

Jesus' Baptism and Temptation

Theme: Obedience—Being strong against temptation

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Sunday Morning Lesson

Pre-Class Activity

Bible Facts: Go for the Bible Facts!

Memory Verse: Reproduce a worksheet with blanks in the Memory Verse to be filled in by the students. A sample worksheet is found on page 63 of this Guide. After all students have completed the worksheet, read it aloud together.

Prayer

Teaching Today's Lesson

1. In the classroom Bibles, find and mark Matthew 3:13.
2. Move to Bible the story area.
3. Locate the appropriate place on a time line, showing that Jesus' coming has been planned from the beginning.
4. Establish the setting by locating the Jordan River and the Wilderness on a map.
5. Ideas for telling the story:
 - Use the *Stop, Look, and Listen Lesson Graphics* showing John baptizing Jesus.
 - Use Finger People.
 - Give an illustration of what a temptation is.
6. Read together Matthew 3:13-17.
7. Major points of today's lesson, adjusting more or less for different age groups:
 - John preached about Jesus to help people be ready
 - Jesus came to John to be baptized
 - God's voice came from heaven that He was pleased with His Son
 - The Spirit led Jesus into the Wilderness to be tempted by Satan

- Satan tempted Jesus three times
 - Jesus resisted the temptations with the help of the Scriptures
8. Retell the story with mistakes and let the students correct you as you tell the story.

**Things to Get or Do
for Sunday Morning**

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Wednesday Night Lesson

Pre-Class Activity

Bible Facts: Go for the Bible Facts!

Memory Verse: Print the Memory Verse on paper using a relatively large font. Print a Memory Verse for each student. Cut up the words or phrases of the Memory Verse, and put the pieces in an envelope — one for each student. Have the students put the pieces together to form the Memory Verse. Another option is to provide construction paper and glue sticks and allow the students to glue the Memory Verse pieces on the construction paper in the correct order.

Prayer

Starter

If you are to make a speech to a large group of people, you want to be prepared, don't you? A few weeks before giving the speech, you write out what you want to say. You practice delivering the speech. A few times you get your parents and grandparents to listen. You stay after school one day and ask your teacher to listen. The day you give the speech, someone goes out before the group to introduce you. They tell everyone a little about you and why you are speaking. You step out before the audience and give your speech. Your preparation and practice pay off. You are ready and do a good job!

Jesus' going into the world to teach and preach was an important step. He carefully prepared Himself to do His Father's will.

Briefly Review the Lesson from Sunday Morning

Things to Get or Do for Wednesday Night

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Ideas for Illustrating and Reinforcing the Story

1. **Objective:** *To illustrate and reinforce the story of Jesus' baptism, showing He was preparing Himself to go into the world.*

Have simple items representing Jesus and John the Baptist, such as a robe for Jesus and a tunic of camelhair-like fabric for John. You may create water on the floor with crumpled blue bulletin board paper or with blue cellophane. Role play the baptism of Jesus.

2. **Objective:** *Demonstrate that knowing the Word of God can help us resist temptation.*

On the top half of separate pages write temptations such as:

- Mow your neighbor's yard on Sunday morning because you need the money.
- Take your friend's toy when he isn't looking.
- Tattle on your brother to get him in trouble.
- Play only with your best friends and ignore others at a party.
- Complain about not having enough clothes or toys.
- Refuse to speak to someone who won't do things your way.
- Tell everyone what a good artist you are.
- Refuse to say, "I'm sorry," when you have been mean to someone.
- Gossip about someone, even though you know it's not true.

On the bottom half of the pages, ask students to write what will help them resist each temptation. The teacher may provide some relevant printed Bible verses to help the students.

3. **Objective:** *To show how putting God's Word in our hearts will help us resist temptations as it did for Jesus.*

Create a student-matching game with large cards. Have temptations printed on one set of cards and verses from the Bible printed on the other set. You may reproduce the temptations and Scriptures below. Have students hold the cards, and then as a class activity match the Bible verse or verses that help resist the temptation by having the Bible verse students walk over to the temptation students. More than one verse may apply to any one temptation. Discuss Psalm 119:11, "I have hidden your word in my heart so I won't sin against you." Make a classroom banner featuring this verse.

Temptations	Bible Verses
Getting mad and hitting someone.	<i>James 1:19</i>
Saying someone is ugly.	<i>1 Thessalonians 5:15</i>
Lying to your parents about a test at school.	<i>Ephesians 4:25</i>
Not doing your Bible Class lesson.	<i>Ephesians 5:17</i>
Not cleaning your room when your mother tells you to.	<i>Ephesians 6:1</i>
Telling everyone how good you are at reading or at sports.	<i>Romans 12:3</i>
Call someone a name when they call you a name.	<i>Romans 12:17</i>