give us the strength and power we need to turn from temptations as we encounter them.

## **HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND**

Temptation has been a problem throughout the history of mankind. In fact, giving into temptation is what brought sin into the world. Satan, in the form of the serpent, tempted Eve to disobey God and His clear command not to eat the fruit. Eve was deceived and succumbed to the temptation. Since the Fall, when Adam and Eve sinned, all of humanity has faced temptation and given in to that temptation at some point. Cain was tempted to kill his brother—he failed (Genesis 4:8). Noah was tempted to drunkenness—he failed (Genesis 9:21). Abraham was tempted to lie about Sarah being his wife—he failed (Genesis 20:2). David was tempted to adultery and murder—he failed (2 Samuel 11:4, 15). Peter was tempted to deny Jesus—he failed (Mark 14:71). You have been tempted to sin and failed.

But there was one person who did not fail—Jesus Christ. Not only did He not fail, but also He triumphed over temptation by the power of the Holy Spirit. Many aspects of the life of Jesus demonstrate His humanity. He was born, He grew in wisdom and stature (Luke 2:40), He learned obedience (Hebrews 5:8), and He was even baptized in the same manner as sinful man (Matthew 3:13–17). He can empathize with our weakness because He was tempted just as we are (Hebrews 4:14–16). Jesus identified Himself with every person who has ever walked the earth.

That common experience of temptation is described by Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:13. Rather than calling Christians to accept that they are bound to sin, God's Word offers hope to overcome the temptations that we find in the world and in our own flesh (James 1:13–15). What power do you, as a believer, have to escape these temptations? The power of the Holy Spirit! This power comes in two forms. First, since the

coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, all believers have the Holy Spirit living in them. The Spirit enables believers to obey the commands of God and escape temptation, looking to the pleasures of Christ above the fleeting pleasures of sin. Second, it was the Holy Spirit who moved the holy men of God to deliver the Scriptures to us (2 Peter 1:19–21). It is from these Spirit-given words that we know the will of God and His commands to us. When temptations come, we can fight them with the words of God we have hidden in our hearts, that we might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11).

Jesus was able to use the words of Scripture to fend off the temptations of Satan. He had the words of truth from Scripture ready. We should follow His example. But how can we use God's Word when temptation comes upon us if we do not have it stored in our minds? Memorizing Scripture, meditating on Scripture, sitting under sound teaching, and personal study are all important aspects of living a godly life and being prepared to face temptations. As we seek to live a life of holiness and face persecution for our beliefs, we can even identify with Christ in His suffering. In many cases our opportunities to practice apologetics will come in the face of persecution and temptations. Peter calls each Christian to be prepared to suffer for righteousness' sake, telling those who ask of the hope we have in Christ (1 Peter 3:14–17). Let us all strive to be prepared so that when we draw the sword of the Spirit the words of God will be used skillfully in our hands under the divine guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.



### **BEFORE THE THRONE**

Perfect, sinless Savior, you can empathize with my weaknesses because you were tempted in all points. Thank you for showing me how to overcome temptation! I love your Word. It is living and active, never stale or out-of-date. It gives me direction and wisdom. It is my tutor and comforts me in times of hardship and loss. But your Word is also my weapon—the sword of the Spirit. Your Word gives me power to overcome temptation. Please move in the hearts of my students to see the wonder of your Word. Help them to love it and learn to rely on it to fight the daily temptations they face.



## COME ON IN

As children arrive . . .

- They will color the Young Jesus Coloring Sheet as a review of Lesson 10.
- If there is time, they can play with play dough.

During this time you should be at the door welcoming the children as they come in and directing them to sit down at the tables and begin the activity. Have an aid/helper ready to engage the children with the activity.



## REVIEW

Using the Flip Chart, quickly review the previous lessons with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Flip Chart Pages. Remind the children of each lesson's focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



## Circle Time

*In an orderly manner, have the children assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs. Bring your Lesson Flip Chart, Bible, stuffed animal for prayer time, and any other props you brought or prepared for this lesson.*

### PRAYER

*This prayer time is designed to get children to begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to get them to understand that they can pray. Use a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—or appropriate object to pass around the circle as each child gets his/her turn to pray. Only the child with the stuffed animal is allowed to pray or speak during this time. Using the same stuffed animal or other object all year will add continuity and structure to this time.*

**We start our Bible study with prayer. Let's pray.** Turn to the Flip Chart Prayer Page. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there. Then determine which type you want the children to pray today.

