



WEEK 3

PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



BIG IDEA

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THE BIBLE

Jesus is Tempted: Luke 4:1-13

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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WELCOME TIME

ACTIVITY | Sand Art

- Welcome back to church! In this series, we are learning how Jesus is not normal! We're going to read a story from the Bible today where Jesus was in the wilderness, or the desert. **Do you know what the ground might have been like in the wilderness or desert?** It might have been sandy!
- Let's draw some pictures in a not normal way using sand!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the service, put play sand in a shallow bin and add toy shovels. Let the kids dig and play in the sand and use their fingers to draw pictures in the sand. You can give them specific things to draw, such as hearts and circles.*
- **Do you like how the sand feels?** In the desert, there is plenty of sand like this. Not only does it have a lot of sand, but it also has rocks, and not much food or water. When Jesus was in the desert, He didn't eat the whole time He was there.

ACTIVITY | Rock Toss

- Jesus was in the desert where there is lots of sand and rocks.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Put a bucket on one end of the room and give the kids beanbags. Have them stand a few feet away and toss the beanbags into the buckets.*
- We can pretend our beanbags are like rocks in the desert. Let's play a game and aim for the bowl.
- **Was it easier to get the pretend rock in the bowl when you threw from far away or when you stood really close?**
- It's hard to get the beanbag into the bowl perfectly every time, but unlike us, Jesus is perfect.

TEACHING TIME

MUSIC | Worship Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Spend some time singing with your preschoolers. You can sing any songs you'd like, but for this lesson we like, "Trust and Obey" by Hillsong Kids (motions can be found on You Tube) and "My God is Number One" by Yancy.

THE BIG IDEA | Jesus is perfect

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Each week, do a big reveal (and make it fun) when you announce the Big Idea, like:
 - Ask the kids to give you a drum-roll by stomping their feet or patting their laps.
 - Shout the Big Idea, then point to the kids and have them shout it back. (Change it up by using funny voices, different volumes, or inflections.) Have a character (either recurring or rotating) come out every week to reveal the Big Idea.
 - Write it on a piece of paper and hide it inside a Bible. Have one of the kids find it in the Bible. When it's found, read it to the kids.
- This week's Big Idea: **Jesus is perfect.**

BIBLE STORY | Luke 4:1-13

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.
- **Where did Jesus spend 40 days?** Jesus was in the desert for 40 days.
- While Jesus was in the desert the devil tried to trick Him. The devil wanted Jesus to fail and forget that God could help Him.
- First the devil knew Jesus would be hungry because He didn't eat anything in the desert. The devil asked Jesus to turn stones into bread. Jesus didn't listen. Jesus remembered God's word.
- Then the devil took Jesus to a really high place and tried to get Jesus to worship him instead of worshipping God. **What did Jesus do?** Jesus said no to the devil. Jesus said He would worship God only, and Jesus said a verse from the Bible.
- Then the devil took Jesus to a cliff and asked Jesus to throw Himself down and see if God would rescue Him. **What did Jesus say?** Jesus remembered God's words again! Jesus knew that we shouldn't put ourselves in danger to see if God will rescue us.
- All three times when the devil tried to trick Jesus, He said no. He never did anything wrong. Jesus knew how to trust God perfectly, because He is perfect.

ACTIVITY | Tall Tower

- The Bible story told us about how the devil took Jesus to a tall place. Let's build a tall tower.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Help the kids stack blocks, LEGOs, or cardboard boxes as tall as they can. Then let the kids knock down the tower and build another.
- **What did Jesus tell the devil when He was up in the high place?** Jesus said that He would only worship God.

PRAYER

- Let's spend time talking with God in prayer.
- Dear God, thank you that Jesus has taught us to say no to the things we aren't supposed to do. Thank you, God, that Jesus is perfect.

DISCUSSION TIME

DISCUSSION | Snack and Discussion

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass out a snack to all of your preschoolers and ask them to sit and listen while they eat. Your discussion will be more effective when they're busy sitting and snacking!
- **Where did the devil try to trick Jesus?** (In the desert.)
- **Did Jesus eat anything while He was in the desert?** (No, Jesus didn't eat while He was in the desert.)
- **How long was Jesus in the desert?** (For forty days.)
- **Did Jesus do what the devil want Him to do?** (No, because Jesus is perfect.)

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the service, put a little sand and water into a water bottle. Bring the sand filled bottle and an unopened water bottle to the circle and pass them around the circle.
- This bottle is clean and new, and it's filled with water. The other bottle is filled with sand. Would you rather drink from the perfectly clean water or the sandy water? I want the perfectly clean water. I'm so glad Jesus is perfect and that we have a chance to choose Him.
- The Big Idea is: **Jesus is perfect.**

ACTIVITY | Sandpaper Coloring

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide sandpaper and crayons, and have the kids color pictures on the sandpaper of what they imagine the wilderness looked like.
- In today's story, we learned how Jesus was in the sandy wilderness or desert when the devil tried to trick Him. You can make a unique picture with the sandpaper to remember Jesus is perfect and did not give into temptation while He was in the desert.

MEMORY VERSE | Psalm 118:24a

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Check out the Memory Verse Guide in your Programming Folder for ideas on how to help your preschoolers memorize Bible verses. Here are the hand motions for this month's memory verse . . .

THIS (point to the ground) **IS THE DAY** (hold both arms over your head in a circle) **THAT THE LORD** (point up) **HAS MADE** (clap your hands once).

PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page of the Week

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give every kid a coloring page, plus markers or crayons. As they color, remind them how Jesus was still perfect even when the devil tried to trick Him.

ACTIVITY | Same and Different Game

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the service, cut squares of paper from different colors of paper. Cut two of each color. Hold up two squares that match and one that does not match. Play a few rounds. You could also use shapes instead of colors. For older kids, let them be the ones to hold up the three options and have the other kids choose the one that is different.
- I have three squares: two are the same and one is different. **Which one is different?** That's right! You found the square that is different!
- Jesus is different from everyone because Jesus is perfect.

ACTIVITY | Magnet Tile Food

- **Do you ever get tempted to eat a cookie before dinner, even if you've been told not to eat it?** Food was one of the things the devil used to tempt Jesus to try and get Him to do the wrong thing, but Jesus didn't listen. **What food would be hard for you not to eat if you were super hungry and it was sitting right in front of you?** Let's make those foods out of something not normal.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids magnet tiles and have them use the pieces to make food they would be tempted to eat. You could also use kinetic sand or Play-Doh.

Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.