

This Week's Lesson

The Temptation of Jesus

Luke 14:1-13

Have you ever been tempted to do or say something you know is wrong? It isn't a sin to be tempted, unless we act on what we are tempted to do even though we know it's wrong. Even Jesus was tempted. In our Gospel lesson we learn about the temptation of Jesus.

Here is a more simplified version of what was written....

After Jesus was baptized, He went into the desert to pray. He stayed there a long time and got very hungry. He hadn't eaten anything because He was trying to listen to God and do what He said.

Suddenly, the devil showed up and said to Jesus, "There is no reason for you to go hungry. If you are the Son of God, you could take these stones and turn them into bread." But Jesus didn't listen to the devil, He knew the devil was trying to get Him to do something that was wrong. Instead Jesus answered with scripture. He said, "It is written : 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took Jesus to a high mountain and showed Him all the world and kingdoms below. The devil said,"All this can be yours if you bow down and worship me." Jesus answered, " Worship the Lord your God, and only serve Him."

Finally, the devil took Jesus to the holy city up to the highest part of the temple. The devil said, " If you are the Son of God, jump off from here and God will send His angels to save you."Jesus knew it was wrong to test God, so He answered the devil, " Go away from me Satan! It is written :' Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

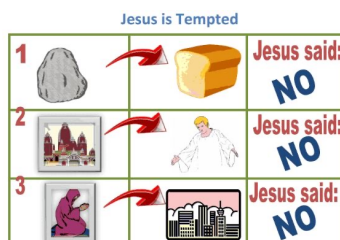
Three times the devil tempted Jesus and tried to get Him to sin. But Jesus did the right thing each time. He remembered the Scriptures and that helped Him resist the devil.

We all face temptations every day. Things like gossiping, not listening to our parents, teachers, or others of authority. Taking something that doesn't belong to you. And many more. There is a lot of Scripture in the Bible that can also help us resist temptation.

Discuss with each other what some temptations you may encounter in your life and what God would want you to do.

Prayer

*Father, Thank you for your Holy Word. Help us to learn your words and hold them in our hearts so we can resist temptation.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen*



This Week's Craft

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Materials:

Container and cards templates (see template sheets)

Cardstock

Crayons or markers

Glue

Tape

Scissors

Directions:

Print templates on cardstock

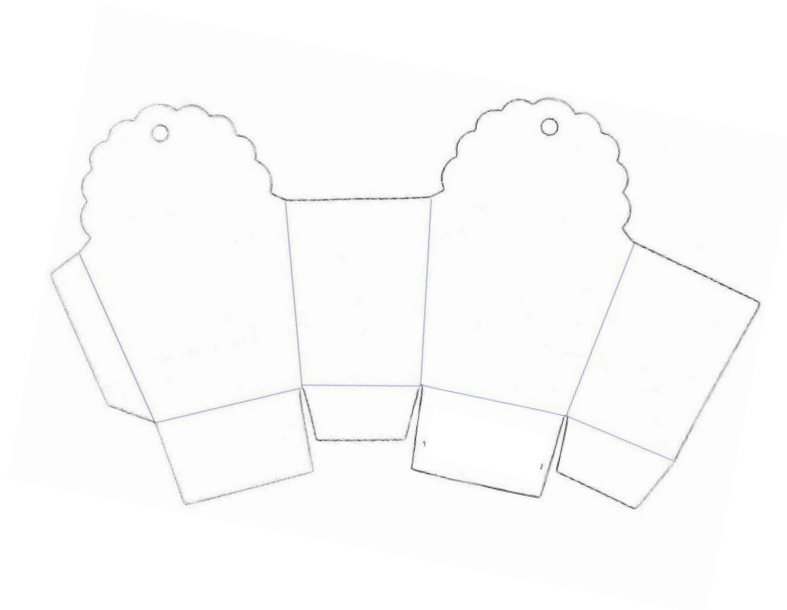
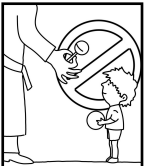
Color pictures on templates

Cut out templates

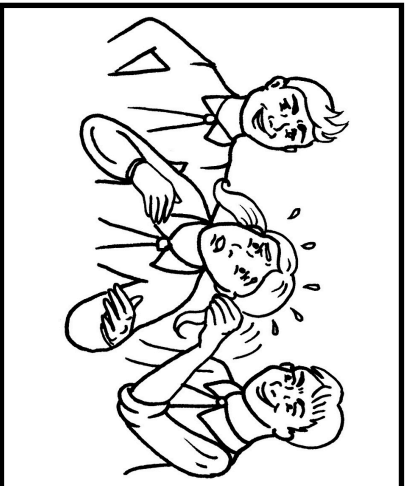
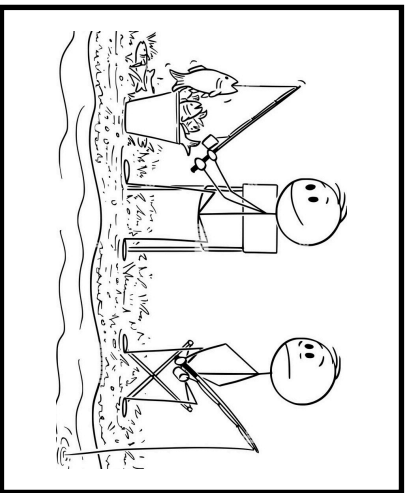
Glue and/or tape container together

