

ALLEY SG – October 5 - 6, 2024

Today's Bible Story: Are You Ready? (Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness) • *Luke 4:1-13 (Supporting: Matthew 4:1-11)*

Today's Key Question: How do you get ready?

Today's Bottom Line: Be ready to do the right thing.

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.*

2 Peter 1:3a (NIRV)

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Spoon, chair

What You Do:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Place the spoon on a chair. (if you don't have a chair, have kids sit on the floor and place the spoon on the floor between them.)
- Inform kids they will compete in a game by responding to a statement about today's Bible Story.
- Instruct each team to pick one kid to face off against the other team.
- Once each player has been chosen, have them stand on either side of the chair, so that the chair is in between them.
- When the pair of kids arrive at the chair:
 - Read a statement from the Story Statements below about the Bible Story.
 - Challenge the kids to be the first to grab the spoon and respond to the Story Statement in the form of a question.
 - Do a practice round if needed.
 - Share that the first kid to grab the spoon and give the correct answer in the form of a question earns a point for their team.
- Switch kids after each statement and continue.

Story Statements *(Possible answers in question form listed below.)*

1. God sent Him as a Baby to one day be our Savior. He grew in wisdom and shared God's love with everyone. *(Who is Jesus?)*
2. This went on in the desert for 40 days. *(How long did Jesus not eat? How long did the devil tempt Jesus? What is the temptation of Jesus?)*
3. I showed up in the desert with a sneaky plan toward Jesus. *(Who is the devil?)*
4. *Luke 4:3 says, "If you are the Son of God, tell this _____ to become bread." (What is a stone? What is one of the temptations the devil presented to Jesus?)*
5. *Luke 4:4 says, "Man must not live only on _____." (What is bread? What was Jesus' response to the devil's temptation to turn stone into bread?)*
6. I said I would give Jesus all of the authority and glory of the kingdoms of the world. *(What did the devil say he could give if Jesus would bow down and worship him? Who is the devil? Who is the tempter?)*
7. *Luke 4:8 says, "Worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you should serve." (What was Jesus' response to the devil when he tempted Jesus to bow down to him? What was the second temptation?)*
8. The top of the temple that overlooks the city of Jerusalem. *(Where did the devil lead Jesus to tempt Him to throw Himself down? What was the final temptation?)*
9. *Luke 4:12 states, "Do not test the Lord your God." (What was Jesus' response when the devil tried to get Jesus to prove He is God's Son? What was Jesus' final response?)*
10. Angels. *(Who did God send to come and take care of Jesus after the devil left?)*

- Celebrate the team with the most points as the winner.
- Talk with kids about how Jesus was prepared and used what He learned to stand against temptation.
- Ask:
 - Do you think it was easier or harder for Jesus to resist temptation than it is for us?
 - How are the temptations Jesus faced similar to the ones we face?
 - What did Jesus do in response to the temptations He faced?
 - When you want to do what's right but you're not sure what that is, how can you find out? *(the Bible, people God has placed in our lives, the Holy Spirit to remind us of the things we've learned so we're prepared when temptation happens)*

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: "Bread, Brag, Bling" cards (One of each card per kid)

What You Do:

- Give each kid one bread, one brag and one bling card from the bags.
- Explain that each card represents an area of life we need God's help to have self-control.
- Read each explanation on the cards and use the following to have a discussion about each one:
 - Bread: When our body gets the better of us.
 - *Feeling hungry is not a temptation. However, we can be tempted to make bad choices in the things we say and do when we're hungry, tired, or not feeling well.*
 - Brag: When our pride gets the better of us.
 - *Sometimes we are tempted to prove how cool, smart, or talented we are. We might do something to show off or get attention. Sometimes we just want our own way.*
 - Bling: When our eyes get the better of us.
 - *It's easy to want stuff we see others have like clothes, phones, video games, or money. This might make us feel ungrateful or dissatisfied.*
- Once kids understand each category, share a situation from below. (Or come up with others your kids can relate to the most.)
- Invite kids to hold up the card that matches the type of temptation the scenario could cause.
 - If kids hold up different cards, let them explain what they chose.
- Invite kids to suggest wise and unwise choices someone might make in each situation.
- Situations:
 - There's only one piece of pizza left, and you're not the only one who wants it.
 - Some kids are bragging because they only got one or two wrong answers on a really hard test. You got a perfect score.
 - All your friends have their own phones, but you don't.
 - You're hiking with your family. Your feet hurt. You're hot and sticky. There are mosquitos everywhere, and now your parent thinks they may have misread the map.
 - Your friends dare you to steal a candy bar from the store.
 - No one will know if you watch a movie your parents have told you is not allowed.
 - You're good at being funny and making others laugh. Everyone likes you.
 - Your family is traveling together to see your cousins. It's a long trip and you're tired, bored, and hungry.
 - The lady in front of you dropped a \$20 bill on the floor. No one sees it except you.

3. Discussion Questions

- How do you know when you're being tempted?
- How do you get ready to resist temptation?
- Why is it important to resist temptation?
- What can making a wise choice look like?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, cardstock, markers, scissors

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Bible and lead them to look up the Memory Verse, 2 Peter 1:3a.
- Read the verse a few times and invite any kids who would like to read it for the group.
- Give each kid a piece of cardstock and set out markers.
- Invite kids to use the markers to copy the verse in large letters onto their cardstock. (Encourage kids to decorate the page with markers as they finish.)
- Discuss the verse:
 - Describe a person who lives a godly life.
 - What promise do you find in this verse?
 - How does that promise help you when it's hard to have self-control?
 - How do we access God's power when we need help to resist temptation?
 - If you made a list of five things God has given us that help us lead a godly life, what would they be?
- Encourage kids to hang the verse somewhere where they will see it and remember to spend time with God to access his power.
- Remind kids the things we learn from the Bible can guide us and help us know what's right. And KNOWING what's right helps us be ready to DO what's right.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...

"Dear God, thank You for helping us **be ready to do the right thing**. We know Your Holy Spirit can help us so we are always ready to have self-control and do what's right. Thank You for the many ways we can learn more about You, so we can follow You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

- If there is still time, pass out the Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize.

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage each kid to remember to spend time this week preparing their hearts with God's truth.