

**THIS WEEK'S STORY:**

Jesus' Temptation

**STORY POINT:**

Jesus was tempted and never sinned.

**UNIT MEMORY VERSE:**

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

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

Is Jesus God or human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

**BIBLE PASSAGES:**

Read Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4

**TALK ABOUT IT**

**What Does It Say?**

1. How do you think Jesus felt after not eating for many days? *He was probably very hungry.*
2. What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn stones into? *bread*
3. What did the devil tempt Jesus to jump off of? *the Temple*
4. Where did the devil take Jesus to see all the kingdoms? *to the top of a tall mountain*
5. Who was tempted and never sinned? *Jesus was tempted and never sinned.*

**Why Does It Matter?**

Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. He said no every time, using God's Word to help Him. The devil could not get Jesus to sin. Jesus has never sinned. He is our perfect Rescuer! He died on the cross to rescue us from sin.

1. What are you sometimes tempted to do? *Disobey parents; hit a friend or sibling; not share toys or not take turns*
2. When we are tempted, who can we ask to help us say no to sin? *Jesus*
3. What can also help us with temptation? *God's Word-the Bible*

**FOR FUN**

Grab a bottle of bubbles and head outside. Tell your kids that you are going to blow bubbles and the first time they can pop as many as they want. After a little while letting them pop to their hearts' content, stop blowing bubbles and tell them the rules have changed a bit for this next round of blowing bubbles. Let them know this time, you're going to blow bubbles but they cannot pop any.

After you're finished, talk about how when they really wanted to pop the bubbles, but they chose not to, that was choosing to not give into temptation. If they popped bubbles when you said not to, discuss how they chose to give into the temptation of not waiting. Discuss how we can always ask God for help to resist temptation. If bubbles are not a thing for your kids, choose a similar activity with a way to choose or not choose self-control.

**TO SERVE**

We are often tempted to put ourselves first. Discuss where as a family this week you can seek to put others first. Then, put it into action and encourage each other throughout the week. Some ideas may include letting someone else choose what game you play or letting someone go first instead of going first yourself. You decide as a family what this will look like for your family.