

# Satan Tempts Jesus

Luke 4:1-13



### Worship Theme:



Jesus never sinned.

### Weaving Faith Into Life:




Children will thank Jesus for being the perfect example.

Session Sequence	What Children Will Do	Supplies
<b>1</b> Let's Praise God! <i>(up to 25 minutes)</i>	<b>Sing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "All Around the World"</li> <li>• "Be Strong in the Lord" (Ephesians 6:10)</li> <li>• "Create in Me a Pure Heart" (Psalm 51:10)</li> <li>• "God Loves Us So"</li> <li>• "Into the Bible"</li> </ul>	<b>KidsOwn Worship Kit:</b> <i>KidsOwn Worship DVD</i> <b>Classroom Supplies:</b> Video equipment, Bible, sheets of poster board, markers

## Preschool

Session Sequence	What Children Will Do	Supplies
<b>2</b> Let's Learn the Point! <i>(up to 25 minutes)</i>	<b>How Long?</b> Challenge themselves to see how long they can be good at something.	<b>Classroom Supplies:</b> Pencils or markers
	<b>He Did It for Me!</b> Fill a poster with "thanks" in response to the Bible story.	<b>Classroom Supplies:</b> Poster board, scissors, star or heart stickers
	<b>* Temptation Tower</b> See that temptation "tips us over" but Jesus never fails.	<b>Classroom Supplies:</b> Blocks

## Elementary

Session Sequence	What Children Will Do	Supplies
<b>2</b> Let's Learn the Point! <i>(up to 25 minutes)</i>	<b>* Resisting Temptation</b> Watch a video, and discuss Jesus' temptation.	<b>KidsOwn Worship Kit:</b> <i>KidsOwn Worship DVD</i> <b>Classroom Supplies:</b> Video equipment, popcorn popper, popcorn, bowl, catalog, Let's Praise God! lists
	<b>Sticky Temptation</b> Run a relay race to see how hard it is to avoid temptation.	<b>KidsOwn Worship Kit:</b> Sticky Hands 
	<b>* Muddy Water, Muddy Lives</b> Learn that Jesus remained sinless so he could get rid of their sin.	<b>Classroom Supplies:</b> 2 clear glasses, water, potting soil, spoon, pitcher

Session Sequence	What Children Will Do	Supplies
<b>3</b> Let's Pray! <i>(up to 10 minutes)</i>	<b>The Offering</b> Sing a song as they give their offerings.	<b>KidsOwn Worship Kit:</b> <i>KidsOwn Worship DVD</i> <b>Classroom Supplies:</b> Offering bowls, video equipment
	<b>Picture That Prayer</b> Draw prayers of praise to Jesus for a sinless life.	<b>Classroom Supplies:</b> White sheet, markers, masking tape
	<b>Prayer of Praise</b> Repeat a prayer of praise to Jesus.	

\* Starred activities can be used successfully with preschool and elementary children together.

Customize your session to fit your needs. You can separate preschoolers and elementary children for Section 2.

Or, if you keep the children all together for the entire worship session, we suggest you choose from the starred activities.

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Jesus was 12 when he left the Temple with Mary and Joseph. When he was baptized, tempted, and began his ministry, he was about 30 (Luke 3:23). That leaves about 18 years of his life unaccounted for. We can only assume that he spent much of those 18 years as a carpenter, helping Joseph in the family business (Mark 6:3) and learning about his Father in heaven.

Jesus' temptation by Satan followed closely on the heels of his baptism and God's confirmation of Jesus' relationship with him (Luke 3:21-22). Why did God allow Jesus to be tempted in this way? At least one answer is found in Hebrews 4:14-16. If Jesus had not been tempted as we are, he would not be able to sympathize with our vulnerability to temptation. Because he was tempted, he can identify with us.

