

THIS WEEK'S STORY:

Jesus' Temptation

UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

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

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Why did Jesus become human? Jesus became human to obey His Father's plan and rescue sinners.

BIBLE PASSAGES:

Read Matthew 4, Mark 1, Luke 4

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why was Jesus in the wilderness? *The Spirit sent Him there to pray, fast, and be tempted by Satan; Mark 1:13; Matt. 4:1-2*
2. How did Jesus fight against temptation? *Jesus quoted Scripture to remember what is true; Matt. 4:4,7,10*
3. Why do we face temptations? *Guide kids to think about why Satan wants people to sin. Remind them that Satan wants to prevent people from glorifying God and keep Christians from living the way God has commanded us to live. We also have sin natures that desire sin and selfishness. We are tempted when we dwell on sinfulness and when Satan tries to get us to disobey.*
4. Why is it important to resist temptation? *Help kids see that Christians cannot lose their salvation when they choose sin, but sin still dishonors God, hurts us, and hurts those around us. We resist temptation not to earn God's love, but because we love and trust God that His commands are good for us.*

APPLY IT

1. What does this story teach me about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me live on mission better?

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.