Play the temptation memory game

You can also add temptations cards of your own as you are confronted with more, or make your own container and cards without the templates.

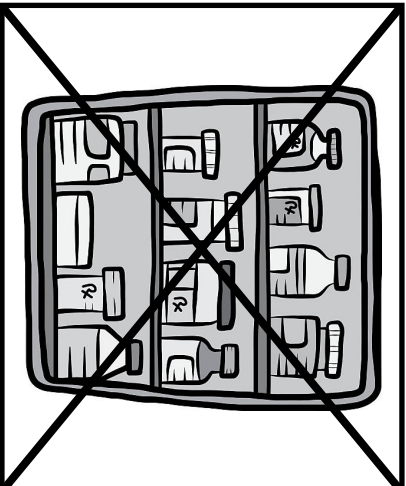
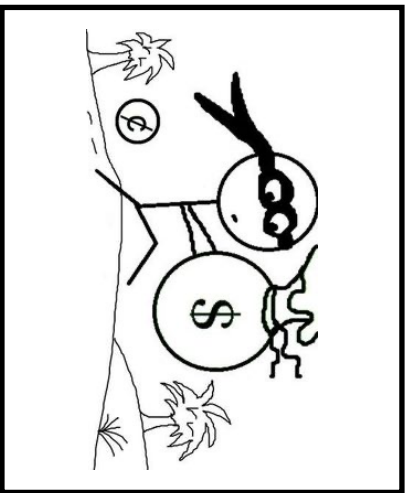


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Temptation
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STRANGERS!



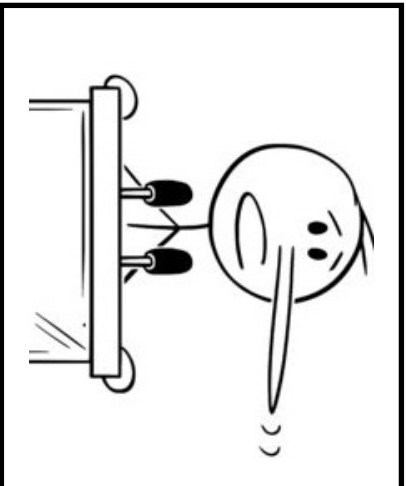
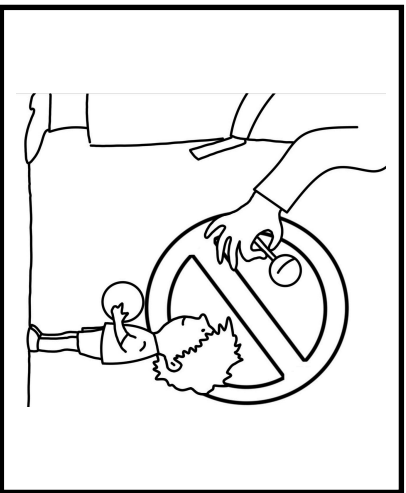
Avoid the
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to be a...
Bully!

Avoid the
Temptation
to be...
Jealous!



Avoid the
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to do...
DRUGS

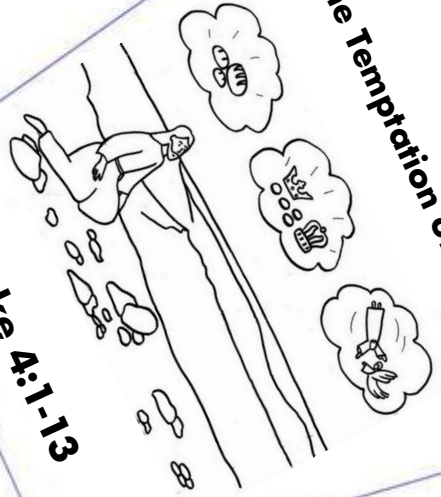
Avoid the
Temptation
to...
STEAL!



Avoid the
Temptation
to...
LIE!

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Luke 4:1-13



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Game Directions
Lay cards out upside down on a table or floor. Each player takes a turn to try and match the picture card with the correct word card. If the player doesn't get the match, the cards are turned over again and the game moves to the next player. If a player gets a match, that player holds those cards till the game is over.

AVOIDING TEMPTATION MATCHING CARD GAME

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