



LESSON 53 SKIT

Principle: How to handle temptation. Trust in God.

Bible Character(s): Jesus

Scripture Reference: Matthew 4:1-11



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, please read Matthew 4:1-11. Also read through Luke 4:1-13 for a second account of the temptation. Compare Jesus' temptation to Adam and Eve's temptation in Genesis 3. Jesus demonstrated that He would succeed where Adam and Eve failed. As you think through temptation, keep in mind that temptation is the work of Satan, but he is also aided by our selfish, sinful nature. We often go through trials of faith that are allowed by God; however, God never tempts us to sin (James 1:13-15). How do you handle the temptation to sin? How well do you know scripture? Do you use it to fight temptation



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

1) Run-through/Prayer

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check

2) Welcome Cabins

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Heads or Tails

Tell every camper to stand up and tell them that the host is going to flip a coin and they have to choose to indicate either heads (hands in an arch above their heads) or tails (hands clasped behind their backs). The host then flips the coin. If the camper matches, they stay standing. If they don't match, they sit back down. Keep playing until there is one camper left standing to win for the week.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you have been tempted by something before? What were you tempted by? (Allow responses.) **I have a verse I want to read – Hebrews 4:14-16.** (Verse on screen.) **“So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.”** Today we are going to learn about how Jesus was tempted by Satan when He was weak, but He never allowed Himself to give into the temptations of Satan. He never sinned. How amazing is it that Jesus went through the same things we go through! We know that we can trust Him because He’s been through hard things too. He knows what it is like to deal with temptation. As we sing this next song, let’s praise God that we can trust and follow Him each day.

6) Skit

A Detour Sign

ProPresenter:

Hebrews 4:14-16 verse (for worship connector)

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Staff Member #2

*The staff members are running a race against a team from another camp. Dress accordingly. A character could easily play either of these staff members.

Props:

Detour sign

Map

1 water bottle for Staff Member #2

Script:

***DIM LIGHTS for a few seconds, then ***BRING LIGHTS UP

(In this skit, the staff members should not call attention to the audience. The scene is taking place on a mountain trail.) The two staff members run from behind the children to the stage, as if running in a cross-country race. On stage, the runners stop when they notice the detour sign. The staff members should appear to have been running for quite a while. They are almost at the finish line. They could pause to catch their breath and have a drink of water when they notice the sign.

Staff Member #1: **Hey! Wait! This sign says detour.**

Staff Member #2: **Detour? No one said anything about a detour when we began the race.**

Staff Member #1: **Yep! It's a detour all right. Looks like we need to go this way.**

Staff Member #2: **We're so close to the finish line. It's just up ahead. If we take that detour, I don't know how much longer the race will be.**

Staff Member #1: **You're right. I was looking forward to that finish line up ahead. But, the sign says to detour. Let's just do what the sign says.**

Staff Member #2: **I don't know. What if the other team put that sign there to throw us off the trail?**

Staff Member #1: **Would the staff from Camp Diablo do something like that? Why, that would be despicable, detestable, deviant, destructive, distracting, and d...d...disorganized?!**

Staff Member #2: **Are you dehydrated or something? Didn't you bring water for the race?**

Staff Member #1: **Sorry, I got a little carried away. I just can't believe Camp Diablo would trick us with a detour sign.**

Staff Member #2: **I've been in competitions with the staff of Camp Diablo before and I've got to tell you, I've seen worse. There's nothing these guys wouldn't do to win.**

Staff Member #1: **I just want to get to the finish line. I'm tired and like you pointed out, kind of dehydrated, too.**

Staff Member #2: **We've run a good race. I want to finish what we started.**

Staff Member #1: **What should we do?**

Staff Member #2: **Stay on the path or take the detour?**

Both staff members should freeze in place. (Freeze in a comfortable position. It might be a good idea to be slightly turned away from the audience so that when frozen, you can blink without causing a distraction.)

*****DIM LIGHTS**

Storyteller quickly enters stage and stands to the left of the frozen runners.

*****BRING UP FRONT SPOTLIGHTS**

Storyteller: **I hope our Camp Grace runners make the wise choice. It would be great for Camp Grace to win the race against Camp Diablo this year. Every year Camp Diablo tries to trick us so that our runners never reach the finish line.**

You know, in the Bible, we read verses that compare life to a race. As we run the race of life, we sometimes find detour signs. See, Satan tries to trick us into going the wrong way in our race. He tempts us to get off the path that God has for our lives.

Did you know Satan even tempted Jesus? Jesus went to the desert after being baptized. In the desert, Jesus went without food for forty days and forty nights. He was fasting. Can you imagine how hungry he must have been? Remember Jesus was God, but He was here on earth in the form of a man. So, He felt hunger and pain, just like we do. In fact, He could even be tempted by Satan, just like we are. Jesus was weak from being hungry and thirsty. Satan saw Jesus' weakness as the opportune time to try to trick Him. He tried to get Jesus to prove He was the Son of God. But Jesus used the words from scripture to tell Satan that we are not supposed to put God to a test. Satan even tried to get Jesus to worship him. Jesus once again used the words from the scripture that say we should only worship the Lord, our God. Every time Satan tried to tempt Jesus, Jesus fought back with what? (Scripture, the Bible) Right! Jesus used the word of God, the Bible, to fight Satan.

Jesus set an example for us. He showed us that whenever Satan tries to trick us into getting off the path God has for us, we can fight back with the Bible. The Bible tells us to hide God's Word in our heart so that we will not sin against Him.

Hey, let's check in with our runners and see how things are going!

***DIM LIGHTS Storyteller exits. Staff members come to life.

Staff Member #1: I've got a map.

Staff Member #2: That's great. Let's take a look.

Staff Member #1: Whoa! Look! If we take this detour, we'll be in nothing but swamp. There's no way we could run through that.

Staff Member #2: That lets us know that this really is a trick from the staff of Camp Diablo.

Staff Member #1: That's despicable, detestable, deplorable, d...

Staff Member #2: Not that again! Come on! Let's get you to the finish line before you become more dehydrated. You definitely need some water.

The runners run off stage. Storyteller enters.

Storyteller: Camp Grace might win the race after all. They checked the map and found the right way to go. If life is like a race, what is our map? (The Bible.) That's right. It's not always easy to recognize the detours Satan uses to try to get us off the path that God has for us. We have to know our map, our Bible, like Jesus did, in order to recognize Satan's detours. Let's pray.

Father God, give us a desire to know Your Word so that we can quickly recognize the tricks Satan uses to get us off the path. Help us hide Your Word in our hearts so that we will not sin against You. Amen.



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