Some ask if it was possible for Jesus to give in to Satan's temptations. There's not an easy answer to this question. Some say his divine nature ruled out the possibility of his sinning. Others say that his humanity made him vulnerable to sin and that if the temptation to sin wasn't real, then he wouldn't have been able to atone for our sins in his death. For further study, read Hebrews 2:14-18.

When Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, the strength of the temptation was in the shortcut it offered. Satan offered Jesus rule over the world under Satan, who was under God, without having to go through the humiliation and suffering that Jesus knew was coming. The only condition was that Jesus had to worship Satan. But all this was a deception. Jesus wouldn't have become King; he would have become a servant of Satan. And Jesus saw through Satan's plan.

Jesus answered each of Satan's temptations with Scripture. What does that tell us about how we can be prepared to face temptation?

Although Luke 4:1-13 is referred to as "the temptation of Jesus," it's important to remember the words of Luke 4:13. These events didn't mark the end of Satan's attempts to draw Jesus away from God. Throughout Jesus' ministry, Satan tried to capitalize on Jesus' humanity. However, Jesus always withstood the test, and he died for us after living a sinless life.

## **Devotion for Leaders**

As your relationship with the Lord grows through spending time in God's Word, your resistance to Satan's temptations will become stronger.

**Weaving Faith Into Your Life:** Re-read Luke 4:5-8. Satan tempted Jesus by offering the world as Jesus' kingdom. Was the world Satan's to give? Why or why not? Though Satan may have had a false sense of his own sovereignty, Jesus still chose to win his kingdom as the suffering servant on the cross. If you face temptation today, remember how Christ overcame temptation in the desert.

## Why We Worship for Leaders

After 40 days in the desert with no food, Jesus was physically weak and vulnerable. Satan chose that moment of weakness for his attack, and he confronted Jesus with three powerful temptations. Yet Jesus refused to give in to temptation. Because of his great love for his Father and us, he made the right choice. Scripture tells us that because Jesus experienced temptation, he's able to help us face temptation. But Jesus' success over temptation doesn't just provide us with an example of how to live. Because Jesus resisted temptation and lived a perfect life, he was able to pay the price for our sins so that we can live with him forever in heaven. That's reason to worship!

## Easy Prep for Leaders

**Let's Praise God!**—Make sure your video equipment is ready. Ask one or two adults to help children write things they're tempted by. Each adult helper will need one sheet of poster board and a marker.

**Resisting Temptation**—Watch "The Temptation of Jesus" at least once before the children arrive so you're familiar with it.

**Muddy Water, Muddy Lives**—You may want to practice the object lesson so you can do it smoothly.

**Preschool Activities**—Refer to the preschool pages for preparations.

## 1 Let's Praise God!

Play music videos from the *KidsOwn Worship DVD* as children arrive. Greet children by name, and ask each one to go to an adult helper in the room to add to the list of temptations people face.

When you are ready to begin,

**Say** **Welcome to children's church, everybody! I need two people to tell us about the best human being they know other than Jesus.**


Have two children stand and share with the group.

**Those are awesome people! Did you know that no matter how good we are, even if we're as good as Mother Teresa, Abraham Lincoln, or Martin Luther King Jr., we'll never be perfect? Those people did many good things, but they weren't sinless. The Bible says in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." There is only one person who never ever sinned, and that's Jesus! He is God! Let's stand and worship him by singing "All Around the World."**

 Sing "All Around the World."

- Ask** • **Have you ever told a lie? If you have, sit down.** Wait for a moment before continuing.
- **Have you ever disobeyed your parents? If so, sit down.** Wait while children respond.
- **Have you ever been mean to someone? If so, sit down.** Wait while children respond.
- **Have you ever been wrong about something? If so, sit down.** Wait while children respond.

**Say** **No one is left standing. Hmm. I guess that means no one here is perfect. I have good news for you—God knows you’re not perfect! That’s why he sent Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but he died so that we could have life forever! That’s reason to worship with joy!**

 Sing “Be Strong in the Lord” (Ephesians 6:10).

