



## WEEK THREE – JANUARY 2019 – SECOND/THIRD

**Bible Story:** *I'm Still Standing* • Luke 4:1–13 (suppt. Matthew 4:1–11)

**Bottom Line:** *Discovering what's in the Bible can help you make the wise choice.*

**Memory Verse:** *"The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth."*  
Proverbs 2:6 (NIRV)

**Life App:** *Knowledge—Learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do*

**Basic Truth:** *I can trust God no matter what.*

**Summary:** After Jesus' baptism, we head to Luke 4:1–13 and see that Jesus is in the wilderness. In this story, Jesus was tested. Satan twisted what Jesus knew about God and His Word. But Jesus knew better and leveraged God's truth to fight and win over evil. Each time Satan twisted what Jesus knew to be true, Jesus countered with Scripture.

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## PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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### 1. Early Arriver Idea

*Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and asking about their past week
- Invite kids to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the main entrance
- Ask kids what it means to be tempted.
- Explain that it's when you want to do something you shouldn't do or when someone tries to get you to do something you shouldn't do.
- Ask: Would it be tempting for you to:
  - eat all the cookies in the jar?
  - eat an ice cream cone with broccoli on it?
  - play a video game all day?
  - want to do 100 push ups?
  - watch a TV show you know you shouldn't watch?
  - want to annoy your brother or sister?
  - act like a monkey all day?
  - disobey your mom or dad to do something your friend wants you to do?

### 2. True or False?

*Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Read a statement below (or create your own).
- Guide kids to do one motion (such as pat their knees then clap their hands) if the statement is true and another motion (such as stomp their feet) if the statement is false.
- Keep interest high by varying your pace and maintaining high energy.
- You can also add fun by feigning disbelief when the kids declare some statements false. The kids will love it! (“Turtles can’t fly? Are you sure? Hmm. Do they drive cars?” “Tigers don’t have rainbow polka dots? Oh, they must have blue polka dots! No? Green polka dots? When did tigers stop having rainbow polka dots?? I had no idea!”)

- Statements:
  - The sky is purple.
  - The sky is green.
  - The sky is blue.
  - Oranges are orange.
  - Q is the first letter of the alphabet.
  - A is the first letter of the alphabet.
  - Dogs and cats have four legs.
  - Fish can walk.
  - Turtles can fly.
  - Bees buzz.
  - Cows have six legs.
  - Insects have six legs.
  - People have three eyes.
  - People have 10 ears.
  - People have one mouth.
  - Zebras have stripes.
  - Tigers have rainbow polka dots.
  - You see with your ears.
  - You hear with your ears.
  - You see with your eyes.
  - You smell with your toes.
  - You smell with your nose.
  - Knowing God is the most important thing.
  - If you want to know God, start with Jesus.

**What You Say:**

*“Good listening! How did you know what was true and what was false? (Pause.) [Transition] In Large Group, we’ll hear about someone who tried to trick a person into thinking some things were true, but that person quickly knew they were false. Let’s go learn more.”*

*Lead your group to the Large Group area.*

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**LARGE GROUP**

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**OVERVIEW:**

**Bottom Line:** *Discovering what’s in the Bible can help you make the wise choice. We always say, if you have a big question about what to do, the first place you should look is the Bible. We pray that kids will start to understand the importance of the Bible in their life. When they don’t know what choice to make, they can turn to God’s Word or someone who knows God’s Word to help them with whatever choices they’re facing.*

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## SMALL GROUP

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### 1. What the Bible Says

#### [Application Activity]

*Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play*

**What You Need:** Bibles, index cards, pens

#### What You Do:

- Write the following scriptures on an index card (one scripture per card): Ephesians 4:25; Ephesians 6:1–3; Luke 19:8; Proverbs 12:18
- Divide the group into four teams and give each team an index card.
  - Team 1: Ephesians 4:25 – Tempted to lie
  - Team 2: Ephesians 6:1–3 – Tempted to disobey our parents
  - Team 3: Luke 19:8 – Tempted to steal or cheat
  - Team 4: Proverbs 12:18 – Tempted to say something unkind
- Instruct each team to look up their assigned verse and write it on the back of the team’s index card.
- Read the following scenarios and call on each team to read their scripture and discuss what the Bible says about what we should do when we’re tempted in each of those situations.
  - Scenarios:
    - Team 1: Your dad asks if you’ve finished your school project before you head outside to play. In that moment you’re tempted to lie so you can play.
    - Team 2: Your mom asks you to take the dog out for a walk. You really don’t want to, so you are tempted to pitch a fit or act like you didn’t hear her.
    - Team 3: The kid next to you has a brand new, super-cool pencil sharpener on his desk. For just a second, when he heads to the bathroom, you’re tempted to stick it in your backpack.
    - Team 4: A kid on the playground walks right in front of you and takes the swing when it’s clearly your turn. In that moment, you are tempted to say something unkind.
- Ask for a volunteer to read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and let the group answer the following questions:
  - What does this verse say about the things you’re tempted by? (None of the temptations we face are new or are temptations that no one else has ever faced before)
  - What does this verse remind us about God? (That He is faithful and He won’t let your temptation be more than you can handle)

- How does this verse describe what God will do when we're tempted? (He will help us and give us a way out)

### What You Say:

*“We’ve all faced situations where we were tempted to make an unwise choice and lie or steal or disobey or say something unkind. But the Bible helps us see how those choices can hurt our relationships with others. As you grow in your knowledge and understanding of what the Bible says about how to live, and as you trust God more and more, you’ll grow closer to Him.*

*“But remember, even if you do give in to that temptation and you do say something unkind or lie or disobey, God is ALWAYS ready to forgive us. That’s in the Bible, too! God has given us His Word to show us the best way to live. Remember, **[Bottom Line]** discovering what’s in the Bible can help you make the wise choice.”*

## 2. Looking for Knowledge Bookmarks

### [Memory Verse Activity]

*Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing*

**What You Need:** “Memory Verse Bookmarks” Activity Page; markers; washi tape or duct tape; a single-hole punch; scissors; and yarn pieces

### What You Do:

- Give each kid a bookmark.
- Encourage them to look up Proverbs 2:6 and fill in the missing words (or fill in the words from memory, if they have it memorized).
- Instruct kids to use the provided supplies to decorate the bookmarks.
- When they’ve finished decorating, help kids punch a hole in the top of their bookmarks, run a piece of yarn through the hole, and tie it off to create a tassel

### What You Say:

*“These bookmarks can go in your Bibles or a chapter book as a reminder that all knowledge comes from God. We can make wise decisions and discover the best way to live—God’s way—when we read our Bibles. Wisdom and knowledge come from whom? (Pause.) Yes! Those things come from God. The Bible is God’s Word to us. Remember, **[Bottom Line]** discovering what’s in the Bible can help you make the wise choice.”*

## 3. Pray and Dismiss

### [Prayer Activity]

*Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

**What You Need:** Index cards from the “What the Bible Says” activity

**What You Do:**

- Set the four index cards on the floor in the center of the group.
- Encourage the kids to think about the temptations you discussed earlier.
- Ask them to choose one of those common temptations and to pray this verse as they ask God to help them make the wise choice if they’re tempted this week.
- Give the kids a few moments to pray and then close out in prayer.

**What You Say:**

*“Dear God, thank You for giving us Your Word so we can know how to follow You. When we’re tempted to make unwise choices, help us to remember what we’ve learned today. We want to keep discovering what’s in the Bible so we can make the wise choice always. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*

***As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their bookmarks and to share that we learned today: [Bottom Line] Discovering what’s in the Bible can help you make the wise choice.***