- I love you prayers—Adoration
- I'm sorry prayers—Confession
- Thank you prayers—Thanksgiving
- Please prayers—Supplication

*Today Confession is suggested. You might proceed this way:*

**Today we will say prayers of confession—and tell God how sorry we are for our sin against Him.**

*The prayers you begin with should be specific to your needs. This will model to the children that you believe God does care about all the details of your life, and you pray to Him about these things. Your example will increase their confidence in praying to God.*

➤ Prior to making your transition to Circle Time, we suggest you take time for restroom breaks and hand washing.

➤ Preschoolers need to move. This is a good opportunity to get them to move. Make an orderly transition to the Circle Time. You can have carpet squares if you want to sit on the floor, or help them to move their chairs into the circle.

I'll start. Dear God, you are Holy and perfect so when I sin, it comes between you and me. I want my heart to be right with you, so I will confess my sin and ask you to forgive me. I am so sorry for . . . *(insert personal prayer).*

*Pass the stuffed animal around the circle giving all the children an opportunity to say a prayer telling God something they are sorry for.*

Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away, and we'll get into God's Word.

## GOD'S WORD

*These first five questions will be repeated each week this quarter. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.*

- ? **Does God know all things?** *Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.*
- ? **Can you see God?** *No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.*
- ? **Can God do all things?** *Yes! God can do all His holy will.*
- ? **Where do you learn how to love and obey God?** *In the Bible alone.*
- ? **Is God's Word true?** *Yes! Every Word of God is true.*

*The following activity should be repeated at the beginning of each lesson to encourage anticipation and enthusiasm for looking into the Word of God. Use a sticky note to mark today's passage before you begin.*

### Bible Pass Around

➤ Before Bible Pass Around, place a sticky note in your Bible to mark the first passage to be read.

**We are going to start out today by looking into God's Word, the Bible.** *Hold up Bible. God's Word is true, and we can trust what it says. But where should we look? One of you will help me with that. We're going to play Bible Pass Around. Whoever ends up with the Bible must hold it very carefully until it is time to look in it. When it is time to read, you can bring it to me, and we'll open it to see what we are going to talk about! Here's what we're going to do. I want everyone to count with me up to the number *choose a number. You may also choose to practice the alphabet, recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity.* We'll start right here. Hand the Bible to the first student. As we say each number (or word) you must carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you—remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready to start our lesson. Are you ready? Let's begin. *You may want to have the student with the Bible stand next to you until it is time to open it. Continue with the lesson when finished with Bible Pass Around.**

➤ When the Bible Pass Around Activity is completed, continue with the lesson.

*Refer to Lesson 10 Flip Chart. Last week we talked about Jesus when He was a boy—just 12 years old!*

- ? **What happened to Jesus?** *He was lost.*

Well, His parents, Mary and Joseph, thought He was lost didn't they? They couldn't find Him.

? Where did Joseph and Mary find Him? *In the Temple.*

? And who was He talking to? *The teachers.*

Yes, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was listening to the teachers and asking questions. The teachers in the Temple were amazed at what Jesus already knew even as a boy.

? Whose will did Jesus come to do? *His Father's will.*

? Who was His father on earth? *Joseph.*

? Who is Jesus's heavenly Father? *God!*

? Who did Jesus obey while He was on earth? *God. His parents.*

? Did Jesus ever sin? *No!*

That's right! Jesus obeyed—He is perfect! Jesus never sinned. Jesus came to do His Father's business. Jesus did not come to earth to do whatever He wanted to do. No. Jesus did what God, His Father, wanted Him to do. Jesus came to obey God the Father. Our memory verse tells us this. Let's say our memory verse together. *Refer to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page and recite the verse together.*

? Who else in the world is perfect and never, ever sinned? *Allow discussion. No one.*

No one in the whole world—except Jesus—is without sin! The Bible says that we have ALL sinned. We are tempted to sin every day!

? Do you know what I mean when I say we are tempted to sin? *Allow discussion.*

When we are tempted, we want to do something that we know we should not do. Like when your mom bakes cookies and tells you that you need to wait until after dinner to have one. Well, you might be tempted to take one when she's not looking. But that would be disobeying. It would be a sin!

