



Jesus Is Tempted

Lesson Aim: To show God is pleased when we do what is right.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who Is with Us

THE WORD

Bible Story: Matthew 4:1-11

What He has done: Jesus resisted temptation and answered Satan with scripture.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Do what is right."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

Unit 1: The King Who is With Us			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
1	Jesus and His Father's House, Luke 2:41-52	God came to earth and grew up as a boy of faith.	To inspire children to want to be in God's house.
2	Jesus Is Baptized, Mark 1:1-11	God told Jesus He loved Him and was pleased with Him.	To see God the Father loves Jesus and God loves each of us.
3	Jesus is Tempted, Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus resisted temptation and answered Satan with scripture.	To show God is pleased when we do what is right.
4	Jesus Calls His Disciples, Luke 5:1-11	Jesus called regular people to follow Him.	To know Jesus calls each of us to follow Him.
5	Jesus Clears the Temple, Mark 11:15-17	Jesus cleared the temple.	To know God's house is holy.
6	Jesus is Transfigured, Matthew 17:1-8	Jesus face shone like the sun and God said to listen to Him.	To know God wants us to listen to Him.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Hebrews 4:14-16. Please join us in praying, "Thank You for Your Word and the power it gives us to fight temptation. Protect the children from the evil one and lead them not into temptation, but deliver them from evil. Amen."



**THE WORSHIP
THE WORD &
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a happy face
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "Do what is right."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Children, Obey Your Parents" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Blessed Are Those" "Give Thanks to the Lord" "I Can Do Everything" "It's Praise Time!" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Sing Praises" Additional Hymn Suggestions: "I Love You, Lord" "Jesus Loves Me" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Cedarмонт Toddler Bible Songs The Ultimate Bible Song Collection for Kids Vol. 1
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 1, Lesson 3
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Matthew 4:1-11	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Matthew 4:10 Visual: Bible
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Doorknob Buddy	Standard-size sturdy white paper, eye stickers, washable ink pad, paint or marker (for fingerprinting), yarn (optional)
		Game: Do What is Right	None
		Game: Mother, May I?	None
		Snack: Do What is Right Bites	Any snack involving bread
	Circle of Prayer	None	
Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 1, Lesson 3 Color This Story: "Jesus Is Tempted"	
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Matthew 4:1-11	None
	Up to 10	Game: Jump to Obey	None
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about doing what is right

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Do what is right **THE WELCOME**

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____.** I'm glad you are here! **Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a happy face. **Let this stamp (or sticker) remind you God is happy when you do what is right.** **Today's Whisper Verse is "Do what is right."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "Do what is right."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:

"Do" Move both hands side-to-side at chest level, fingers apart and palms facing down.

"(what is) right" (This is the sign language for the word "proper" as to mean "correct.") With the index fingers of both hands pointing up, cross the right fist over the left twice.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "Do what is right," 2 Corinthians 13:7. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the King who is with us

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "It's Praise Time!" as children move to that designated area.



It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the King who is with us. We will sing praise, give our offering, and pray to Him. When we do these things, we are doing what is right. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse. Review *Whisper Verse* together: "Do what is right." Include sign language. **Let's do what is right by giving our offering now.** Play: "Give Thanks to the Lord" as background music while collecting the offering.



Let's see how our friends Delbert and Lello are doing today. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: *Kings & Kingdoms* Unit 1, Lesson 3.



When Satan tempted Jesus, Jesus did what was right. One way we can do what is right is to obey our parents. Sing: "Children, Obey Your Parents."

Satan wanted Jesus to bow down and worship Him, but Jesus said He would only worship the One true God. Let's do what is right as Jesus did and praise the One true God together. Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath."

Every day we can try to do what is right. God's love will help us do that. Sing: "I Can Do Everything."



Jesus did what was right

THE WORD

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;	Point to eyes.
My mouth quiet as can be,	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
I will listen to hear,	Cup hand around ear.
How God loves you and me.	Hug self, point to others and then self.

Last time, we learned how Jesus was baptized. God told Jesus He loved Him and was proud of Him. Today, we will hear about how Jesus was tempted, but He always did what was right. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 4:10.

WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 4:1-11

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, hold a Bible to show how knowing the Bible helped Jesus do what was right. Other visual options include craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- Jesus never did wrong in God's eyes.
- Even when He couldn't eat for 40 days and 40 nights.
- Satan tempted Jesus in the desert one day.
- But Jesus said, "No!" He would not disobey.

- Satan said, "Jesus, turn stone into bread."
- Jesus said, "No! I'll read God's Word instead."
- Satan said, "Jump from the temple so high."
- Jesus said, "No! To test God is not right."

- Satan said, "Praise me. I'll give You the world."
- Jesus said, "No! Only God will I serve."
- Jesus never sinned or did wrong in any way.
- No matter how hard it was, Jesus obeyed.

Jesus did what was right. What should we do? (What is right.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Do what is right." Include sign language or hand motions.



When Satan was telling Jesus to do wrong, what did Jesus tell Satan to do? (Go away.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Matthew 4:10 from the teacher's Bible. When someone is telling us to do wrong, we should say "No!" Let's practice saying "No!" together. Lead children in repeating "No!"



Jesus wants us to do what is right

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

CRAFT: DOORKNOB BUDDY

Purpose: To create a door hanger to help children remember to do what is right.

Supplies: Standard-size sturdy white paper, eye stickers, washable ink pad, paint or marker (for fingerprinting), yarn (optional)

Prepare: Cut 10 x 6 inch strips of paper. On strip of paper, cut an opening for a doorknob, two inches from the top of paper. (The doorknob is the mouth.) On the bottom $\frac{3}{4}$ of page, print **“Do what is right.”**

Directions:

1. Put two eye stickers above the Buddy's mouth.
2. To create Buddy's hands and feet, press finger in washable ink or paint and place where his hands and feet should go.
3. Optional: Add yarn for hair.

