



Circle Up

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

ASK

- What book have you read lately?
Take turns sharing as a family.

SAY

Reading books is fun, but there's one book that's unlike any other: the Bible. It's full of God's words that help us fight our enemy, Satan. No other book is a sword!

Watch

Watch today's teaching video [here](#).

ASK

Your Elementary Schooler:

- Why was it important that Jesus knew the Bible?
- What's one temptation or lie that's hard for you to fight?
- How could you use the Bible to fight that temptation or lie?

ASK

Your Preschooler:

- Do you know what it means to be tempted?
- Have you ever wanted to do something that you know you shouldn't?
- * How can you help someone when you see they're being tempted?

Have Fun Together

Use these activities to have fun together while learning about God.

READ/MAKE

Materials needed: Bible, poster boards, markers, newspapers/magazines

We wear armor to fight a battle, but our battle isn't against people. It's against evil. **Read [Ephesians 6:10-12 together](#)**. The piece of armor we're going to learn about today is the only offensive piece of armor. It's a sword! **Read [Ephesians 6:17](#)**. We fight evil with God's Word. That's an amazing sword to defeat evil and Jesus shows us exactly how to fight evil with Bible verses. Remember, Jesus' battle wasn't against people. It was against evil powers! One day when Jesus was in the wilderness and hadn't eaten for 40 days, the devil came to tempt Jesus.

- Take turns sharing about a time you really, really wanted something.

When we feel that way about doing things that are wrong, that's called temptation.

Assign each family member a verse from below and encourage them to draw a poster and make it really, really appealing - maybe even make up a fun slogan. *Take turns reading each of the temptation verses and sharing final posters.*

Luke 4:3 (turn stones into bread)

Luke 4:5-7 (worship Satan)

Luke 4:9-11 (jump off the Temple)

Jesus' temptations might seem a little different from the temptations we face. But they're actually more familiar than you might think! Let's see what Jesus' temptations can teach us about how **we fight evil with God's Word**. Jesus' first temptation was to turn rocks into bread. Remember, he hadn't eaten for 40 days! He was hungry! One temptation we face a lot is to focus on ourselves and do whatever feels good for us. But we fight evil with God's Word.

- Why is this Bible verse helpful when you want to focus on getting what you want?

Another temptation is to get other people to focus on us. For Jesus, that temptation was to bow before Satan so all the kingdoms of the world could look to Jesus. These days, it seems like a lot of kids are "YouTube famous."

- What's your favorite thing to watch on YouTube?
- If you could be famous for doing something on YouTube, what would you want it to be?

It's not that it's a sin to be famous, but when we're tempted to make sure everyone's focus is on us instead of God, that's a problem. **But we fight evil with God's Word.**

- How does this verse help you when you're tempted to put the focus on yourself?

Jesus' last temptation was to show off and be impressive by jumping off a tall building but not getting hurt. We can be tempted to show off, too! **But we fight evil with God's Word.**

- What's the difference between being humble and being a showoff?

When we face temptations like Jesus did, we can do just what he did! We can use Bible verses to fight off temptations, because **we fight evil with God's Word**.

PRAY

Dear God, thank You for your Word. Help us to remember that you've given us everything we need to be able to stand firm against evil. Remind us that you always provide a way out for us when we're tempted. We love you! In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.