

Devotion 2 How Jesus was Tempted

Reading: Matthew 4:1-17

Parents with kids aged 2 through 2nd grade: Put either some fruit snacks, m & ms or another kind of treat your child likes in front of them but tell them that *you need to leave the room and they need to wait until you come back to eat them.* (It may help to know how many you put out to see if they ate one or not.) If they have older siblings, you can have them participate too and see if they entice their siblings to give in or help them to not give in. Leave for maybe a minute before coming back to see if they ate the sweet treat. (For extra fun and accountability you could take a video of them with your phone camera in a place that videos them without them knowing.)

After you come back in the room, ask them if they ate any and see if they ate any or listened to your directions. (This is where the video would make it extra fun to see what they did.)

Say: Was that hard to not eat any of your treat? Sometimes it's hard for us to obey and listen to rules!

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Questions for everyone: Do you think it's hard to say no to eating your favorite snack? Why or why not?

Say: In our Bible reading for today, we are going to hear about how Jesus said no to temptation. The devil used 3 different ways to tempt Jesus when He was in the wilderness. Do you remember how many days Jesus was in the wilderness? (40 days)

Say: The entire time that Jesus was in the wilderness, He didn't eat any food! Do you think you could go 40 days without eating food?

Read Matthew 4:1-17, taking turns reading it if you would like

Say: The devil used three different ways to try and tempt Jesus and get Him to sin. Jesus was hungry the devil knew it so that was one way he tried to tempt Jesus. The next way the devil tried to get Jesus to sin was by offering Him power. Now let me give you a little secret, because Jesus is God, He didn't need any power! Everything already belongs to Him! The last way that the devil tried to make Jesus sin was by offering Him protection. Jesus told him, "No way! Get away from Me!" When Jesus told the devil no, He used verses from the Bible to back Him up.

Next, go through the discussion questions together.

After you've finished the discussion questions, pray together. Thank God for some of the gifts He's given you and the ways He's provided for you. Ask that He would help you to say no to sin. Pray for anything else that your family would like to pray about.