**Say** **Jesus never sinned. Because he did everything he was supposed to do on earth, we get to live in heaven forever with him. You might think that it was easy for him to be perfect because he’s God. It wasn’t. I need a good reader to stand and read Hebrews 2:18 aloud for us.** Choose a good reader to read the verse aloud.

- Ask** • **What does it mean to be tempted?** (You want to do bad things; bad things look good to you.)
- **How do you feel when you’re being tempted?** (I feel guilty; I’m afraid that I will do something bad.)

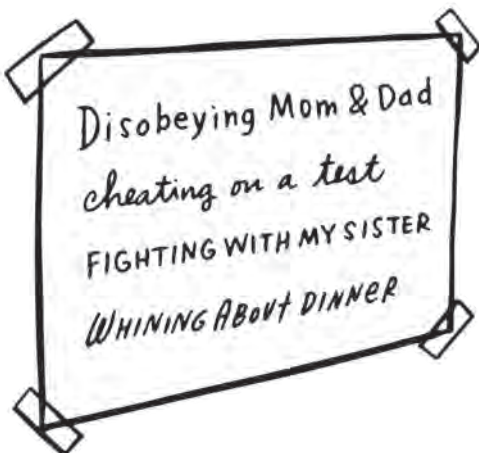
**Say** **The verse tells us that those feelings of fighting temptation are a type of suffering. Jesus felt them, too, so he knows just how you feel. That’s why he’s the perfect one to help you when you’re tempted.**

Point out the lists of temptations, and quickly read the temptations.

- Ask** • **Why didn’t Jesus ever do anything wrong?** (Because he is perfect; because he needed to die for our sins; because he is God’s Son.)
- **How can Jesus help us when we’re tempted?** (We can pray and ask him for help; he can remind us to do the right thing.)

**Say** **When he was on earth, Jesus loved God so much and wanted to please him and obey him. But he had to make choices, just as we do, for good or bad. He knows how hard it is. Jesus never sinned. As we sing our next song, let’s lift our hands in the air to worship Jesus for being perfect and to tell him that we want to have a pure heart.**

 Sing “Create in Me a Pure Heart” (Psalm 51:10).



**Say** Jesus loves us so much. He showed us his love by dying on the cross for us. Let's praise and thank him because we don't have to be perfect—he's perfect for us.

▶ Sing "God Loves Us So."

**Say** Jesus is both God and man. He suffered to do what's right, just as we do. But Jesus never sinned. He never chose the wrong thing. God made sure that verses like Hebrews 2:18 were written down so that we would believe and have life in him. Let's celebrate God's Word with our last song.

▶ Sing "Into the Bible."

**Pray** Dear Jesus, thank you for never sinning, even though you were tempted just as we are. Thank you for understanding how hard it is to stand strong against temptation. Help us when we need to choose between right and wrong. Thank you for being holy and perfect. We understand how special that is because, no matter how hard we try to do the right thing, sometimes we mess up. We love you, Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

## 2 Let's Learn the Point!

### Preschool Activities, pages 93-94

At this time, have the preschool leader invite the preschoolers to go to their own room for this section of activities. Tear out the Preschool Activities page, and give it to the preschool leader. Have the preschool leader bring the preschoolers back to participate in Let's Pray! with the older children. If you prefer to keep all the children together, do the starred (\*) activities. They will work well with both elementary and preschool children.

### Elementary Activities

#### \* Resisting Temptation

Have the pairs discuss the following questions:

- Ask**
- **Have you ever faced a temptation that felt really strong?** (Yes, when I wanted to tell a lie; no, I have never felt that before.)
  - **What do you do to stand up against temptation?** (I do something else to forget about it; I try to do what's right; I pray.)
  - **How do you feel when you give in to temptation?** (I feel bad; I hope I'm not going to get in trouble.)
  - **How do you feel when you resist temptation?** (I feel strong; I know Jesus is happy with me.)

