

# For God So **LOVED**

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## CHILDREN'S TEACHING OUTLINES

### How to Use the Lent 2019 Children's Teaching Outlines

The **Children's Teaching Outlines** were created with Children's Church in mind, or any other time (such as Sunday school or a midweek gathering) that the children are assembled for worship separately from the adults. These outlines are not fully scripted. Instead, they provide a short framework or jumping-off point for retelling the biblical text to young worshipers in a way that is theologically accurate and age appropriate. The outlines also suggest ways to help kids engage with the biblical text and expand their thinking. Multi-sensory experiences and open-ended questions are encouraged.

Depending on the amount of time in your setting, feel free to use these outlines in conjunction with the **Family Worship Activities**, which can help further engage young worshipers. A traditional one-hour session may include worship songs, prayer time, reading of and retelling the biblical text for the week, the **Expand It** section included in the outlines, and an opportunity for an **Explore It** activity (choose from a **Family Worship Activity** or the **Scripture Art Journal**).

Included in each **Children's Teaching Outline** is a memory verse taken from the lectionary readings. The same verse can also be found in the corresponding **Family Take-Home Activities** and the **Scripture Art Journal**.

Additionally, consider sharing the correlative **Family Take-Home Activities** with families so they can continue to expand their interaction with the text at home.

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT CHILDREN'S TEACHING OUTLINE

## MARCH 10, 2019

**Scripture:** Luke 4:1-13

### Supplies Needed:

- Bible
- Glass jar with a fairly small opening, but still large enough to get a boiled egg through (an old milk bottle works well)
- Boiled eggs (as many as the number of times you'd like to repeat the experiment)
- Box of matches
- Newspaper cut into 4 x 4" squares
- Jug of water (in case of a fire emergency)

Tell the story of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness found in **Luke 4:1-13**.

*Say: With the challenge to turn the stone to bread, Satan was tempting Jesus with the temptation to be his own sustainer and provider, no longer relying on God. From the view of all the kingdoms, Satan was tempting Jesus with power. By challenging Jesus to throw himself down from the highest point of the temple, Satan was tempting Jesus to be a spectacular and amazing superstar—to wow the world with his glitter, glam, and thrilling abilities. Jesus chose not to give into any of those temptations, but he felt them in very significant ways. After all, he was weak and hungry. He probably wouldn't have minded food, power, and some fanfare after 40 days in the wilderness. Jesus knew exactly what it felt like to be tempted, just like we feel when we are tempted.*

### EXPAND IT—TEMPTATION OBJECT LESSON

**Before the Lesson:** Test this experiment at home a few times to ensure that the bottle opening is the right size and the experiment goes smoothly.

**During the Lesson:** Set out all of your supplies. Explain that temptation is something that really pulls on people.

*Say: It often comes in the form of something you really want (to fit in, to be like the other kids, to look a certain way, to have an object you really want, to have power, or to be in control of a situation). Even when you resist and resist, it pulls on you. Everyone who has ever lived, other than Jesus, has given into temptation at one time or another.*

*Take this egg for example. It can't fit in this bottle. Clearly, it's too big.* Perform this object lesson as kids watch.

1. Roll a piece of paper into a tube. Light the end of the paper on fire with the match.
2. Place the burning paper inside the bottle. Wait a couple of seconds.

3. Then, place the egg (narrow side down) on the bottle opening.
4. Watch as the egg rests on the bottle and eventually gets sucked in.

**Say:** *Even though it seemed impossible, even the egg got sucked in after a while. Imagine that this egg is you, and that the fire is temptation. The more time the egg spent near the fire, the harder and harder it became to say no. We can find ourselves in that position too. Jesus knows what it's like to be tempted, to be pulled on, but Jesus also had some tools that we can use to help us when we are feeling tempted.*

### **EXPLAIN THIS IN YOUR OWN WORDS:**

1. **Jesus knew the Father's voice and he listened to him.** Just 40 days earlier at his baptism, Jesus had heard God say, "'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased'" (Matt. 3:17). Jesus listened, and he remembered who he was. We can learn to listen to God's voice through the Bible, through prayer, and through others who follow Jesus.
2. **Jesus knew Scripture.** For every temptation, Jesus had a scripture passage that helped him respond correctly. The more Scripture we know, the better equipped we are. Take this week's memory verse: "Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only'" (Luke 4:8). Jesus used that as a response, and it serves as an important reminder for us too.
3. **Jesus was most tempted when he was the weakest—after he had been fasting for 40 days.** The same is true for us too. Sometimes things like hanging around kids who aren't making the best choices or watching certain shows on TV can lead to temptation. We need to pay careful attention to the things that make us weakest and make choices that help us avoid and resist temptation.

#### **Ask:**

- *In what ways have you been tempted before?*
- *What did you do?*
- *Are there ways you can avoid that temptation in the future?*

### **EXPLORE IT**

Choose one or more of the **Family Worship Activities** or use the **Scripture Art Journal** to help kids reflect on the truth of God's Word.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

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