

In the Beginning: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: God created me to do good things.

SuperVerse: *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.*

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT).

Bible Story: Genesis 1–3

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

This story will teach us about resisting temptation so we can do what God created us to do.

- Play videos in order of appearance in the Video Player or Leader Guide.
- Chris, Joy and Gizmo go back in time to visit the Garden of Eden.
- Explain that God created us to be unique. We are a work in progress to become all He planned for us to be. By resisting temptation, we can follow and fulfill God's plan for us.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game Materials Needed:

- Sock toss game
- Poster board
- Clean socks or ping pong balls, 1–2 per child
- Tape or glue
- Optional: safety goggles

Game: Temptation Shield (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore resisting temptation by playing a tossing game.

- Being tempted is not a sin. Jesus was tempted but never sinned.
- Making a mistake is not a sin. Sin is giving in to temptation and **choosing** to do the wrong thing.
- Jesus used God's Word as a shield to protect Him against temptation.
- This fun game will help us understand how God's Word can protect us from temptation.

Game Instructions:

- Choose someone who is not shy. The child will stand in the front of the room and try to dodge the balled up socks thrown by the other children.
- Discuss how it was difficult to avoid the balled socks.
- Collect the socks and play another round. This time, however, the child will use the cardboard shield for protection.
- If time permits, let other children use the shield.
- Talk about the various ways we have to fight temptation that are listed on the Temptation Shield.

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Temptation Cube Pattern, one per child
- 12" stick or ruler
- 6"x8" rectangle of white cloth or paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Optional: washable markers
- Bible or Superbook App

Teaching: Temptation Cube (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss temptation by making and tossing cubes.

- Distribute scissors and a copy of the Temptation Cube Pattern to each child. Each child will cut out, fold, and assemble their cube with tape.
- Read the list of temptations. Children toss their cubes for each situation and discuss them.
- Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)
- Before the next lesson, appreciate God's creation by looking for insects during the day and night. Make a list of your observations and bring it to class to discuss God's cool creations.

SuperVerse: Superbook Sign Language (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the Superverse with a group activity.

- Our SuperVerse today tells us that we are God's masterpiece and are created to do good things.
- Children create motions to communicate the verse.

Prayer: Prayer Pals (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Instead of focusing on their own needs, children will share prayer requests and pray for them.
- Children spend some time praying for one another.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Guessing Game: Demonstrate how sin blinds us. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Drawing Activity: Create a personal illustration of God's work in our lives. | Grades 1–3 | 10 min

Craft/Game: Make a stop sign and discuss tempting situations. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Action Game: Follow the motions and guess the leader. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Life Application: Write scriptures on temptation shields to take home. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Contest: Have a quick contest and discuss how to honor God. | Grades 1–6 | 5 min