### Leader Skillbuilder

During today's various discussions about temptation, look for opportunities to encourage children to think before they act. Read Proverbs 2:12 to them: "Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men." Suggest that children ask themselves five questions when they struggle with whether something they want to do is wrong or not: 1) Is it good? 2) Is it right? 3) Does it help someone? 4) Would Mom or Dad approve? 5) Would Jesus approve? Suggest that they base their actions on the answers to those questions—if the answer to any question is no, they should run the other way. That's wisdom!



**Say** ▶ **Temptation can be pretty hard to resist. That’s what makes today’s Bible story so amazing. Jesus resisted incredible temptation.** If you have a hot-air popper, begin popping popcorn now.

**One time Jesus spent 40 days in the desert without eating anything. That’s called fasting—not eating anything for a certain amount of time so you can pray to God.**

**Ask** ▶ • **What’s the longest you’ve ever gone without eating anything?**  
(A whole day; just a few hours.)

**Say** ▶ **Forty days without food is a long time! Think about it—that’s longer than the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas! Jesus was tired and hungry. That’s when the devil showed up and started to tempt him. He knew Jesus wouldn’t do anything drastic—he wouldn’t steal, kill, or destroy anything. So the devil went a trickier route. He tempted Jesus with food. He said, “Jesus, if you’re the Son of God, show off your power, and turn these stones into bread.”**

**Smell that popcorn! We haven’t been fasting, and it still smells irresistible! Imagine how Jesus felt at the thought of finally having some food after 40 days!** Set the popcorn aside when it’s finished. Make enough popcorn to allow each child to have a handful at the end of the activity.



**The devil was trying to get Jesus to use his powers in a wrong way. Jesus knew it was wrong. He said to the devil, “Man does not live on bread alone.” Obeying God was more important to him than making food for himself.**

**The devil didn’t give up. He led Jesus to a high place and showed him all the kingdoms of the world. He said, “If you worship me, I will give you all these kingdoms.”**

Show kids a catalog with toys, clothes, and electronics in it.

**Say** ▶ **That would be a little like if the devil showed you this catalog and said you could have it all if you would worship him. Jesus knew he shouldn’t worship anyone but God. He told the devil that God’s Word says to worship only God and no one else.**

**So the devil tried another tactic. He led Jesus to the very top of the Temple. He said, “Prove you’re the Son of God. Jump off this building and see if God’s angels come to rescue you.”**

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## Easy Prep for Leaders

**He Did It for Me!**—Cut a large cross shape out of poster board; the shape should be at least 24x18 inches. You'll need a sheet of star or heart stickers for each child.

## Using Theo

Consider using Theophilus the FaithRetriever puppet today in these ways:

- Have Theo lead the preschoolers from the main worship area to the preschool room.
- Have Theo help build the tower in the "Temptation Tower" activity.
- See the KidsOwn Worship Kit for a puppet skit written for today's worship session.



## How Long?

You'll need a pencil or marker for each child.

**Say** Let's all stand on one foot and see who can do it the longest. As soon as your other foot touches the ground, sit down on the floor with me. Give children time to try this activity one or two times. Then pass out a pencil or marker to each child.

Hold out two fingers of the same hand so they're touching. Now try to balance the pencil across the back of your two fingers. See how long you can balance it. As soon as it falls, come sit on the floor with me. Give children a few moments to practice, and then have them try together. Collect the pencils, and have everyone sit down.

Now let's see how long you can sit totally still without even one little wiggle. Is everyone ready? Go! Wait until one or two children wiggle.

Sometimes trying to be good is like the game we just played. We can do it for a little while, and then we mess up.

- Ask**
- How long can you be good?
  - What happens sooner or later?
  - Can you be good all the time?

**Say** As hard as we try, we'll never be good all the time. But there's someone who is—Jesus. Jesus never sinned! That's amazing because we know how hard it is to be good all the time. Let's jump and clap to tell Jesus we think he's awesome!

## He Did It for Me!

Have children sit on the floor in a circle.

