



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS WAS TEMPTED



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; and Luke 4:1-14 from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever been drawn by the smell of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies? In 2003, the Immaculate Baking Company of North Carolina created a giant outdoor oven and baked the world's biggest cookie. The chocolate-chip monstrosity stretched 102 feet wide and weighed more than 40,000 pounds! Can you imagine how big that temptation must have been?

We have all given in to temptations that cause us to sin. It might be the temptation to eat a cookie when Mom said to wait, or it could be the temptation to play a few more minutes of video games when we are supposed to turn off our devices. As hard as we might try, we all fall into the temptation to sin. That's why we need Jesus!

When Jesus was tempted by Satan, Jesus used the Word of God to do battle with the enemy. Jesus did not give in, and He remained perfect and righteous. The Word of God—the Bible—can help us avoid sin and flee from temptation, but we have an even greater defense. The Gospel of John says that Jesus is the Word made flesh. All who believe in Jesus have been set free from the power of sin and given the power to say no to temptation. Jesus is the perfect, righteous Savior who came to battle sin and defeat it for good!

Like us, Jesus experienced temptation. But unlike us, Jesus never sinned. When we repent and believe Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and rose again, God credits us with Jesus' perfect life.

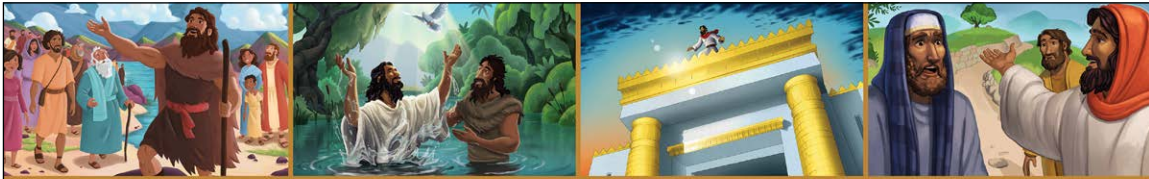
***Pray:** Jesus, You are the Word who came to live with people. You used God's Word to overcome Satan's temptations, and now we see that You are the Word whose sacrifice has defeated sin forever. When we face temptation, help us look to You as our rescue from sin and our source of power to say no to sin. Amen.*



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LEARN SCRIPTURE

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



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SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.



Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask Jesus to guard you against temptation today. Ask for His power to stand against sin and for His forgiveness when you make wrong choices. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit help believers battle temptation?

Evenings

Thank God for His Word—the Bible—which teaches us how much He loves us and wants us to obey Him. Thank Him for the wisdom the Bible gives to help us battle against sin. Most of all, thank Him for Jesus—the hero of the Bible—who offers forgiveness of sin to all who believe in Him.



Family Activities

For Fun

Bake chocolate chip cookies for the family. Allow each family member to eat one cookie, but set aside the rest of the batch to eat later in the week. During the week of waiting, acknowledge the temptation to eat the cookies. Talk with kids about how sin looks and feels enticing to us, but it always leads to consequences. Remind kids that Jesus has defeated sin and given all who believe in Him the power to say no to sin.

To Serve

Work together as a family to create a Scripture mural of John 1:1-5. Each day, write one of the verses from John 1:1-5 on a large piece of paper and decorate around the words. As you decorate the words, talk with your kids about how Jesus used God's Word to battle Satan's temptation and how Jesus became the Word who conquered sin for us. At the end of the week, give the mural to a friend or family member to share the truth of who Jesus is.