

He's Risen!

I AM SET APART

April 6

I am Set Apart **Kindergarten - 5th grade**

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus was tempted- Matthew 4:1-11

Bottom Line: I can stand strong in truth.

Leader Context: This April we not only get to celebrate Easter, but we also get to teach kids the Simple Truth that they are set apart, which means they can live in ways that glorify God.* Kids will learn that when they stand strong, celebrate, believe, and share the truth, they point others to God. Today kids are learning the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness from Matthew 4. When Jesus was tempted, He stood strong in truth. (Read Matthew 4:10.) In a world that is full of temptation, kids can step up and show they are set apart by standing strong in truth.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, paper (1 per kid), markers or crayons,

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Wow! What a story! Three times, the devil tempted Jesus to reject the truth. But every single time, Jesus spoke the truth. Jesus quoted from the book of Deuteronomy, which is another book in the Bible. It tells many of God's commands and words. God's truth was powerful enough to overcome the devil's plans. When the devil lies to us, saying that God doesn't love us or that God isn't good, we can also stand strong like Jesus did and overcome lies with God's truth. Say, "I am set apart!" (*I am set apart!*) Say, "I can stand strong in truth!" (*I can stand strong in truth!*)

Videos

Gospel Connection-

(Circle one) God created people to stand strong in truth. In the beginning, God created a perfect world with people, and He made people to have a perfect relationship with Him. The first people, named Adam and Eve, knew God and His truth.

(Circle two) But then, Adam and Eve were tempted, just like Jesus was tempted in our Bible story. Adam and Eve were tempted by a serpent to doubt God's truth. And while Jesus stood strong in truth and did not believe lies when He was tempted, Adam and Eve *did* believe the lies of the serpent. They doubted what God said was true, and they made a wrong choice and disobeyed Him. The first people sinned, disobeying God's one command, and pain and death entered the world. Now, *all* people sin. Who sins? *(All people!)* We are *all* tempted, which means we want to do our own thing instead of trusting God's Word. God tells us to love others, but we do not always want to love them. So we choose to be unkind. God tells us to trust Him, but we want to follow what we want to do instead. Even when we love and follow God, we are still tempted to doubt what God says is true and do what we want to do instead. When we give into temptation and do what we want, we sin. Our sin separates us from God.

(Circle three) But there is good news! Say, "Good news!" *(Good news!)* God loves us so much; He made the way for us to have a relationship with Him. God sent Jesus, His Son. Jesus never sinned. Did Jesus ever sin? *(No!)* That's right! Jesus lived a perfect life and never sinned and never gave into temptation. Jesus died on a cross for our sins and took the punishment we deserved. Jesus didn't stay dead—He came back to life on the third day, showing that He's more powerful than both sin and death. Jesus made the way for everyone to have a relationship with God and live with Him forever.

(Circle four) When we admit our sin to Jesus, ask Him to forgive us, trust that He loves us, and commit to following Him, we begin that relationship with God. When we trust and follow Jesus, we will still be tempted to doubt and disobey God. However, we can believe that the Bible is really truth. Jesus really is alive and loves us. We can also follow Jesus' example by speaking God's truth! When we are tempted to doubt and disobey God, we can stand strong in the truth.

If you have questions about how to trust in Jesus and follow Him, talk to me or to your Campus Leader. We would love to tell you more about how God gives you His truth so that you can stand strong. He loves you. When you have a relationship with Him, you live a life that is set apart and shows other people that He loves you! Say, "I am set apart!" *(I am set apart!)* Say, "I can stand strong in truth!" *(I can stand strong in truth!)*

God loves you so much! He has set you apart, and you show this when you trust and follow His truth. Say, "I am set apart!" *(I am set apart!)* Just as we get to know someone by talking and spending time with them, we get to know God by reading the Bible—like today's story from Matthew! When we stand strong in truth, we are set apart. Instead of doing what everyone else is doing or following our own way, we trust God and what He says in the Bible. You can know what's true and can stand strong in the truth when you love and follow God. Say, "I can stand strong in truth!" *(I can stand strong in truth!)* Let's thank God by praying and talking to Him in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for loving us and setting us apart when we trust and follow You. Thank You for revealing Your truth to us. Help us to know that we can trust Your Word and follow what You say. Help us stand strong in Your truth, trusting and following You always. Amen.