**Ask** • Is it hard for you to be good? Tell us about it.

**Say** When Jesus was little, he found it hard to be good sometimes, too. But he always chose to do the right thing. He never sinned. When he grew up, he still had to choose to be good.

Set the cross on the floor in the center of the circle. Pass out a sheet of stickers to each child.

**Say** We're going to use our pretty stickers to tell Jesus thank you for being good. Listen to the

Bible story now, and I'll tell you when to pick up your stickers. One time, when Jesus was living on earth, he spent 40 days in the desert. Forty days is a long time!

**Ask** • What's it like in a desert?

**Say** The desert is a dry, hot place with lots of sand. While Jesus was in the desert, he didn't eat any food. He got really hungry. Show me how you look when you're really hungry. (Pause.) The devil came to Jesus and tempted him. That means he tried to get Jesus to do something bad.



## He Did It for Me! (continued)

**Ask** • What bad thing do you think he would try to get Jesus to do?

**Say** The devil knew Jesus was hungry. He said, “Jesus, show off your power by turning some rocks into bread.”

**Ask** • What should Jesus do?

**Say** Jesus knew he shouldn’t show off God’s power by turning the rocks into bread, so he said no to the devil. Obeying God was more important than making food for himself. Jesus chose the right thing! Let’s take one of our pretty stickers and put it on the cross to thank Jesus for choosing the right thing. Encourage children to say, “Thank you, Jesus, for doing the right thing,” or something similar, as they put stickers on the cross.

Jesus did what was right because he loved God and he loves you! Take one of your stickers and put it on your shirt to show that Jesus said no to the devil for you. (Pause.)

Then the devil tempted Jesus in another way. He led Jesus to a high place where they could see all around. Let’s stand up and pretend we’re on a high mountain looking all around. (Pause.) The devil said, “If you worship me, I will give you all the world you can see.”

**Ask** • What should Jesus do?

**Say** Jesus knew he shouldn’t worship the devil or anyone besides God, so he told the devil that

God’s Word says to worship only God and no one else. Let’s give Jesus another sticker and tell him thank you for doing the right thing. (Pause.) Now give yourself another sticker because Jesus did it for you. (Pause.)

That old devil tempted Jesus again! He was sure he could trick Jesus and get him to disobey God! So he took Jesus to the top of a high building. He said, “Prove you’re the Son of God. Jump off this high building, and see if the angels will rescue you.”

**Ask** • What should Jesus do?

**Say** Jesus knew he shouldn’t test God this way, so he said no to the devil. Jesus knew that testing God would be wrong. Let’s give him another sticker and tell him thank you. (Pause.) Give yourself another sticker because Jesus did it for you! (Pause.)

Look at all the thanks we’ve given Jesus! Let’s hang our cross in the room to remember that Jesus never sinned.

**Ask** • What did Jesus say to the devil when he tempted Jesus?

• How can we be like Jesus?

**Say** Let’s be sure and tell ourselves *No!* when we want to do wrong things. Jesus will help you say no, because he had to do it, too. He did it for you!

Give children the option of decorating the cross or themselves with the rest of their stickers or taking them home.

## \* Temptation Tower

Spread a pile of building blocks on the floor.

**Say** Jesus was tempted by the devil to do something bad. Sometimes we are tempted to do bad things, too.

**Ask** • What are some things you are tempted to do?

**Say** Let’s pretend each block is a temptation. A temptation means you have to decide if you’re going to do something you know you shouldn’t do. For example, this block might be the temptation to hit my little brother.

Place the block on the floor. Ask kids to name other temptations they face. For each temptation, have children add a block to the tower until it topples over.

**Say** There were so many temptations our tower tipped over! Sometimes it’s like that for you and me. We keep trying so hard to do what’s right. Then something happens, and we do the

wrong thing anyway! Jesus is the only one who never sinned.

**Ask** • How does it make you feel to know that Jesus never sinned?

• How can Jesus help you say no to temptations?