We are all tempted all the time to do things we know we should not do. When Jesus was here on earth, He was tempted, too. But Jesus was able to say "no" to those temptations. Today we're going to learn from the Bible how Jesus was able to say "no." And if we follow His example, it will be easier for us to say "no" when we are tempted to disobey or sin.

Let's look in the Gospel of Matthew. We're going to read about a time when Jesus was out in the wilderness, and Satan came to tempt Jesus to sin three different times. *Open the Bible to Matthew 4. Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible, and he/she opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book is. Let them look at it. Carry it around your circle.*

*Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page.* The first temptation was about food. Jesus was hungry out in the wilderness. He had not eaten anything for 40 days! That's a really long time to go without eating! The devil said, "If You are the Son of God, turn these rocks into bread so You can eat."

## Matthew 4:4

➤ Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text. The children should hear God's Word and know they can answer questions from it. It is not too hard for them.

## Matthew 4:7

## Matthew 4:10

? What do you think Jesus did? *Allow discussion.*

Jesus did not give in to the temptation to sin. Let's read and see what He did. *Read Matthew 4:4 with enthusiasm emphasizing "it is written."*

? What did Jesus say to the devil? *Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page. It is written.*

? What did Jesus say man should live on? **It wasn't bread alone, but something else.** *Re-read Matthew 4:4. Every word that proceeds from God.*

? What did Jesus mean by that? **What Word was He talking about?** *Hold up Bible. The Bible!*

Yes. God said man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God! Jesus said, "It is written." He was talking about God's Word! Jesus knew what the Bible said. And He used God's Word to stop the devil. Jesus did not sin.

*Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page.* Now listen to what happened next. The devil did something different this time. He took Jesus up high on the Temple. He said if you really are God, then throw yourself down from here and see if you get hurt.

Well, listen to what Jesus said. *Read Matthew 4:7 emphasizing "it is written."*

? What did He say to the devil? *It is written!*

Jesus said the same thing, didn't He? He said, "It is written." Jesus knew God's Word. The Bible says not to tempt the Lord. When Jesus used God's Word, it stopped the devil again. Jesus knew God's Word, and He did not sin.

*Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page.* But once again, the devil took Jesus somewhere. He took Jesus way up on a high hill where they could look out and see all around. The devil told Jesus he would give Him all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would bow to him, worship him, and turn away from God!

? What do you think Jesus said? *Allow discussion.*

Let's find out. I'll read one more verse in Matthew, and you listen for the answer. *Read Matthew 4:10 emphasizing "it is written."*

? Did you hear it? Jesus knew what God's Word said. What did He say to the devil? *Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page. It is written.*

? Jesus said, "For it is written . . ." What was written? What was Jesus talking about? *Hold up your Bible. God's Word. The Bible.*

? In God's Word, it tells us who we should worship. Who is that? *Re-read Matthew 4:10. The Lord God alone.*

? And God's Word tells us who we should serve. Who is that? *Re-read Matthew 4:10. Only the Lord God.*

That's right. Jesus knew God's Word. He told the devil that we are to worship and serve God alone. Jesus knew what God's Word said, and it helped Him against the devil. Jesus did not sin.

Jesus was tempted to sin while He was on earth. And we are tempted, too! When we are tempted to sin, it can be hard to say "no."

? Think back now. What helped Jesus to say "no" when He was tempted?

*Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page. Hold up your Bible. God's Word. The Bible.*

Yes! God's Word can help us, too! Jesus knew God's Word, and so should we. When we learn and memorize the Word of God, it can help us say "no" to sin and temptation. Now I know you are very young and can't read yet. But you can have someone read the Bible to you and start learning it that way. And you can listen to me when I read to you.

? What are some really great ways to learn God's Word? *Allow discussion. Go to church. Study the Bible. Listen to someone read the Bible. Pray. Memorize verses.*

Those are great ideas! And we do those things here in class, don't we? We study, we pray, you listen to me read, and we memorize! Memorizing God's Word is very important. That is why we are doing that in this class. It is important to know God's Word. Jesus used it when He was tempted. And we can, too!

