



I Can Choose the Door of Wisdom Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: The Temptation of Jesus- Luke 4:1-13, Matthew 4:1-11

Bottom Line: I can choose the door of wisdom.

Leader Context: With so many outside influences there are some days I just want to turn it all off. Can you relate? Have you considered how kids are processing it all? Through the temptation of Jesus we see a great model for how to combat all the noise. Remember who God is and who He says we can trust AND use His Word, the Bible, to fight with. How can we use these tools? We have to practice using them today. Don't wait till... today work to use wisdom.

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

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 (5 minutes)

Transition to Teaching Video - Say This!

What is the word that means knowing the right thing to do and then doing it?

wise/wisdom

How can you know how to make wise choices like Jesus? *You can ask God to help you! When you pray or read the Bible, God will help you know how to do what is right.*

In our video today Satan tried to tempt Jesus to make bad decisions, Jesus chose to be wise and do what was right. Just like Jesus, we should always do our best to make wise choices by remembering who God/Jesus is, who He says we can trust, and working to understand the Bible better so we can use it as a tool to fight spiritual battles.

Teaching Video (10 minutes)

Videos

Fighting Temptation (20 minutes)

What You Need: blank books, stickers (1 set per kid) markers

What You Do:

- Today we are going to create a tool for you to use when facing a temptation. Before we do that, help me with things you are tempted with. Ideas: taking things that don't belong to you, leaving behind trash when you are done eating, taking snacks for lunch, saying mean things about your friends behind their backs, telling a teacher or parent no when they ask you to do something.
- What makes these things temptation? Do you know the right thing to do? Do you make a choice to not do the right thing?
- Now, look at these stickers. Let's read them and figure out how we can use God's words to help us make the right choice.
- Give kids a chance to draw a picture or write the temptation in their books and then place the sticker that would help them deal with that temptation and make the right choice.
- Encourage kids to take this home and use the book to help them find ways to make wise choices.

Say: There will probably be a lot of times you get tempted in life, but like we learned from our bible story, God can help you choose wisdom so you don't act on temptation and sin. Remember, sin is what happens when we act on a temptation and make the choice to choose wrong.

What do you like to spend your money on? *Allow kids to respond and discuss*

What does temptation mean? *Temptation is the desire to do something wrong. It's when you know something isn't the best or most wise choice, but you still want to do it. For example, your parents tell you not to watch a certain movie, but then you go to your friend's house and they are watching it. You might be tempted to watch that movie.*

What does it mean to be wise? *Being wise is knowing the right thing and then doing it. It's two parts! First you have to know what is right. Then, you have to actually do what is right. The wisest people are the ones who read God's Word (know what's wise) and follow it (do what's wise)!*

Who are some wise people in your life you can talk to? What do you think makes them wise? *Allow kids to respond and discuss*

What are some things that tempt you? In life, you will face things that challenge you and challenge your faith. But always remember that God loves you. You can also remember that God doesn't want you to be overcome, overwhelmed, or beaten by the temptation. 1 Cor 10:13 says- "You are tempted in the same way that everyone is tempted. But God can be trusted not to let you be tempted too much, and he will show you how to escape from your temptations." So remember, when you feel tempted, know that God loves you and wants to help you.

Say: "Pastor Steve said that being wise is when we put our knowledge into action. No matter what we may feel, we should try our best to do what is right and make the wise choice. Each day we are faced with many choices. We can choose right or we can choose wrong. What's cool is that God lets us choose. He wants us to make the wise choice and do what is right. We should choose to make choices thinking about God's way instead of our own. God will show you which way is right. **Pray-** Ask God to give you wisdom when they are tempted to make the wrong choice. Ask Him to bring you strength to follow Him even when they are tempted to choose a different path.

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.