

# 1.4 Large Group Lesson | Elementary



## LEADER DEVOTIONAL

Oh no. Not this again. Your internal wrestling match between what you want to do and what you should do has begun — and it is taking your breath away.

Do you lie or tell the truth?

Gossip or defend?

Give in or hold out?

We've all been both victorious and royally defeated in our battles against the sin in our hearts. And, with so many Christ followers falling prey to affairs, scandals, and addictions, it seems like we get defeated quite often. The truth is that sin separates us from God and a pattern of sin is debilitating to our relationship with Him. We must exercise discipline and self-control if we want to live a life pleasing to Him.

As you prepare to lead your group of children this week, renew your commitment to resisting temptation in your life. Thank God for His grace and forgiveness, and take encouragement from what Scripture tells us in James 4:8, "Come near to God, and he will come near to you."

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GO! Team Member

## Sunday Check-In

Sunday morning check-in to build connection, encourage spiritual growth, and reinforce our expectations upstairs.

### 1. Check-In (5–7 min):

Ask each child:

- What was a high from your week?
- What was a low from your week?
- Any prayer requests?

(Feel free to share your own too!)

### 2. Rule Reminder (2–3 min):

Go over our 3 rules for upstairs:

1. Respect God – Worship, listen, use kind words
2. Respect People – Be kind, share, follow leaders
3. Respect the Building – Take care of the space & supplies

Thanks for leading with love and consistency!