• How does it feel to know that Jesus will help you?

**Say** Let’s build another tower. This time we’ll build it to thank Jesus for helping us. As children add blocks, encourage them to thank Jesus for helping them. For example, a child might say, “Thank you, Jesus, for helping me be nice to my brother,” or “Thank you, Jesus, for helping me obey my mom.” If the tower hasn’t toppled over by the time you finish praying, have one or two children pull out a bottom block so that it falls.

Our tower fell over. Like us, it’s not perfect. But Jesus never sinned. He is perfect, and his love will never fail!

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**Say** Jesus knew he shouldn't test God this way, so he told the devil that God's Word says, "Don't test God." The devil finally gave up and went away, knowing he couldn't get Jesus to sin.

- Ask**
- **How did Jesus resist the devil's temptations?** (He ignored him; he quoted the Bible.)
  - **Why is it so amazing that Jesus never sinned?** (Because everyone else has sinned; because it must have been hard to resist when he was so tired and hungry.)


Point out the lists of temptations the kids made when they arrived.

**Say** Jesus resisted temptations much like these his whole life. The difference between Jesus and us is that Jesus never sinned.

- Ask**
- **Do you think it was easier for Jesus to say no to temptation because he was the Son of God? Explain.** (Yes, because he knew how bad it would be if he sinned; no, because he was a person just like everyone else.)

**Say** This might surprise you, but Jesus probably had a harder time than you and I do! Think about it: He had all the power to do anything he wanted! You and I don't. But Jesus never took the easy way out! He had power and didn't use it for himself. He was hungry and could have turned rocks into bread. He could have gained a lot of power and glory without having to die for it. But it was the wrong way to get it. He chose not to sin because he loved God and he loved us. That's reason to worship him!

Let's eat this popcorn now and thank Jesus because he never sinned.

 As kids eat their popcorn, show "The Temptation of Jesus" video clip. It shows kids retelling the Bible story with signs.

## Sticky Temptation

Help children form three teams. Have each team sit together in a line on one side of the room so they'll be ready to run an obstacle course. Have helpers or children quickly set up a line of chairs in front of each team. Make sure the chairs are close together—there shouldn't be more than 2 or 3 feet between chairs.

Explain to the children that each team will have one Sticky Hand from the KidsOwn Worship Kit. Each child will have a chance to run the relay race by walking in and out of the chairs as if on a slalom course. As they're walking the race, they must swing the sticky part of the Sticky Hand in front of them. The goal is to get all the way through the course without the Sticky Hand getting stuck on anything. Make sure the course is set up so it will be just about impossible for them to accomplish this.

Have kids run the relay race. Collect the Sticky Hands, and put them away.



### Worship Leader Tip

If you have more than 50 children in your group, you may want to consider breaking into two groups for the next two activities. Have Group 1 do the "Sticky Temptation" activity, while Group 2 does the "Muddy Water, Muddy Lives" activity.

- Ask** ▶
- **Was it easy or hard to run this race without getting the Sticky Hand stuck on something?** (It was hard because the chairs were so close together; it was hard because the hand was so sticky.)
  - **How many of you got the Sticky Hand stuck on at least one chair?**
  - **How many of you got the Sticky Hand stuck on the floor or another person or yourself?**
  - **Did any of you manage to run the race perfectly, without the Sticky Hand getting stuck?**
  - **How was this experience similar to temptation?** (Temptation is all over the place; it's hard to get away from temptation.)

**Say** ▶ **Sometimes temptation seems to be everywhere. And sometimes navigating through life without getting caught by temptation seems impossible. Your experience in this game was like trying to stay away from temptation. It's pretty much impossible for us to resist temptation perfectly, but Jesus never sinned. And because he knows what it's like to face temptations, he promises to help you and me when we face them.**

### \* *Muddy Water, Muddy Lives*

Set two glasses of water on a table where everyone can see them.

