

IMAGINE

LIVING YOUR DREAM

Children's Curriculum



Week 3

Bible Story : Joseph and temptation (Genesis 39:1-19)

Bottom Line : God helps me to overcome temptation

Memory Verse : Matthew 26:41a NASB

"Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation;"
(Preschool) "Keep watching and praying"

Welcome Time :

- What does it mean to be tempted?
- Definition of temptation: A desire to do something that you know is wrong or unwise.

Illustration : Fishing lure & Fishing

1. Satan tries to make temptation look so appealing and innocent.
2. How to resist temptation :
 - Recognize your "hot spots" (weak areas).
 - Avoid the hot spots (ask God for help).
 - Be careful about what you put in your mind (Philippians 4:8).
3. Dealing with Temptation :
 - Refocus your attention on something else (ignore the temptation).
 - Reveal your struggle to a friend (prayer – encouragement – accountability).
 - Resist the devil (salvation, then use the Word).
 - Realize your vulnerability (don't let your guard down and avoid tempting situations).

Illustration : Looks can be deceiving

1. Have a bowl or multiple bowls of vegetables that aren't very pleasant tasting, on top disguise it with whip cream, sprinkles and a cherry
2. At the end of the lesson someone can have it and show that sometimes things may look appealing but we need to keep our focus on God because what looks good now may not actually be a wise choice in the end.

Worship Songs : I Am a Friend of God, Where you Go I'll Go by Chris Tomlin, Royalty by Hillsong

Learning Activities :

1. Temptations Pantomime

Teacher can write a temptation on little pieces of paper, such as being sassy, watching the wrong TV show, eating a cookie when told not to; going to the wrong place; hitting some one, etc. Children can take a little piece of paper from the basket and pantomime their temptation and see if another class member can say what that temptation is. IF the "temptation" is guessed, then the child doing the pantomime will say loudly-RUN AWAY! Then another child can take a turn.

2. Should I stay or Should I Go game show

Kids can be picked as contestants for a game show and asked a series of situational questions. They need to answer whether they should stay in the situation or run from temptation.

3. Walk the Line

Make a path with tape that kids would walk along. Off the path in various places put things that might tempt kids to get off the path like candy, money, etc. If a kid gets off the path they don't get anything but if they stay on the path till the end there will be a prize for everyone.

4. Video : Show the part of Joseph running from temptation from **Joseph: King of Dreams.**

5. Great movie scene : Show the part of Bugs Life where the bug is being drawn to the light while the others are trying to stop him.

6. Foam shoe craft

7. Memory Verse Quiz

Have the children recite the memory verse all together then see if anyone would like to try and do it by themselves.

8. The Running Play (see script)

Learning Activities for Preschool :

1. Should I stay or should I go ?

A red light, green light type of game, in which the teacher explains a situation like "I'm thinking of stealing a candy" which means the kids should stay right where they are (like a red light) or "I'm going to share my snack today" which means the kids can take 3 big steps forward

2. Memory Verse Chant

3. Temptation Coloring Page

Closing Thought : Keep your focus on God and His dream for your life.

Prayer Time : "I know that everyone struggles with temptation everyday so instead of asking if anyone is struggling with that, let's just join hands and all pray together for God to help strengthen our hearts and minds so that when temptation comes we will be strong enough to walk the other way."