

THE LIFE OF JESUS

“Let’s Go”

Read “Let’s Go” on page 208 from the Jesus Storybook Bible (JSB) to/ with your child/ren. Talk about temptation and becoming JESUS helpers (disciples) with them. And how it can change their life forever.

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Conversation Starters

- Who do you think the snake is in this story?
- What do you think temptation means? What are some of the things that you are tempted by? ie. candy, not doing your chores.
- Being tempted is NOT A SIN. But actually, doing what we know is wrong is a sin. What

should you do if you think Satan is trying to tempt you to sin?

- What do you think makes a good helper?
- What kind of people did Jesus pick to be his helpers?
- Why do you think Jesus needed helpers?
- What do you think it means to be a follower of Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

but these are written
THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT
Jesus is the Christ,
THE SON OF GOD
& THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY
have life in his name.

JOHN 20:31



Temptation Target



You will need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Paper plates
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue and/or tape
- Popsicle sticks

Directions

1. Decorate the paper plate to look like a target. Draw several circles, one inside the other.
2. In each circle, write positive things to occupy time and attention. Decorate with color or stickers as desired.
3. Glue 2 popsicle sticks, in a cross shape in the “bullseye” section, to remind students to keep Christ first and foremost.
4. If you would like to hang the craft, attach a string or pipe cleaner to the back side.
5. Using construction paper, write down things that might be tricky or tempting. Crumple the paper and use as “ammunition” to throw at the target. Plan on doing one of the positive options that the target offers, according to where the “dart” hits!

Object Lesson

Our conscience warns us that we are being tempted to sin; it's important not to ignore it.

For this activity, you will need a smoke detector with a functional battery, a dead battery for the smoke detector and a noisemaker such as a whistle, a squeaky rattle or a toy. The ideas presented here emphasize that God gives us a conscience to help us be aware of temptation and potential sin, just as a smoke detector warns people of smoke and fire.

Begin by showing your children a smoke detector. Explain that smoke detectors are sensitive to smoke and will sound an alarm if there is smoke nearby. Have your child try pressing the test button on the smoke detector, or light and extinguish a candle close by to set off the alarm. Explain that the purpose of the loud alarm is to warn people living in the house that there is smoke in the house and possibly a fire. (this can be a good opportunity to talk with your children about fire safety and review your planned fire exits in case of fire.)

Read 1 Peter 5:8, which says, “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” Explain how much Satan likes to make people sin. (Sin is doing anything that disobeys God’s rules outlined in the Bible.) Like a lion hunting, Satan waits until he sees an opportunity to tempt someone to do wrong. A lion loose in the house would be as dangerous as a fire. If we imagine Satan is a prowling lion, then whenever we think he is around, tempting us to sin, we need to go and sound off our “temptation detector” (our noisemaker) to warn everyone of the lurking danger of sin. Discuss the concept of a conscience with your child. Explain that, just as we have smoke detectors in our homes, God gave every person an inner sense of right and wrong, which is called a conscience. Just as smoke detectors warn us of fire, our consciences warn us when we are tempted to sin. Smoke detectors are very loud, but our conscience is very quiet. We need to listen carefully when we have an uncomfortable feeling inside us that’s telling us we shouldn’t do something.

To illustrate the next concept, remove the battery from the smoke detector and replace it with a dead battery. (Or simply remove the “good” battery.) Explain that sometimes people take the batteries out of their smoke detectors because they beep too often. Expose the smoke detector to some smoke again and see what happens.

When we are tempted to sin, we can ask God to help us choose to do right. The Bible says that if we go to God for help, asking God to give us a desire to do right, Satan will flee from us. The other choice we have is to ignore the warning of our conscience and decide to sin. If we ignore our conscience often enough, it becomes like a smoke detector with a dead battery – it no longer sounds the alarm to signal potential danger. A conscience that has been ignored is called a “dull” or “dead” conscience because it loses its effectiveness in warning a person about the dangers of sin.

Finish your time together by praying. Ask God to help each of you have a sensitive conscience that will warn you to do right, even when Satan is prowling around tempting you to sin.

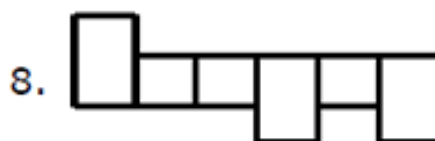
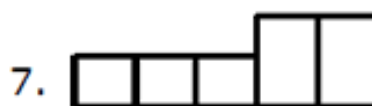
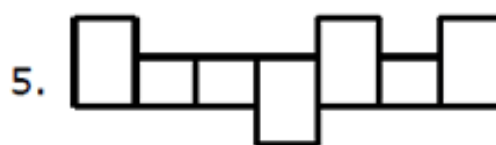
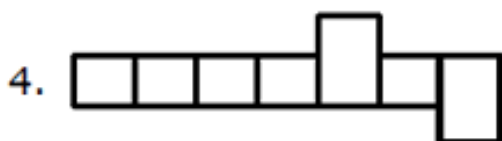
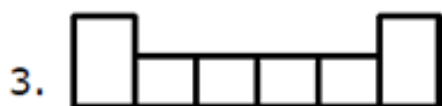
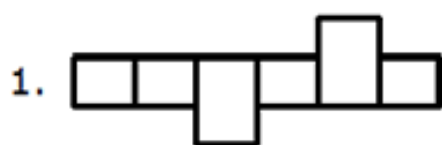


Jesus spent forty days in the desert and the serpent came to tempt Him. But Jesus used God's words from the Old Testament to stand up to the serpent. (Matthew 4)

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



desert
tempted

hungry
stone

bread
worship

world
angels