**Say** ▶ **These two glasses of water represent Jesus** (point to the glass on your right) **and us** (point to the glass on the left). Ask a volunteer to put a spoonful of dirt in the glass on the left.

**Every time we give in to temptation and sin, it's as if we added dirt to our lives.** Have the volunteer add more dirt until the water in that glass turns to mud. **Eventually, our lives and hearts become so dirty, they're like this mud.**

Have the volunteer sit down. Hold up the glass on your right.

**Say** ▶ **Jesus' life stayed clear and pure because he never sinned. He didn't do that so we would feel bad about ourselves. He stayed pure so he could help us. He wanted to take our sin to himself and get rid of it.**

Pour the mud from the glass on the left into Jesus' glass, and rinse out the empty glass.

**Say** ▶ **Jesus gave up his own life so he could take all our sin on himself. Then, by the power of God, he got rid of our sin for us.**

Empty and rinse out the glass that represents Jesus. Fill it with fresh water.

**Say** ▶ **Jesus makes us clean when he forgives our sins. To receive this forgiveness, all we need to do is believe him and ask for it.**

Pour some water from the glass on the right into the glass on the left.

**Say** ➤ Jesus never sinned. Because of that, he takes away our sin and fills us with a fresh, clean life. Let Jesus help you say no to temptation. He'll help you keep your life clean!

**Ask** ➤ • **How does knowing that Jesus never sinned make you feel?** (It makes me feel good because I know he went through the same temptation I do; it makes me happy to know that he was perfect; it makes me want to be more like him.)

• **How do you feel knowing that Jesus takes your sins and gets rid of them?** (It makes me want to thank him; it makes me happy.)

• **How can Jesus help you overcome temptation?** (He can be with us; we can pray to him and ask for help; we can remember that he stood up against temptation.)

**Pray** ➤ Let's pray. Thank you, Jesus, for being perfect. Thank you for saying no to temptation and then taking our sins and getting rid of them. Please help us keep our lives clean by saying no to temptation. Thank you for your love and forgiveness when we fail. In Jesus' name, amen.

### 3 Let's Pray!

#### *The Offering*

**Say** ➤ As we give our offerings, think about Jesus' perfect life. Jesus never sinned. Let's sing during the offering and tell Jesus we want to have a pure heart like Jesus did.

Pass the offering bowls.

▶ Sing "Create in Me a Pure Heart" (Psalm 51:10).

#### *Picture That Prayer*

Lay a white sheet or a piece of light-colored fabric on the floor.

**Say** ➤ This cloth represents Jesus' life. Jesus never sinned, so his life stayed clean and pure. To praise him for that, let's write and draw on this cloth to show how we feel about Jesus' sinless life. For example, you might write, "Amazing!" or draw a picture of two hands clapping. Our drawings will be like prayers to God.

Set out a variety of markers, and encourage children to fill the cloth with prayer pictures. Then ask everyone to stand around the cloth.

**Say** ➤ Now let's use our pictures to call out prayers to God. We'll tell Jesus what we wrote and drew. This is a way of praising God.

Encourage kids to call out words and descriptions in praise to God. Hang the cloth somewhere in the worship area as a reminder that Jesus never sinned.



## *Prayer of Praise*

**Say** ▶ We've learned today that Jesus never sinned. Let's praise him one more time for living a sinless life. I'll pray, and you repeat each line after me.