Craft Discussion:

- **Who remembers the Whisper Verse? (“Do what is right.”) Let's say it together with the hand motions.**
- **What did Jesus tell Satan when he tried to get Jesus to do wrong? (Go away.)**
- **Jesus did what is right by not listening to Satan's wrong ideas. What should you do when someone wants you to do something wrong? (Say “No!”)**
- **Take your Door Hanger Buddy home and hang it on your door. Each time you go through your door, think about doing what is right.**

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: DO WHAT IS RIGHT

Purpose: This game will help children practice avoiding temptation and making right choices.

Supplies: None

Jesus wants us to **"Do what is right,"** just like He did. Listen very closely and decide if what I say is a right action or a wrong action.

Directions:

1. Have the children sit in a circle.
2. Say, **"My brother took my ball away from me. I want to hit him."**
3. Children jump up and shout, "Yes!" if the action is a right action or "No!" if it is wrong.
4. Children then sit down and say the Whisper Verse "Do what is right!" with the hand motions.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 for each of the statements below.
 - **My sister is hungry. I want to share my snack with her.**
 - **I want to take all of the crayons so no one else can use them.**
 - **Mom said "no cookies," but I want to take one anyway.**
 - **My toys are all over the floor. I want to help pick them up.**
 - **My teacher said to be quiet. I want to talk.**
 - **My friend is sad. I want to give him a hug.**

GAME: MOTHER, MAY I?

Purpose: Children practice doing right by obeying their parents as instructed in the Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: None

Jesus wants us to obey our parents. Let's play a game where we can practice obeying! In this game, you must remember to ask: **"Mother, (or Father) may I?"** or **you cannot follow the instructions.** Listen carefully because sometimes you will hear: **"No, you may not."** Then you must not move.

Directions:

1. Children line up ten feet from the teacher who acts as "Mother" or "Father."
2. Mother or Father gives a simple instruction to a specific child. For example: "Michael, take one big step forward." (Instruction examples: Jump up and down, laugh out loud, flap your arms, run in place, sit on the floor, spin in a circle, etc.)
3. Child must first ask: "Mother (or Father), may I?" If Mother or Father says, "Yes, you may," the child follows the instruction. If Mother or Father says, "No, you may not," the child remains still.
4. Be sure each child has a turn following instructions.

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: DO WHAT IS RIGHT BITES

Purpose: Children will enjoy a snack while discussing doing what is right.

Snack Suggestion: Any snack involving bread

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate motions to Whisper Verse: "Do what is right."
 - **Satan wanted Jesus to do wrong, but Jesus always did what is right.**
 - **Jesus was very hungry. Satan wanted Jesus to turn stones into bread. Did Jesus do it?** (No.) **What did Jesus do?** (What was right.)
 - **Satan wanted Jesus to jump off of the roof of the temple and make the angels catch Him before He would get hurt. Did Jesus do it?** (No.) **What did Jesus do?** (What was right.)
 - **Satan said he would give Jesus the whole world if Jesus would worship him. Did Jesus do it?** (No.) **What did Jesus do?** (What was right.)
 - **If someone tells you to do something wrong, what should you do?** (Do what is right.)



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (say each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your Door Knob Buddy. Tell someone about how Jesus was tempted to do wrong, but He always did what was right.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how Jesus wants us to do what is right.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Jesus Is Tempted." Discuss Bible Story and play Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "Children, Obey Your Parents" as children color.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: MATTHEW 4:1-11

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Jesus never did wrong in God's eyes.** (Shake head "no.")
- **Even when He couldn't eat for 40 days and 40 nights.** (Hold hungry tummy.)
- **Satan tempted Jesus in the desert one day.** (Hold up one finger.)
- **But Jesus said "No!" He would not disobey.** (Shake head "no.")

- **Satan said, "Jesus, turn stone into bread."** (Pretend to hold a stone.)
- **Jesus said, "No! I'll read God's Word instead."** (Shake head "no.")
- **Satan said, "Jump from the temple so high."** (Jump.)
- **Jesus said, "No! To test God is not right."** (Shake head "no.")

- **Satan said, "Praise me. I'll give You the world."** (Show round shape of world.)
- **Jesus said, "No! Only God will I serve."** (Shake head "no.")
- **Jesus never sinned or did wrong in any way.** (Shake head "no.")
- **No matter how hard it was, Jesus obeyed.** (Shake head "yes.")



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

GAME: JUMP TO OBEY

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: None

Jesus obeyed His parents. He wants us to obey our parents and caregivers, too. That reminds me of our Bible Memory Verse. Let's learn it together.

Directions:

1. Children stand in a line, shoulder-to-shoulder.
2. Teacher says the Bible Memory Verse, pausing after each word for children to repeat.
3. Each time they say a word, they jump forward one time.
4. Repeat until the Bible Memory Verse is completed. If you run out of space, turn around and jump back the other way.

GOT TIME? *continued...*



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about doing what is right.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 1, Lesson 3: Jesus Is Tempted

PONDER! Read Matthew 4:1-11 with your family. Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, jump off the temple roof, and worship Satan. Jesus told Satan to go away. Jesus did what was right. God is happy when you do what is right.

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord Jesus, thank You for always doing what is right. Help us to do what is right, too. Amen."

PLAY! Teach your family to play "Mother, May I." Choose someone to play "mother" or "father" and give fun directions. Be sure to ask "Mother (or Father), may I?" before you do the directions! When you obey your parents, you are doing what is right!

Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:1

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."