## SONG

*Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Let's practice our memory verse now. Sing it with me. Here we go! Sing the Memory Verse Song two or three times with enthusiasm!*

*Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page. One of the best ways to learn what God's Word says is to read it! Now I know you can't read. But you have people at home who can read to you. And when I read, you can listen very carefully. God's Word is wonderful! It is worth listening to. Let's sing this song called, "Oh, Be Sure to Read the Bible." Have the students repeat each phrase after you then sing the whole song together once or twice.*

Reading the Bible helps us to get to know God better. And the better we know God, the more we'll want to worship Him. Let's sing "God Wants Me to Worship Him!" *Sing together once or twice.*

*Repeat songs as time allows. You may want to add hand motions, stomping, marching, or instruments.*

*Lyrics can be found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the end of this Teacher Guide.*

► Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page and Memory Verse Page during this part of the lesson.



# It Is Written

## MATERIALS

- 8 It Is Written Activity Cards (pass out to students)
- 4 It Is Written Scripture Cards (post on board)
- It Is Written Teacher Guide
- Tape or poster putty

## INSTRUCTIONS

*Cut out Activity Cards 1–8 and Scripture Cards 1–4. Pass out the Activity Cards to eight students. Pair students up if you have more than 8 in your class. Have students discuss what the picture is. Explain what the card says, if necessary. Post the Scripture Cards 1–4 on the board, read and discuss the verses. Assign students to bring their Activity Cards up. Discuss the cards and discuss which Bible verse could help to stop the child in the picture say “no” to temptation. Have the child post the picture in the appropriate column. Read the verse and let the class repeat it after you.*

**Now, I am going to pass out these eight Activity Cards to eight of you here today.** *If you have more than eight students, pair them up so they can help each other.*

**?** **What are these pictures of?** *Call on the students to show their picture and explain what it is.*

Those pictures show children who are not obeying or honoring their parents, they are complaining, they are NOT loving their neighbor like they should, and they are stealing! All of these pictures show children who are disobeying God’s Word in some way. We are tempted to disobey God every day!

Today we heard that Jesus used God’s Word to fight temptation so He wouldn’t disobey God. I am going to put these four Scripture Cards on the board. *Read the verses and discuss the verse and the picture as you put each card up.*

Now as I call on you, I want you to bring your picture up here, and we’ll figure out which Scripture Card it goes under. You see, God’s Word can help us to obey if we know it. *Call on children one at a time. Discuss the cards and help determine where they should be posted.*

*As the children post the pictures, read the verse again. Have the children repeat the verse with you. And relate the verse to the picture.*

*Some cards could go under multiple verses. We determined the matches to be:*

- Exodus 20:15: Activity Cards 1 & 2
- Mark 12:31: Activity Cards 3 & 4
- Philippians 2:14: Activity Cards 5 & 6
- Exodus 20:12: Activity Cards 7 & 8

## CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

We are all tempted to sin. And God doesn’t like it when we sin. When we are tempted, we can follow Jesus’s example. He used Scripture when He was tempted to sin. And we can, too! But we can’t use it if we don’t know it. That’s why I pray that you will all keep on learning the Bible and loving God’s Word. So you will know it and be able to use it, just like Jesus did!



## Bible Dot-to-Dot

### MATERIALS

- Bible Dot-to-Dot for each student
- Crayons

### INSTRUCTIONS

*Print one Bible Dot-to-Dot for each student. Help the students find the correct letters and connect the dots then color the completed picture.*

We have a picture to color today. Only this picture isn't quite finished yet! So put your crayon on the letter "A." Then find the letter "B" and draw a line all the way

to it. *You may want to show an example.* Now, think about what letter comes next in the alphabet. Keep finding the letters and drawing the lines, then you will have a complete picture to color.

### CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

This picture of the Bible reminds us that we need to keep learning God's Word and hiding it in our hearts so when we are tempted to sin, we can remember what God's Word says and do the right thing. Jesus knew God's Word, and so should we!



## Memory Verse Review and Activity

**Philippians 2:8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

### MATERIALS

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page

### INSTRUCTIONS

*Students will move around the room in a specified action you give, such as: crawling, skipping, turning in circles, galloping, walking in giant steps, etc. Then when you say, "Freeze!" the students will stop and freeze in position. Recite the memory verse and then begin again with a different action.*

We're going to play a game now called, "Freeze!" I'm going to tell you what you need to do, like crawl or take baby steps. Everyone does the same thing, but when

I say, "Freeze," you have to stop and freeze like a statue. *Like this: Show an example so the students understand how to freeze in position.*

Then we're all going to say our memory verse together before we can move again. Are you ready? Everyone stand up and start moving around taking giant steps.

