

# Jesus was Tempted

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 4:1-11

MAIN POINT: Jesus is God's Son

GOSPEL GEMS:

- Jesus went into the wilderness.
- Jesus always obeyed God.
- God sent Jesus because He loves us.

## FREE PLAY

Have Bible Story coloring pages and crayons out as an option during free play.

## LESSON

### INTRODUCE THE STORY

#### Gathering Song

Invite toddlers from free play to join you on the puzzle mats with the song. To the tune of "Are You Sleeping"

*To the mat, to the mat  
Right now, right now,  
It's time for our story,  
It's time for our story,  
Right now, right now.*

*To the mat, to the mat  
Right now, right now,  
[name] to the mats,  
[name] to the mats, (repeat as necessary to invite all toddlers)  
Right now, right now.*

#### Welcome Song

Invite toddlers to join you in our weekly welcome song. To the tune of the "Farmer in the Dell".

*I like to come to church [arms over head in triangle]  
I like to come to church [arms over head in triangle]  
With all the other boys and girls [point to all the children]  
I like to come to church*

*I like to come to church [arms over head in triangle]  
I like to come to church [arms over head in triangle]  
I learn about how Jesus loves me [hug yourself]  
I like to come to church. [arms over head in triangle]*

## Transition to Bible study

Pass out laminated Bible Story picture cards and set out Bible story picture. Have the page with the Bible story you read inside a Bible.

## TEACH THE STORY

### Introduce the Bible story

Ask questions about temptations that toddlers face and encourage them to nod yes or no to answer.

Example questions:

Have you taken a toy from a friend?

Have you ever hit a brother/sister/parent/friend?

Have you ever said “NO!” when mom or dad asked you to do something?

**SAY • Sometimes we do things when we know we should not. In today’s Bible story Jesus obeys God even when God’s enemy, the Devil, tries to get Him to do the wrong thing.**

### Read Bible Story

Have story nestled inside Bible as you read.

**After Jesus was baptized, Jesus went into the wilderness. For 40 days, Jesus did not eat. Jesus was very hungry! God’s enemy, the Devil, said, “If You are God’s Son, turn these rocks into bread.” Jesus said, “No! People need God’s words more than bread.” Then the Devil took Jesus to the top of the temple and said, “If you are God’s Son, jump down. God will not let You get hurt.” Jesus said, “No! God’s Word says ‘Do not test God!’” The Devil took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him the earth. The Devil said, “I will give You all of this. Worship me.” Jesus said, “Go away! God’s Word says to only worship God!” Satan went away, and God sent angels to take care of Jesus.**

Collect Story Cards (this will be sent home on a ring with all the stories at the end of the quarter)

### Sing a Song

Invite toddlers to join you singing the Unit Main Point Song. Repeat several times singing it faster, slower, louder, quieter. To the tune of “London Bridge”

*God sent Jesus down to earth, down to earth, down to earth!*

*God sent Jesus down to earth; Jesus is God’s Son!*

**SAY God sent Jesus because He loves us. Jesus always obeyed God. Jesus is God’s son.**

## Pray

Let the toddlers know that we are going to pray before we play with something fun! Invite them to reach their hands up high over their head, shake their arms out, clap their hands together and bring them down into their laps to rest nice and quiet.

**SAY • God, thank you for listening to us when we pray. Thank you Thank you for sending your Only Son, Jesus to earth to rescue us from sin. Amen!**

## EXPERIENCE THE STORY

### Jesus Sand Art

Use glue sticks to write the name JESUS on construction paper for each toddler. Help toddlers carefully shake sand onto the glue, then pour the excess back into a pan.

**SAY • Jesus went into the wilderness. He was hungry and tired, but Jesus always obeyed God. Jesus is God's Son!**

### Serve Snack (Gorilla Munch & Water)

### Wash Rocks

Roll up toddler sleeves. Provide large smooth rocks and a container of water and toothbrushes and washcloths for toddlers to wash rocks.

**SAY • Jesus went into the wilderness. The Devil told Him to turn rocks into bread. Jesus is God's Son! Jesus wanted to obey God instead of eating bread.**

### Free Play Until Pick-up

Be sure every child goes home with a coloring page even if they did not color one.