**Pray** ▶ Jesus, thank you for coming to earth to show us God's love.  
(Pause.)

**Thank you that even though you were tempted, you never sinned.** (Pause.)

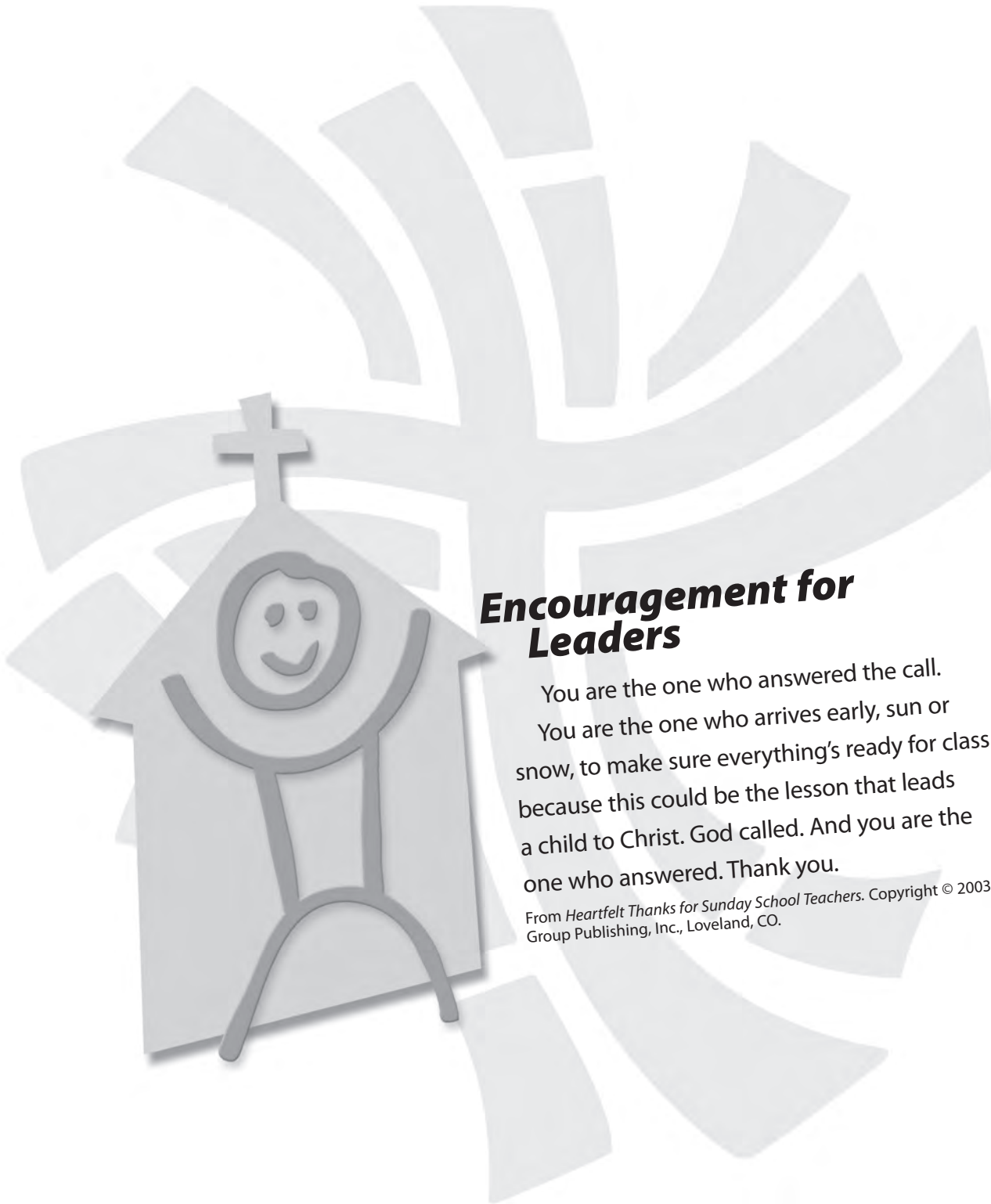
**We praise you for being perfect.** (Pause.)

**We thank you for saying no to temptation.** (Pause.)

**And we thank you for helping us say no to temptation.** (Pause.)

**We love you forever, Jesus!** (Pause.)

**In Jesus' name, amen.**



## ***Encouragement for Leaders***

You are the one who answered the call.  
You are the one who arrives early, sun or snow, to make sure everything's ready for class because this could be the lesson that leads a child to Christ. God called. And you are the one who answered. Thank you.

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