So Many Voices (20 minutes)

The leader will ask true or false questions, and the kids will move to one side of the room or the other depending on how they answer.

Big Goal: I can stand strong by believing and sharing truth.

Supplies: None

What To Do: Hello, everyone! We are going to play a game called, “So Many Voices!” What are we playing? (*So Many Voices!*) I’m going to ask you a true or false question. If you think the answer is true, shout, “True!” and move to the left side of the room. (*Indicate the direction.*) If you think that the answer is false, shout, “False!” and move to the right side of the room. (*Indicate the direction.*) You may know some of the answers to questions like, “Is the ocean big?” or “Is the last letter of the alphabet T?” You may not know some of the answers but take your best guess! The goal is to shout *really loudly!* How loudly? (*Really loudly!*) I want to hear your answers! Are you ready? (*Yes!*)

Suggested Statements:

My eyes are brown. (Either)

The ocean is red. (False)

The sun rises in the east. (True)

A is the last letter of the alphabet. (False)

I am wearing something blue. (Either)

Cows can fly. (False)

Grass is green. (True)

We smell with our foreheads. (False)

Salt tastes salty. (True)

Jupiter is a planet. (True)

People have 20 fingers. (False)

Rainbows are made by sunlight and water droplets. (True)

Keep It Going: Change up the responses, such as spinning in a circle if the answer is false and hopping up and down if it’s true. Alternatively, have the kids clasp their hands over their mouths if it’s false and yodel if it’s true.

Leader Tip: Avoid Bible trivia questions that kids might not know so all kids feel comfortable participating. Ask questions kids could answer or learn the right answer, even if they don’t know it initially. Be sensitive to kids with sensory issues by inviting kids to say the answers repeatedly in normal or quiet voices as opposed to loud voices.

Loud And Clear: There were *so many* voices! How many? (*So many!*) Was it hard to hear yourself think with all of the noise? (*Allow kids to answer.*) It was hard for me! Life can feel confusing when there are a lot of different people saying different things. We can feel unsure of who to believe and who to follow. But we are set apart when we step up and stand strong in truth. God’s truth is *the* truth. What God says is true about Himself and us. We can follow what God wants us to do with confidence, no matter how much noise is around us!

Discussion Questions:

- What do you think is harder—stepping up to a super high diving board by yourself or stepping up on a stage in front of a lot of people? Why? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer. Remind kids that stepping up isn't always easy, but God calls us to step up and live set apart for Him.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are set apart and that we can stand strong in truth. Let's open our Bibles to **Matthew 4:10** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.)* What do you think it means to worship God and serve only Him? *(It means trusting and following Him no matter what.)* How can Jesus' response to the devil help us when we are tempted? *(Allow the kids to answer, and share your own answer. We can speak God's truth and overcome lies.)*
- Jesus set an example for us to speak God's truth when we're tempted. We can trust that He loves us and wants what's best for us. This is true even if His commands seem hard to follow sometimes, which happens because we suffer with sin and want to do our own thing. What's another big way that Jesus proved how much He loves us? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer. Jesus died on a cross for our sins.)* God loved us first before we ever loved Him. He will always faithfully love us, even when we're tempted to doubt Him.
- How can you talk about God's truth with people who lie or believe lies, and how can you encourage them to believe God and follow the truth? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)* God loved us and sent Jesus for us, even though we are sinners. Because of this, how can we respond to people who lie? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer. We can be kind and loving, even when they don't deserve it. They will still face consequences—like how our sin deserved punishment—but we can still love them.)*
- The Bible tells us that God made us to be set apart and that we can stand strong in truth. No matter what temptation we face, we can step up boldly and speak God's truth because He is always with us! What is something encouraging that you will remember from today? Is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)* Let's pray and talk to God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

God, thank You for helping us stand strong in truth. Help us to know, believe, and follow what is true by obeying what You say, and help others to follow You, too. Help us worship and serve only You because we love You! Amen.

God loves us and set us apart to stand strong in truth, even when we are faced with different things that other people say and believe. Jesus not only showed us how we can stand strong in truth, but He also can help us when we are tempted. We can believe Him, trust Him, and ask Him for help. We are set apart when we know and follow Jesus.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.