What Did Jesus Do?

Theme

How do we defeat Satan? By following Jesus' example.

Object

A WWJD bracelet

Scripture

Luke 4:1-13

I got this new bracelet. (Show it to kids, and then put it on.) It says "WWJD," which stands for "What would Jesus do?" These used to be popular, and today some people are wearing them again. (Invite kids to tell whether they've seen anyone wearing them.) We can use this bracelet as a reminder to be like Jesus.

- So what kinds of things have you known Jesus to do that you could follow?
- Why might kids want a reminder like this throughout their days?

Kids can be tempted to do all kinds of things at school, in their neighborhoods, and even at home...things that aren't God-honoring or what's best for us, right? Well, Jesus knows what it's like to be tempted, too. The Bible tells about a time Jesus went out into the wilderness for 40 days to be by Himself. God's Spirit led Him out there to fast and pray. (Invite kids to tell about anyone they know who has fasted, or share your own story.)

During that time God's enemy, Satan came and tempted Jesus to do some things Jesus knew weren't right. But just because Jesus is God and He's powerful, that doesn't mean the things Satan suggested weren't tempting. Like first, Satan suggested Jesus turn stones into bread that Jesus could eat. (Have kids close their eyes for a moment and imagine what it might be like for them to not eat or drink anything for 40 days, and how that might feel. After a minute, invite them to reflect on their thoughts.)

Jesus could have easily done what Satan suggested, but He didn't. Instead, He answered, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone.' "

Then Satan took Jesus up to a high place and showed Him the worldly kingdoms below. He said, "All of this belongs to me. If You will bow down and worship me, I will give it to You."

• Worship can mean "make more important than God"; so what kinds of things are you sometimes tempted to make more important than God?

Here's what Jesus answered to Satan's temptation: "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.' "

Next, Satan took Jesus to Jerusalem and led Him up to the highest point on the temple. He said to Jesus, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. God will send His angels to rescue You." (Lead kids in a vote: Who thinks God could keep Jesus from harm if He did jump off that temple.)

Of course God could keep Jesus safe, but Jesus quoted the Scripture, " 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Do you know what the devil did? He gave up! He said, "I'll come back and try another day."

The next time the devil tempts you to do something wrong, look in the Bible and see what the Bible says. Then...Do What Jesus Did...answer Satan with Scripture!

Dear God, help us use Your word and follow Jesus' example in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

Sermon Title: "What Did Jesus Do?"

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

TEMPTATION BALLS:

Give each child an empty paper towel roll and some styrofoam balls. The child will use the paper towel roll to hit the styrofoam balls into the garbage pail that has a big sign on it which will say GOD'S WORD. Count the balls after each child's turn to see how many "temptation balls" the child got taken care of by GOD's WORD!

"I'LL BE BACK" TEMPTATION RELAY:

Put chocolate chip cookies or muffins or cupcakes on a table. Divide the class into teams. Let the first team member run to the treat table and tag the table and shout -- I'LL BE BACK, and run back to the next player and the relay will continue until all players have gone to the treat table and have shouted, I'LL BE BACK. Then have children run the relay once again but THIS time, the child will take one treat and run back to the team for each member to make the temptation run. As players get back to their team, they will sit down at the back of their team line, and eat their treat while the other players continue to play the game until everyone has a treat!

TEMPTATION 'HITS':

Designate one child or the teacher to hold a large poster board that is colored, decorated and has written GOD'S WORD in large letters. The children will try to throw wads of paper or soft beach balls or soft/dry water balls at the child or teacher who is walking across the room with the GOD'S WORD poster board. Tell the children that the wads of paper represent temptation. Ask children if they would get hit more if they had the GOD'S WORD board in front of them or if they just walked without the board. If time allows, try the balls toward a child or teacher withOUT the GOD"S WORD in front of them!!!!

TEMPTATION PANTOMIME:

Let children do a temptation pantomime for the rest of the class. When the child's pantomime is guessed correctly, the child will then hold up a sign that says, GOD'S WORD, to let children know that every temptation that is guessed can be handled by GOD's WORD every day!

POPCORN KNOCK DOWN:

Fill a glass with water and give the children popcorn to throw AT the glass to try and knock it down. Tell the children that the popcorn represents TEMPTATION and the glass of water represents GOD'S WORD (tape a little sign on the glass for GOD"S WORD). Make sure children stand back far enough to not tip the glass of water over.

TEMPTATION BANNER:

Give each child a long piece of paper and markers. Children will first draw a STONE and write words for that temption on or around the stone. Then children can draw some MOUNTAINS under that STONE area, and write the words for that temption on the mountains. Then children will draw an outline of a TEMPLE and write some words from that temptation. Make sure children write Jesus' answer from scripture for each temptation.

BIBLE WALKIN':

Let the children take turns leading the class in a BIBLE WALK around a designated area. Each child should be carrying a Bible up over his/her head during the WALK!! The children should repeat the walking leader's words as they're shouted out -- such as a cadence or poem for WE CAN..... RESIST TEMPTATION..... WITH GOD'S WORD - make it a "beat" for children to march to. Continue to change the leader for the BIBLE WALKIN' until everyone has had an opportunity to lead, if desired.

RESIST THE DEVIL CHALK TALK:

The teacher can write or draw a temptation on the chalk board. Let a child come to the board with chalk and write what the BIBLE says about that temptation... or draw a simple picture..... OR as another option, the children can take turns drawing a temptation on the chalkboard and the teacher can tell the children what GOD's Word says about that temptation and how to RESIST THE DEVIL. Gather in a circle and pray together to resist the devil when he tries to lead us astray.

SING A SONG:

THY WORD; 1-2-3 THE DEVIL'S AFTER ME

Song: "Thy Word" by E. O. Sellers
Words and Music (pdf)

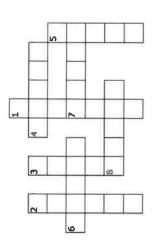
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Song: "1-2-3, The Devil's After Me " Old Camp Song Words and Music (pdf)

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Grossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
- 5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
 - 7. A small rock
- 8. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God
- DOWN
- 1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
- 2. To feel a need or desire for food
 - 3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
- 5. To try to get someone to do wrong

WORLD TEMPT

HUNGRY

WORSHIP ANGEL

DEVIL BREAD



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The Temptation of Christ

Luke 4:1-13

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WORD	TEMPTED	WORLD	DEVIL

Your Church Name City or Town

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Choose the word that best matches the definition

- 1. To feel a need or desire for food
 A. hungry B. thirsty C. tired D. tempt
- 2. A small rock
 A. boulder B. mountain C. world D. stone
- 3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked A. pizza B. pie C. bread D. stone
- 4. To try to get someone to do wrong
 A. worship B. tempt C. angel D. hungry
- 5. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
- A. devil B. angel C. worship D. tempt

 6. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and
- 7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God
 A. angel B. world C. devil D. hungry

A. fairy B. devil C. temple D. angel

8. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
A. space B. moon C. world D. galaxy



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