

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

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SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4

LESSON: Jesus' Temptation



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - We're starting to settle into this new version of normal. We're more used to Kidtown at home and our new rhythms are getting a little more comfortable. How great is it that no matter what changes in our world, God stays the same! He's worthy of our worship no matter what our circumstances are!

Sweet Temptation - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

For each of your kids, put a sweet on a plate in front of them. Use a cookie, a marshmallow, a candy ... whatever you've got! Explain to your kids, they can have the sweet right now, but if they wait until the end of Kidtown, they can have two!



LESSON - JESUS' TEMPTATION

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last time we had Kidtown (before Easter) we learned about Jesus' baptism. Remember that awesome moment in Jesus' life? Well right after that, Jesus walked through a really hard, dark time we're learning about today:

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus' Temptation](#)

Wow! Did you know Jesus was tempted like this? It's really important that we know about how Jesus fought temptation. Especially if you want to get that second sweet!

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus fought temptation when He was weak. (Kids repeat!)

The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in every way that we are! (*Hebrews 4:15*) And the devil is smart. He tempts when we're weak and tired and less able to fight. Have you ever fasted for 40 days and 40 nights?! *No!* How do you think you'd be feeling if you hadn't eaten for just one or two days? *Hungry. Tired. Weak. Grumpy.* That's right! And even though Jesus was very tired and hungry and weak, He still fought temptation! Which leads us to ...

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus fought temptation with the Bible. (Kids repeat!)

Every single temptation that Satan threw Jesus' way, Jesus fought it using the Bible. Satan wants to twist the truth, even using the Bible in wrong ways. But Jesus was so rooted in the Bible He could see through the lies. This is one of many reasons why Kidtown and your parents want to help you learn the Bible!

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus fought temptation by trusting God. (Kids repeat!)

Satan told Jesus He could have everything He wanted, but not God's way. This is what he told Adam and Eve in the garden, too. But Jesus didn't fall for it. He trusted that God would give Him everything He needed, even though it meant being patient and waiting sometimes. Sin's ultimate goal is to make us fall away from God (*Hebrews 3:12*). But Jesus kept trusting that God's way is best.



Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus defeated His sin and temptation in the wilderness. (kids repeat)

Jesus defeated our sin and temptation on the cross. (kids repeat)

How cool is that?! Jesus defeated sin and temptation in His own life there in the wilderness and all throughout His life. The Bible says that Jesus was tempted in every way that we are and yet did not sin. We can't fight sin perfectly like Jesus did. That's why we needed Him to fight sin for us in the cross!



RESPONSE

Parents say to your kid(s) - It's good to respond to learning about Jesus in the Bible. Sometimes we sing because Jesus is worthy of our songs. Sometimes we pray because we need help and God says we can talk to Him about anything! We can also discuss, and/or practice what we've just learned about.

Sing: Lord I Need You ([Lyric Video](#))
He Must Increase ([Lyric Video](#))

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Non-spiritual answers are okay. We want kids to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Parents first, then kids: What are really tempting sins for you?
- Parents first, then kids: What makes you weak to fight temptation?
- Parents first, then kids: What's a Bible verse you can use to fight temptation? *Parents, kids will need help with this!*
- Do you have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing? *Tell your kids they can ask you anything. If your family has any questions you are stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*

Pray: Dear God, thank You that Jesus defeated sin and temptation in His life. Thank you that He defeated sin and temptation for us on the cross. Please help us to trust You and fight temptation even when we are weak. Amen.

Sweet Temptation - For any of your kids who waited until now, give them an extra sweet and let them eat! Check out this video of other kids struggling with temptation in the [Marshmallow Test](#).

Parents say to your kid(s) - Sometimes it's really hard to fight temptation, but God promises that His joy is always greater when we trust Him, obey Him and rely on Jesus to help us fight sin and temptation.



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable coloring sheet](#) depicting Jesus' being tempted with all the power of the world if He just stops trusting God (and skips the cross).

Simon Says - Simon Says is a basic game that teaches kids about self-control and listening carefully to instructions.

Obstacle Course - Make an obstacle course around your house with specific instructions for your kids to climb over, under and around certain obstacles.