

What to do When You're Tempted as a Kid

week 2

Slides and Videos are in **bold**.

Props: Use different talk bubble shapes to emphasize what God does say around your large group space. You could also incorporate the words, "happy", "temptation", and "forgiveness" in different sizes and fonts.

-SLIDE- Welcome

Start kid's countdown once all classes are present

-SLIDE- Series Intro (2 min)

Hey kids! Welcome to kids church. I'm so glad you could be here today. We're gonna have fun, right? Let's get started.

Now, who was here last week when we talked about how God wants us to be really, really.... sad? **(allow kids to answer)** Wait, that's not right... Oh yeah! God wants us to be MORE than happy! Hmm, why not just happy? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, because feeling happy is usually temporary because we base it on what we think we want in the moment. But, God wants us to be **more** than happy, which comes from having a relationship with him.

-SLIDE- Lesson Intro (2 min)

Today, we're going to talk about temptation-wanting to do things we know we're not supposed to do. For example, have you ever wanted the cookies your Mom just made but she told you not to eat? **(have kids raise hands)** Or have you ever gotten really upset at a friend and wanted to call them mean names? **(have kids raise hands)** Me, too! The truth is, we're all tempted all the time!

Some people say that if you're a Christian, then you'll never be tempted to do bad things. But, God never said that. God says that you will be tempted but he will help you to fight it and win. We'll talk more about that in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing our first song!

-SONG- I Will Follow (3 min)

That was great! Good job. I think God loves to hear all your voices praising Him. Now, let's sit down and say our big idea and key question together!

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Christian kids don't have to give in to temptation.

(repeat with kids)

-SLIDE- Key Question: What is temptation?

That's a great question, let's listen to our video closely to see what temptation is.

-VIDEO- Tempted (4 min)

-SLIDE- Recap (3 min)

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- We should take our thoughts _____ when we're tempted. (captive)
- True or false: We should run toward bad things. (False)
- Who can we talk to if we're being tempted? (Parents/Small group leader/Friends)

You guys are so smart! You see, we don't have to do bad things just because we think about them. Whenever we're tempted to do something bad, we need to remember that God will help us to be strong and we should follow the 4 steps. We should throw out of our head any thought that is bad. We should replace a bad thought with a good thought like, "I don't need to watch that show. I want to be obedient to my parents because that honors God". We shouldn't just sit there and do nothing when we're tempted. We should run and do something else, like play with our toys or help our sibling. And, we should never forget to tell... who if we're struggling? **(allow kids to answer)** Right, we should tell our parents or small group leader. It's good to share our struggles with others so they can be praying for us!

God wants us to stand up to temptation and he will help us to be strong. That's what our memory verse is all about. Let's stand and read it together!

-SLIDE- Memory Verse: "He will not **(arms in X)** allow the temptation **(hands over ears)** to be more than you **(point out)** can stand. When you are tempted **(hands over ears)**, he will show you **(hands shading eyes)** a way out so that you can endure **(thumbs up)**." 1 Corinthians 10:13 **(Repeat)**

Great job! This verse is telling us that even though fighting temptation is hard, God is there to help us. If we ever want to do something our parents told us not to do, or make fun of someone, or take something that doesn't belong to us, God is right there to help us run away from the temptation and chase something better! Who

thinks God is awesome for helping us? **(allow kids to answer)** Me too! So let's stand and sing one last song to Him.

-SONG- We Shine (3 min)

Okay, we're ready to answer the Key Question.

-SLIDE- Key question: What is temptation?

(allow a few kids to answer).

-SLIDE- The answer: Wanting to do something you know you're not supposed to do.

You'll talk more about this in your small groups today. But, before we go, let's say the Big Idea one last time...

-SLIDE- Big Idea: Christian kids don't have to give in to temptation.

(Have kids repeat)

-SLIDE- Operation Christmas Child

Who did this with us last year? **(have kids raise hands)** This is such a special opportunity for you to bless other kids all around the world!

Did you know that lots of kids never have any presents to open on Christmas? Not only that, they don't have any toys to call their own. But, you can change that! You can fill a shoebox full of special things to bless another child and show them the love of God. Have your parents pick up an information sheet at the KC desk today. Boxes are due **October 25th.**

-SLIDE- Let's Pray (then dismiss)

-SLIDE- Let's go to small groups