



# TEMPTATION

Lesson 8

## BIG IDEA

Everybody is tempted to sin. Satan even tempted Jesus to sin. But the Word of God is our shield.

## KEY VERSES

Matthew 4:1-11

## MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 4:4

“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

## • PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

### BIBLE OBJECT LESSON

- Bed sheet or large towel
- A dozen pairs of socks rolled up like balls
- Piece of paper that says “WORD OF GOD” to be pinned or taped to the sheet/towel.

### GAME

- No materials or preparation need for the game

### CRAFT

- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, rulers
- Construction paper hearts about five inches wide, two per person
- Ribbon or thick yarn, about a yard per child
- Copies of memory verses, one per child

### WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Color By Number Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Maze (domestic communities only)





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## BIBLE OBJECT LESSON

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**Ask for two volunteers. One volunteer will walk back and forth across the stage. Instruct the walker to just keep walking back and forth no matter what happens. The other volunteer will stand across the room and toss the socks at him (gently) trying to hit him. Remind the walker to keep walking and not to dodge the flying socks. Repeat this a few times with new volunteers.**

You all are probably wondering why we're throwing socks at these poor defenseless volunteers up here. I'll explain why in a little bit, but first I want to tell you a true story about Jesus.

After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist he went to the wilderness. The wilderness is a place where there are no cities or towns. It is a lonely, quiet place. Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. That means he did not eat any food for that time! That's a super long time, so he was very, very hungry and weak and tired. Then, just at that time Satan the tempter came to him. Satan knew Jesus was a weak and tired human and figured this would be the perfect time to persuade Jesus to do an evil thing.

Satan said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Do you think Jesus could have turned the stones into bread? Sure, he could have done it, he certainly had the power to do so. But he knew it would be wrong to obey Satan. Instead he said, "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Well, Satan did not give up. He tried to tempt Jesus in a different way. He took Jesus to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. Even the scriptures say that God will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered Satan, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Satan had one final temptation for Jesus. He took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you, IF you will bow down and worship ME."

Jesus had had enough of Satan's temptations. "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

And do you know what happened? Satan left him alone and angels came to Jesus and attended to him.

Now, remember our sock balls? Those are like temptations that are being thrown at us every single day. If we just walk through life with no protection we will keep being hit by temptations and we will often sin because we are not protected.

Now, watch what happens if we protect ourselves with the Word of God.

**Get two more volunteers. Have one volunteer walk back and forth across the stage with the sheet/towel that says**



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## BIBLE OBJECT LESSON (CONT.)

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***“WORD OF GOD”.*** Instruct the walker to hold the sheet/towel in front of himself and to protect himself from the temptation socks. Have another volunteer toss socks at the towel. Repeat several times with new volunteers if time allows.

God’s Word, like the towel, helps us to fight off temptation. It is like a shield between us and whatever Satan tries to throw at us

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some temptations that kids face?
2. Is temptation the same thing as sin?
3. What is sin?
4. How can temptation lead to sin?
5. How can you protect yourself from temptation and sin?
6. How can a person have the Word of God with them always?

#### SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- Tell the account of Jesus’ Temptation in simple story form or read it from a children’s bible.
- Ask 3-4 of the simpler discussion questions.



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## CRAFT

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### OBJECTIVE: GOD'S WORD IN MY HEART

Sew a little heart pocket and hide memory verses inside.

### MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

### DIRECTIONS

- Place one heart on top of the other so the sides match
- Punch holes around the diagonal sides about half inch apart (do not punch holes on the rounded top parts of the heart)
- Weave ribbon through heart tying ends securely at the first and last hole (weave ribbon through twice in opposite directions for extra strength)
- Cut out memory verses and "hide them" in the heart

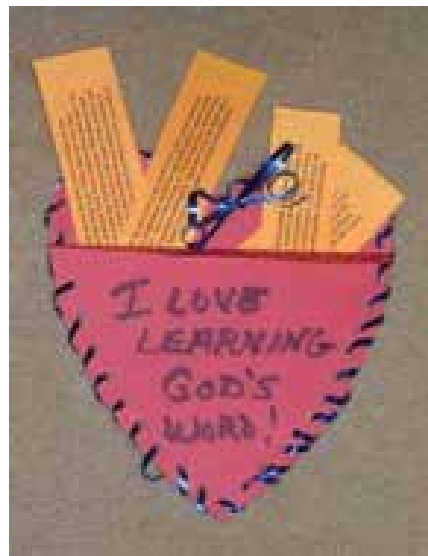
### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Construction paper hearts about five inches wide, two per child
- Ribbon or thick yarn, about a yard per child
- Copies of memory verses, one per child (see verse page at end of document)

### SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- *Glue heart pieces together*
- *Precut memory verses*

### EXAMPLE





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## GAME

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### OBJECTIVE: THE BLOB

If the Blob touches you, you'll be part of the Blob. Try to be the last person in the game, who isn't part of the Blob.

### MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- None

### INSTRUCTIONS

You'll need to play in an area where everyone can easily run around.

