

Talk About It:

- When are you tempted to do something you shouldn't do? Why is it sometimes hard to say 'no'?
 - When was a time you did what was right, even though it was hard?
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Read About It:

Read this story from Matthew 4:1-11 (Easy-to-Read Version):

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert. He was taken there to be tempted by the devil. Jesus ate nothing for 40 days and nights. After this, he was very hungry. The devil came to tempt him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these rocks to become bread."

Jesus answered him, "The Scriptures say, 'It is not just bread that keeps people alive. Their lives depend on what God says.'"

Then the devil led Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem and put him on a high place at the edge of the Temple area. He said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, jump off, because the Scriptures say, 'God will command his angels to help you, and their hands will catch you, so that you will not hit your foot on a rock.'"

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

Then the devil led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and all the wonderful things in them. The devil said, "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things."

Jesus said to him, "Get away from me, Satan! The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only him!'"

So the devil left him. Then some angels came to Jesus and helped him.

- Why do you think it was tempting to Jesus to turn rocks into bread?
 - Why did the devil want to tempt Jesus?
 - How did Jesus resist the devil's temptation?
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Sing About It:

The devil tempted Jesus to bow down and worship him, but Jesus knew God's Word says to serve only the one true God. Here's a fun song to sing and worship the one true God.

[One True God](#) (Lifetree Kids, Cross Culture Thailand VBS Music Video, Group Publishing)

Think About It:

- Jesus did what was right, even when it was hard. Why is it sometimes hard to do the right thing?
 - The devil knew Jesus was hungry and tired, so he tried to tempt him into taking the easy way out. How can you stay strong and do the right thing when you are tired or frustrated?
 - At the end of today's story, angels came to help Jesus (Matthew 4:11). Why do you think God sent his angels after Jesus dealt with being tempted?
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Make It:

Jesus remembered Scripture to help him resist temptation. We can memorize God's Word to help us do what is right, even when it's hard. Make a fun craft to help you remember this week's memory verse. Use the instructions on the next page.

Supplies: 8 large craft sticks, masking tape, scissors, markers

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Do It:

Jesus resisted temptation by speaking God's Word, the Bible. You can use Scripture to help you resist temptation too. Write these verses on index cards or pieces of paper to help you know how to respond when temptation comes your way:

- I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:111
 - For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13
 - The Spirit God gave us does not make us afraid. His Spirit is a source of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7
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Pray About It:

Thank you, God for giving us the strength to resist temptation and the wisdom to choose to do what is right. Help us to understand your Word so we can know what is right when we are tempted to do what is wrong. Amen

Memorize It:

Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight. Deuteronomy 6:18a

Foldable Craft Stick Message

1. Arrange the craft sticks in pairs.
2. Cut masking tape to a little less than the craft stick length.
3. Join each pair together with tape.
4. Turn all the joined pairs over.
5. Join the first two pairs together with a piece of tape in the middle.
6. Do the same with the other two pairs.
7. Join both pairs together with tape.
8. Use markers to decorate both sides. On one side write:

Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight. Deuteronomy 6:18a

Or – you can write one of the Bible verses from the “Do It” section

9. Now you can fold up your message, carry it with you, and use it to help you memorize this Bible verse.