*You may want to sing the Memory Verse Song instead of saying the verse. When finished, see if anyone can say the verse using the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page.*

### CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Jesus is God. Even though He was tempted by the devil, Jesus never sinned. Because Jesus never sinned, He could take the punishment for sins. Jesus was obedient—even to death on the Cross.



# Applying God's Word/Snack

## WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

*After thanking God for your snack, review today's lesson using the Flip Chart.*

We learned that Jesus knew God's Word. When the devil tempted Him in the wilderness, Jesus said, "It is written!" Jesus was able to fight temptation by using God's Word. And the devil finally left Him. Jesus knew God's Word, and so should we!

## GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

The Bible says we should follow Jesus's example. Jesus knew God's Word and used it to fight temptation. Learning God's Word can take the rest of your life! And you can start now! I know you can't read yet, but you can ask someone you know to read God's Word to you—just a little bit every day! That way you will learn it, and you will be able to use it the same way Jesus did!

It is very important to know what God's Word says. You can learn more of God's Word by memorizing verses, going to church, listening to someone read the Bible, and praying. I pray that you will grow up to LOVE God's Word, and that you will use the Word just like Jesus did—to help you say "no" to temptation!

► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



## Group Prayer Time

- Thank God for giving us His holy Word, the Bible.
- Praise God for giving us forgiveness of sin through Jesus.
- Pray that God will give your students hearts to love and desire His Word more and more each year!

**Do you still have more time? Review the past quarters using the Flip Charts, add another coloring sheet, recite and review the current and past memory verses, sing more songs, bring out play dough. Keep the children occupied with intentional, God-centered activities until their parents come to pick them up.**

# Song Sheet

## PHILIPPIANS 2:8

*(To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")*

And being found in

*(Are you sleeping?)*

Appearance as a ma-an,

*(Are you sleeping?)*

He humbled Himself

*(Brother John,)*

Be-came-o-be-di-ent.

*(Brother John.)*

To the point of dea-eath,

*(Morning bells are ringing,)*

Even-the-death-of-the cro-oss.

*(Morning bells are ringing.)*

Phil-ip-pi-ans

*(Ding, ding, dong!)*

Two verse eight.

*(Ding, ding, dong!)*

## OH, BE SURE TO READ THE BIBLE

*(Sing to the tune of "Oh, Be Careful Little Eyes")*

Oh, be sure to read the Bible every day!

*(Oh, be careful little eyes what you see!)*

*Clap clap or stomp stomp.*

Oh, be sure to read the Bible every day!

*(Oh, be careful little eyes what you see!)*

*Clap clap or stomp stomp.*

For God's Word is what we learn.

*(There's a Father up above,)*

From our sins it helps us turn.

*(And He's looking down in love.)*

Oh, be sure to read the Bible every day!

*(Oh, be careful little eyes what you see!)*

*Clap clap or stomp stomp.*

**Think of fun ways to sing. Get children in a circle holding hands. They can go in one direction and at each verse quickly reverse direction. Put one or more than one child in the middle of the circle. Go around them then move in and back out! Get them into a straight line. Have them follow you around the room.**

## GOD WANTS ME TO WORSHIP HIM!

*(To the tune of "This Is the Way We Wash our Clothes")*

*Lift up your hands then lower them when singing the words*

*"worship Him."*

God wants me to worship Him,

*(This is the way we wash our clothes,)*

Worship Him,

*(Wash our clothes,)*

Worship Him.

*(Wash our clothes.)*

God wants me to worship Him,

*(This is the way we wash our clothes,)*

Worship Him alone! *(Early Monday morning.)*

*Look up and point up when singing the words "obey Him."*

God wants me to obey Him,

Obey Him,

Obey Him.

God wants me to obey Him.

To obey Him alone!

*Look up and shout the word, "Awesome."*

Our God is an AWESOME God!

AWESOME God!

AWESOME God!

Our God is an AWESOME God!

Let's worship Him alone!

