

Large Group Leader:

Time	Slide	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	1	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	2	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	3	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For clean water in Africa! You can also talk about when the bring the clean water to the village, they share about Jesus. See the new chart!!! I update this chart after each Sunday, you don't need to do this.	Offering bag
	4	Birthdays: Rowan Feenstra, Makenna Matlak, Aryah Stackard, Frankie Tolsma	
	5	Call to worship: Leader: Come, everyone! Today we remember how Jesus went into the desert. People: He faced temptations, just like we do. Leader: He was hungry, tired, and alone. People: But He trusted God and chose what was right. Leader: Let us worship the God who gives us strength to make good choices. People: We will follow Jesus, who shows us how to live in God's way. Leader: Come, let's lift our hearts to God, the one who never leaves us. All: Amen.	
		First video with Shena explaining new Kids Church Song: Jesus Strong and Kind	
2 minutes	5-6	introduce the new memory work: Matthew 6:31 and 33	Bible

		Seeds Kids Worship: Matthew 6:31 and 33	
		I have decided to follow Jesus Song	
		Visual Demonstration explaining what temptation is. Then go into story of Jesus being tempted.	
3 minutes	14	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
		<p>Ask a few questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How long did Jesus fast (not eat food or water) while he was in the desert? 40 days and nights 2) Did Jesus listen to the devil? No. What did he do instead? Trusted God and remembered what it said in the Bible. 3) How many times did the devil tempt Jesus? 3 4) Does Satan still tempt us today? 5) What do we need to do to stay strong and follow Jesus, not Satan? 	
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2 minutes	17	<p>Pray with the kids</p> <p>God, thank you for sending Jesus to be a man here on Earth, and to experience what it is like to be a human. He was tempted, just like we are. But he led a perfect life so that we can be saved. Help us to fight against temptation with your Word and your love. Help us to say NO to Satan and to believe what God says in the Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.</p>	
1 minute	18	<p>Do the blessing with them:</p> <p>May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."</p>	

Visual Demonstration: “The Shiny Distraction”

What You'll Need

- A **big clear jar or box**
- Something **very tempting** (cookies, candy, stickers, or small toys)
- A **plain piece of paper** with a heart drawn on it
- A **Bible** (optional but helpful)
- A **clear lid or tape** to close the jar

Setup

Place the tempting items in the clear jar where everyone can see them.
Put the jar front and center before the kids arrive.

Directions (Step-by-Step)

1. Get Their Attention

Hold up the jar and say:

“Wow! Look at this! Doesn’t this look REALLY good?”

Let kids react. (They will 😊)

2. Name the Feeling

Ask: “Who wants what’s inside this jar?”

Then explain simply:

“That feeling of *really wanting* something—even if it might not be good or it’s not time yet—is called **temptation**.”

3. Add the Heart

Hold up the paper with the heart and say: “God wants our hearts to love Him and do what’s right.”

Place the heart **between the kids and the jar**, partially blocking it.

4. Show the Distraction

Move the heart aside so the jar is fully visible again.

Say:

"Temptation tries to pull our eyes and hearts away from God."

Wiggle or gently shake the jar so it sparkles or makes noise.

5. Bring in God's Help

Hold up the Bible and say: "We can't beat temptation all by ourselves—but **God helps us.**"

Place the Bible **in front of the heart**, between the kids and the jar.

6. Make the Point Clear

Say:

"When we listen to God, pray, and remember Jesus, temptation doesn't get to be the boss."

Put the lid on the jar or tape it closed.

7. Finish Strong

Say:

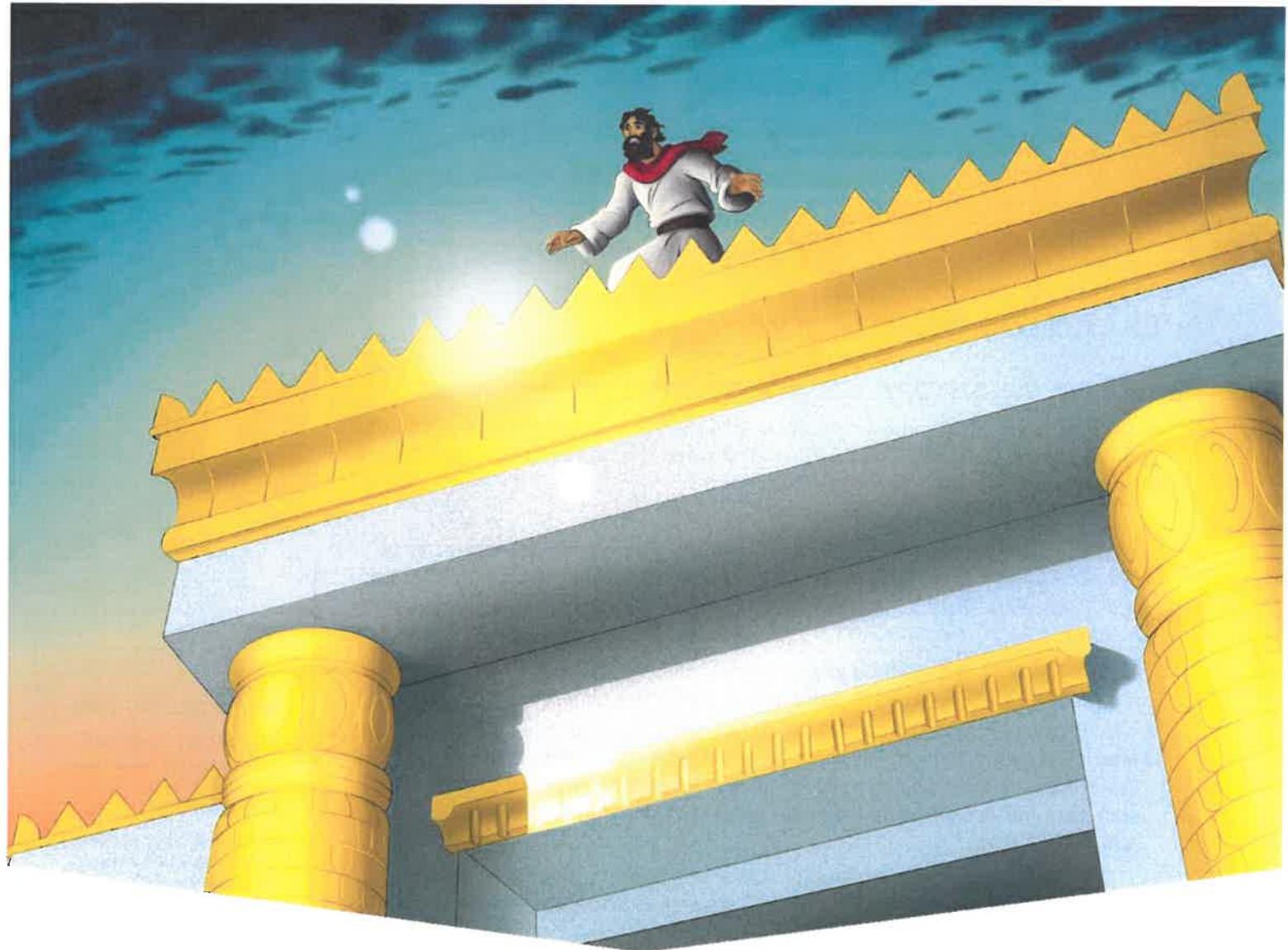
"Temptation says, 'I want it now!'

But God says, 'Trust Me—I have something better.'"

Optional Call-and-Response (Great for Large Groups)

Have kids repeat after you:

- "Temptation is not the boss!"
- "God helps me choose what's right!"



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JESUS WAS TEMPTED

MATTHEW 4; LUKE 4

KEY PASSAGE:

John 1:29

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus was tempted, but He trusted God and never sinned. Jesus is perfect and righteous. A perfect sacrifice was required to take away sin. Jesus was that perfect sacrifice. He died on the cross to free us from sin and to give us the power to say no to temptation.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Matthew 4; Luke 4. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Jesus Was Tempted.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

JESUS WAS TEMPTED

After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus did not eat for 40 days and 40 nights. He prayed and thought about God’s plan for His life. When those days were over, Jesus was hungry.

Then the devil, who tempts people to sin, came up to Jesus. He said, “If You are really God’s Son, prove it. Tell these stones to become bread.”

If Jesus used His power to turn the stones into bread, He could eat them so He wouldn’t be hungry anymore. But Jesus refused. Instead of listening to the devil, Jesus chose to trust God to meet His needs. Jesus said, “God’s Word says that man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

The devil tempted Jesus again. He took Jesus to the top of the temple in Jerusalem and said, “If You are really God’s Son, prove it. Jump off this temple and trust God to protect You.”

The devil even said: “God’s Word says that God will order His angels to keep You safe, and they will protect You so that You will not even strike your foot against a stone.”

The devil had used words from Scripture, but Jesus knew the devil’s command was foolish. Jesus reminded him, “God’s Word also says, do not test the Lord your God.”

Finally, the devil took Jesus to a high mountain. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and how great they were. The devil said to Jesus, “I will give You all the riches and power of these kingdoms. They have been given to me, and I can give them to anyone I want. If You want them, all You have to do is fall down and worship me.”

Jesus resisted temptation again. He replied, “Go away, Satan! God’s Word says: Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.”

The devil left Jesus, and angels came right away to serve Jesus. Throughout all these temptations, Jesus never sinned.

Christ Connection: Jesus was tempted, but He trusted God and never sinned. Jesus is perfect and righteous. A perfect sacrifice was required to take away sin. Jesus was that perfect sacrifice. He died on the cross to free us from sin and to give us the power to say no to temptation

STORYTELLING TIPS

Clap for joy: Lead kids to clap for joy each time Jesus resists the devil’s temptation.

Use movement: Move to different places around the room as you tell of each temptation.