

TIGARD COVENANT KIDS

Sunday School Online Lesson Plan

Week of: **March 29, 2020**

Title of Lesson: **THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS**

Dear Parents,

Since Easter is 3 weeks away, I thought a lesson on Jesus' suffering in the wilderness would be a good segue way into the intense pressure that was placed upon our Lord the week before his crucifixion. What an amazing God we serve who endured temptation and suffering beyond anything we can imagine for the salvation of our souls. To God Be the Glory!

Blessings to you and your family,

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References: The Word of God, <https://ministry-to-children.com/jesus-is-tempted-lesson/>

Materials Needed: Tablet/Computer and Bible

BEFORE WE GET STARTED, GOD WANTS ME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING:

"I love you with an everlasting love because you are a part of me. I created you and breathed life into your lungs. You are not an accident. I know everything about you... when you sit down, and when you stand up, when you laugh and when you cry. You are more important to me than you will ever know, and I have great plans for your future. I will never stop doing good to you. I am for you and never against you. I loved you so much that I sent my only son Jesus to be your savior. If you accept my son, nothing will ever separate you from my love, and you will live forever in Heaven with me. You are my special children and your names are stamped on my heart for all eternity." **Love from your father in Heaven.**

Did you know that Easter will be here in 3 weeks? Why do we celebrate Jesus at Easter time?

When Jesus was suffering on the cross, do you think he was tempted to call down hundreds of angels to rescue Him? (maybe... but He knew he had to die for the sins of mankind. It was what His father wanted him to do. **HE DID NOT GIVE INTO TEMPTATION. HE DID NOT SIN.)**

1. What are some things that you are tempted by?
2. Do you ever give into temptation?
3. What about some things we should NEVER DO even when we feel like it? (Stealing, lying, hurting someone, cursing, etc.).

Today, we're going to hear the story of how satan tried to tempt Jesus to turn away from God.

When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the age of 30, he became filled with the Holy Spirit, and God sent him immediately into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. During that time, Jesus was not allowed to eat or drink ANYTHING. **But that wasn't the worst of it! Jesus was tempted by satan when he was wandering in the desert ... he was starving for food and desperate for a sip of water and that's when satan approached him.**

**Let's watch a video about Jesus' temptation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mc-x4qKY6Wc>
For older children, have them read Matthew 4:1-11 as well.**

1. What did Jesus say to satan when he was tempted to turn rocks into bread? "People do not live by _____ alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of _____."
2. What did Jesus say to satan when he was tempted to jump off the temple in Jerusalem? "The scriptures also say, you must not test the Lord, your _____."
3. What did Jesus say to satan when he was tempted with all the kingdoms of the world? "Get out of here, satan, for the scriptures say you must worship the Lord, your God and _____ only Him."

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO COULD LAST EVEN 5 DAYS IN THE DESERT WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER? BUT JESUS SURVIVED 40 DAYS!!! HE WAS FULL OF THE POWER OF GOD AND WAS ABLE TO RESIST SATAN AND HIS LIES. Yes, he was tempted, BUT HE NEVER SINNED.

Jesus knows everything about you. He knows when you are tempted, and he knows how hard it is to resist temptation. He can help you when you are tempted to do something you know isn't right by staying close to Jesus. READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY OR WATCH VIDEOS ABOUT BIBLE STORIES.

THE MORE JESUS YOU HAVE IN YOUR HEART, THE LESS YOU WILL BE TEMPTED TO SIN.

Let's pray together. Repeat after me.

Dear God,

Thank You for this day.

Thank You for the birds and the animals,
the flowers and the trees.

Thank You for creating everything we see!

Thank you for our families and our teachers.

Thank You for the lives we live,
and for making each person different.

Thank you for teaching us about Jesus who understands all of our temptations.

Thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit
who helps us resist temptation
when we feel like doing something we shouldn't.

Thank You for sending us Jesus to die for our sins,
so that we can one day be in heaven
with you and our families, forever and ever.

You are an amazing God, and we thank you!

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

See attached coloring sheet



Jesus said to him, **“Away from me, Satan! For it is written, Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”**

Matthew 4: 10