

Jesus in the Wilderness: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: We are made right with God through Christ.

SuperVerse: *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

Bible Story: Mark 1:9–13; Matthew 4:1–11; Luke 2:41–52; 4:1–13

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Through Jesus, God supplies all of our needs—even forgiveness for our sins and eternal life!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Jesus—first when He is a boy, speaking to the elders at the Temple, then when He is a man, resisting Satan's temptations in the wilderness. The children learn how the Word of God can help them stand strong.
- Let's watch our Signposts Video to learn how Jesus' time in the Temple and the temptations He defeated help us to understand His ministry in a deeper way.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Bottle Flipping Game (15 minutes)

Objective: *Play a game using bottles.*

- Being made right with God could also be stated as “to be made righteous” or “to be in right standing” with God. This game is about standing upright.

Game Instructions:

- You will have one minute to flip your bottle and try to “stick” the landing so the bottle is upright or standing. You score one point for each bottle that stands up. You score five points if your bottle happens to stand up on its lid!

Teaching: All for Us (15 minutes)

Objective: *Jesus defeated sin and temptation to save us and give us eternal life.*

- Jesus did not come to rule us as an earthly king. He came to do much more—more than anyone else could ever do. He came to help us and heal us—not just physically, but spiritually, too.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Pray and ask for the Holy Spirit's help to live in a way that pleases God, to show His love to others. Learn 2 Timothy 2:22.

SuperVerse: Superbook Catch and Shout (5 minutes)

Objective: *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Jesus never sinned; yet He loved us so much that He died to make us right with God and empower us to live for Him.
- Players form two lines and stand directly across from another player facing them. Hand the ball to the first player at one end. The player shouts the first word of the SuperVerse and then passes the ball to the second player directly across from them who shouts the second word and passes the ball to the third player across. Continue this way until the entire SuperVerse is completed.

Prayer: Right Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Through Jesus' offering, we are made right with God through Christ. We just need to believe in Him!
- If you want to be right with God and have not asked Jesus to be Your Savior, today can be your day! Each time I pray, I will pause so that you can repeat the words aloud or in your heart. Close in prayer allowing time after each phrase for the children to pray silently or repeat aloud after you.

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

Relay Game: Play a game to measure up in Christ. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Egg Object Lesson: Demonstrate a right heart toward God through Christ. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Coloring Activity: Color a page of Jesus after defeating Satan in the wilderness. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Activity: Look up verses about Christ's sacrifice to make us right with God. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Six water bottles filled about 1/3 full of water, sealed tightly with lids
- Two 5'–6' tables
- Towel for any spills
- Timer—clock or watch with second hand, stopwatch, or timer app
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Signpost Cards
- Three sheets of cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Ear Pad and Headband Patterns for any children who missed Lessons 1 and 2
- Craft stems
- Cellophane tape
- Sample craft to display; see Lesson 1 for details

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Beach ball or soft foam ball
- Timer—clock or watch with second hand, stopwatch, or timer app

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App