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Christian Living (Lesson 1) Walk the Narrow Path

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LESSON OBJECTIVE

Topics:

Christianity, Temptation, Godliness, Choices, Worldliness, Eternal Life, Morals, Salvation

Children will choose to walk on the path of righteousness by avoiding ungodly influences and temptations along the way. Bulletin Board Idea: [Follow Jesus](#) Additional Resources: [Bookmark](#)

AS KIDS ARRIVE (20 minutes)

In the Light (Word Puzzle) [Click here](#)

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES (5 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)

MEMORY WORK (10 minutes)

"But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Matthew 7:14 NIV

Form two or three teams. Explain that everyone in each team must say the memory verse and reference correctly and in unison. Each team can earn up to 100 points each time they do so. As each team recites the verse together, have someone listen carefully, and award up to the full 100 points depending on how well they do. If there is hesitation, deduct a few points, if not everyone is able to say it deduct some more, if they do not say it in perfect unison, deduct some more. Then give the next team a chance. Do this several times, totaling the points as you go. The team with the most points at the end of set number of rounds is the winner.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Jesus knew how difficult it would be for us to do the right thing all the time. The devil does a good job trying to get people to follow him. And many do. But a Christian needs to know when following the crowd is wrong. Often times, the path we must take will not have too many people on it. Our Bible story today is about a time when Jesus himself was tempted by the devil to follow him. Many people would have easily given in to the enticements of the devil. Let's see how Jesus was able to resist.

Read this passage to the children, using different voices for Jesus and the devil, or choose three volunteers to read the parts of Jesus, the devil and a narrator.

Matthew 4: 1-11 (Jesus is Tempted by the Devil)

Discussion Questions:

1. What did Jesus do before he was tempted by the devil? (He went without food for 40 days)
2. How did Jesus respond to the devil each time he was tempted? (With scripture)
3. What should we live on besides bread alone? (On every word that comes for the mouth of God)
4. Do you ever feel tempted to skip church or not read your Bible? When?

5. How did the devil want Jesus to put God to a test? (By placing himself in danger)
6. Have you ever agreed to do something you knew God wouldn't like? What?
7. What was the last thing to devil tempted Jesus to do? (Bow down and worship him)
8. According to this passage, who should we serve? (Only God)
9. How can we make sure we are always serving God alone?

CLASS EXERCISES (10 minutes)

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ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (5 minutes)

Have the children list at least six ways they can choose to follow Jesus instead of following what the rest of the world is doing. Here are some examples to get them started.

1. Go to church every week instead of doing something else
2. Thank Jesus first for each meal instead of digging right in
3. Read my Bible in the evening instead of watching Television
4. Say something nice about another instead of gossiping

Let the children take their list home to show their parents, and encourage them to do some of the things on their list during the week.

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

It is not always easy to walk the narrow path of righteousness. Temptation to walk a different, more popular path can come in many forms. It may be from a good friend urging you to do something, or it may be a cool advertisement, or even people making fun of you if you act like a Christian. There are three things you can do to avoid falling into these traps set by the devil.

1. Know the truth. You can learn this from the Bible. The more you study and memorize the Bible, the better equipped you will be to fight off the devil.
2. Memorize scripture. When tempted, you can throw God's word right back at the devil. Maybe he will try again, like he did with Jesus when he tempted Him three times. But if you keep on resisting, eventually he will give up, at least for a while.
3. Keep on praying. When you pray this week, ask Jesus to help you walk right behind Him, on His path. The Bible says, Jesus will be your lamp, and a light unto your feet.

NEXT WEEK

Have you ever heard someone say, "Don't stare?" Next week we'll learn about when it is perfectly alright to stare.

CLOSING PRAYER (2 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)