1. Pick three volunteers. Have the volunteers line up in the front and hold each other's hands. These volunteers will start off as the Blob and must hold hands at all times.
2. The purpose of the game is to not be touched by the Blob. If a person is touched by the Blob, the person becomes part of the Blob and must hold hands with a person on either end.

3. The Blob tries to tag everyone while running together and holding hands. The last person standing wins the game.

Variation: Start the game with 2 or 3 blobs and see which blob can grow the biggest.

Note: Before playing, let everyone know the boundaries of the playing/running area. If anyone exceeds those boundaries, they will be part of the Blob.



### SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

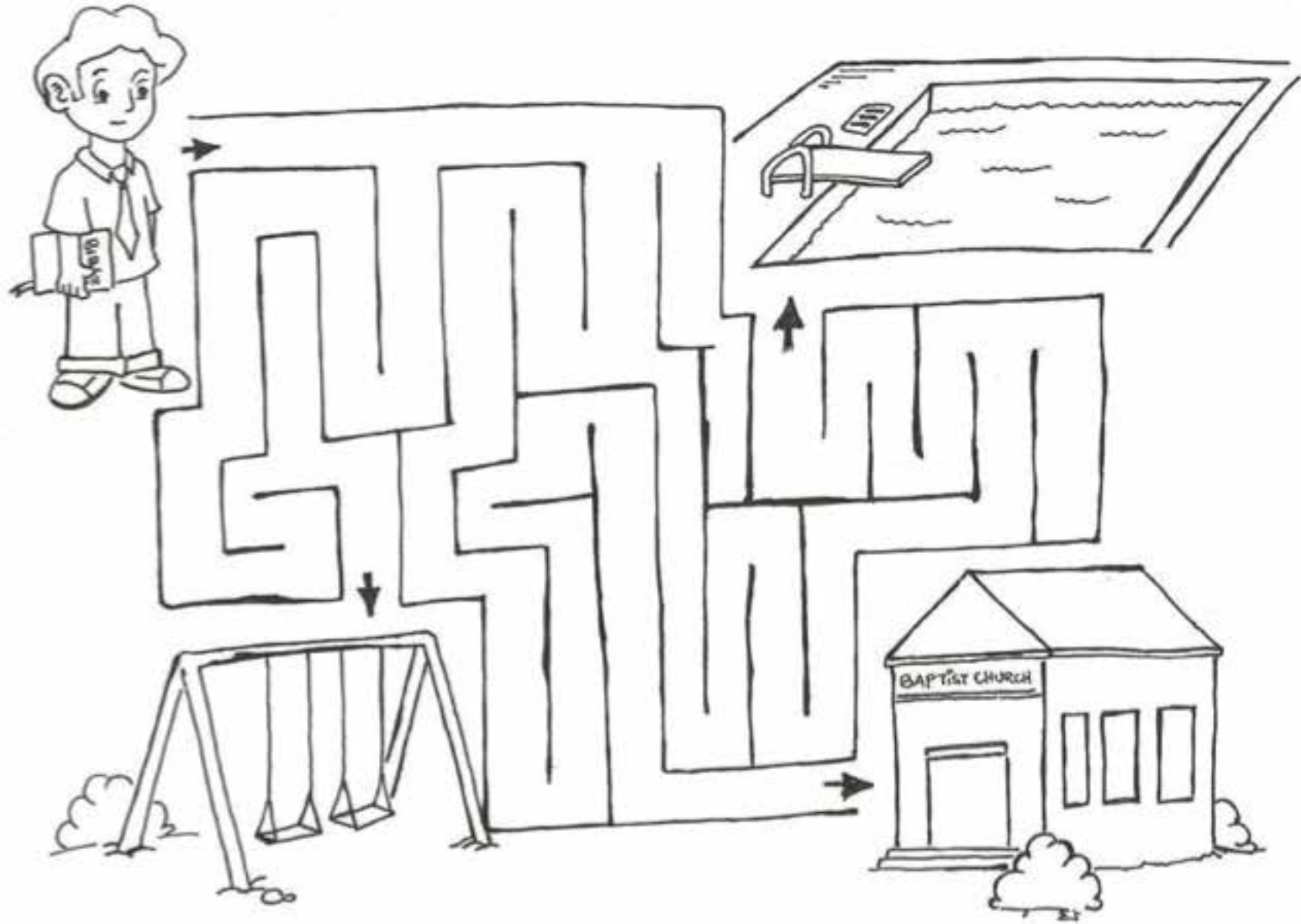
- Separate the bigger kids from the smaller kids and run two games.
- Play a simple game of tag.





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God knows how many hairs you have on your head.  
Luke 12:7



Don't take other people's things.  
Numbers Chapter 31 verse 12


God gives us all that we need.



Philippians Chapter 4 verse 18




Be kind to each other forgiving one another.  
Ephesians Chapter 4 verse 32



God's words light my path and show me the way.  
Psalm 119 verse 105

In the beginning God made the heaven and the earth.




Genesis Chapter 1 verse 1

Jesus said, "Follow me."



Matthew Chapter 9 verse 9

Love the Lord with all your heart.



Deuteronomy Chapter 6 verse 5

A happy heart is good for you



Proverbs Chapter 17 verse 22



God loved the world so much He sent His only son.  
John Chapter 3 verse 16