

Read Matthew 4:1-11. Discussion Questions:

1. Who tempts us to sin? Why? *Lead kids to recall that the devil tempted Jesus to sin. Assure them that God never tempts anyone to sin (James 1:13-14). Explain that the Bible says the devil is “the father of lies” (John 8:44). The devil is against everything that God loves. He might tempt us to sin because He does not want us to follow Jesus.*
2. How can we resist temptation? What should we do if we give in to temptation? *Lead kids to discuss how Jesus resisted temptation—by remembering the truth found in Scripture. Encourage kids to memorize Scripture and pray against the schemes of the devil. Emphasize that when we are tempted, God provides a way to resist it (1 Corinthians 10:13). When we do sin, we can repent and turn back to God. He will forgive our sins.*
3. Why is it important to know God’s Word? *Invite kids to discuss the importance of knowing what is true about God and about ourselves. We are often tempted when we believe lies about God or ourselves. Knowing God’s Word and treasuring it in our hearts can help us stand up against temptation (Psalm 119:9-11).*

Activities (find the printables at <https://orchardhill.org/bulletin/>)

1. Coloring Page
2. Discuss temptation scenarios and talk about a right and a wrong choice
 - a. You forgot to study. You are tempted to cheat on a test.
 - b. Your dad tells you to clean your room. You are tempted to push everything under your bed.
 - c. Your brother cleaned up the kitchen, but your mom asked if you cleaned it. You are tempted to take credit.
 - d. You are walking behind someone when she drops \$20. You are tempted to keep it for yourself.
3. Paint a rock and write the key passage on it (John 3:30) as a reminder of how Jesus resisted temptation from the devil by using God’s Word. Work on memorizing the key passage and what it means, and send a video to Ms. Miranda!