Messy Church MINI-MESS

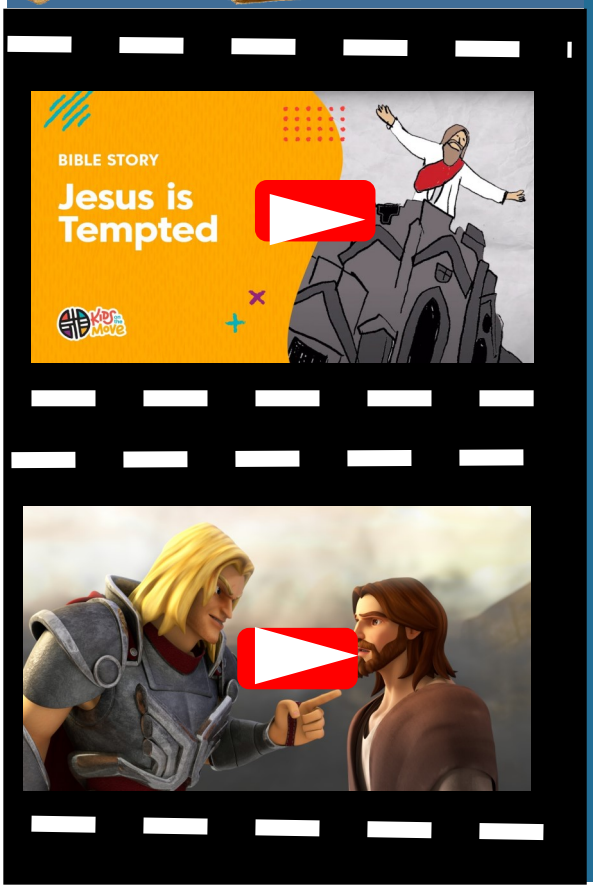
Ready, Set, Go!

JEFFERSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-"BRINGING HOME THE MESS"

Jesus' To-Do List

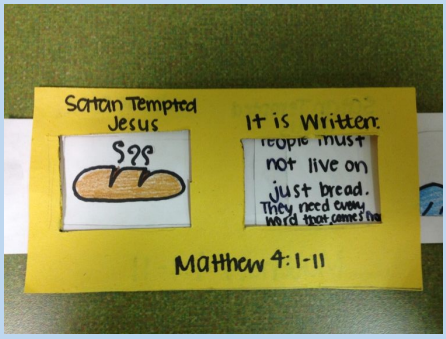
- [x] Read from Scriptures in home town/Nazareth
- [x] Get Baptized by Cousin John
- [x] Face temptation in wilderness for 40 days
- [ ] Attend wedding/change water into wine
- [ ] Recruit disciples-12 a good number

AFTER JESUS' BAPTISM, HE WENT INTO THE WILDERNESS TO FAST AND PRAY. AFTER 40 DAYS HE WAS TEMPTED....



THE STORY

After being baptized, Jesus was filled with Holy Spirit and was led to the desert. He prayed in the desert and didn't eat anything for 40 days. There, the devil decided to tempt Him. The devil wanted Jesus to trust His own strength and abilities rather than trust God.



First: the devil told Jesus: "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

How many of you have not eaten for 1 day? How did you feel? Yes, Jesus was very hungry too. But Jesus didn't want to depend on His own strength and power to satisfy His hunger. He knew God would take care of Him and provide for Him.

Jesus replied: "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'

Second: the devil took Jesus to a high place and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said that he would give Jesus all the authority and splendor if Jesus would worship him.

Jesus knew that God was the source of everything and He was the only one worthy to be worshipped.
He said, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."

Third: The devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here." After all, the devil said, God had promised that His angels will protect Jesus.

Jesus knew He didn't have to do anything to prove that He was God's son. God already told Him that He is God's beloved son when He was baptized, remember? **So Jesus said, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"**

The devil realized that Jesus did not fall into temptation. Jesus had won! So the devil left Jesus, and God sent angels to minister to Jesus.

GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY!

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and He was victorious. Because of Jesus' victory, all of us are righteous before God and can have a relationship with Him. Because of Jesus, we have victory over temptation too! We can stand firm on God's truths and promises whenever the devil tries to tricks us into believing his lies.

"JESUS WAS TEMPTED IN EVERY WAY, LIKE US, YET WAS WITHOUT SIN." **Hebrews 4:15b**

Jesus resisted the devil's suggestions and defeated His enemy with the Truth of God's Word . That is how we resist Satan ," who walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour!!!" (1 Peter 5:8)

Print out the verses on the next page and cut out. Fold on the dashed lines (see picture below) Staple in the middle and glue onto black "cover". Cut red heart, red ribbon and assemble with glue.

Finish with writing Psalm 119:11 : "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You." around the edge of the heart.

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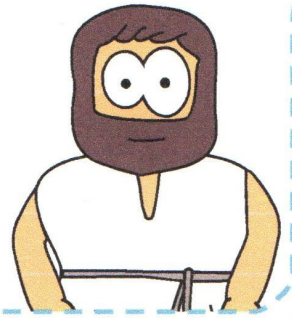
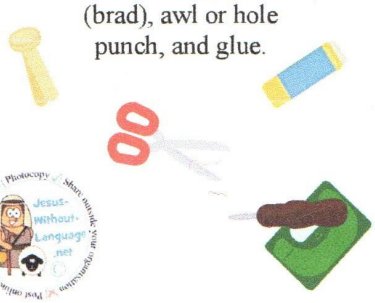


You'll need:

scissors, a split pin (brad), awl or hole punch, and glue.



Instructions

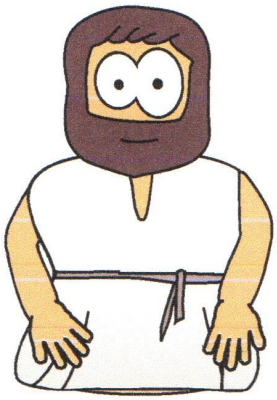
Cut out the everything.

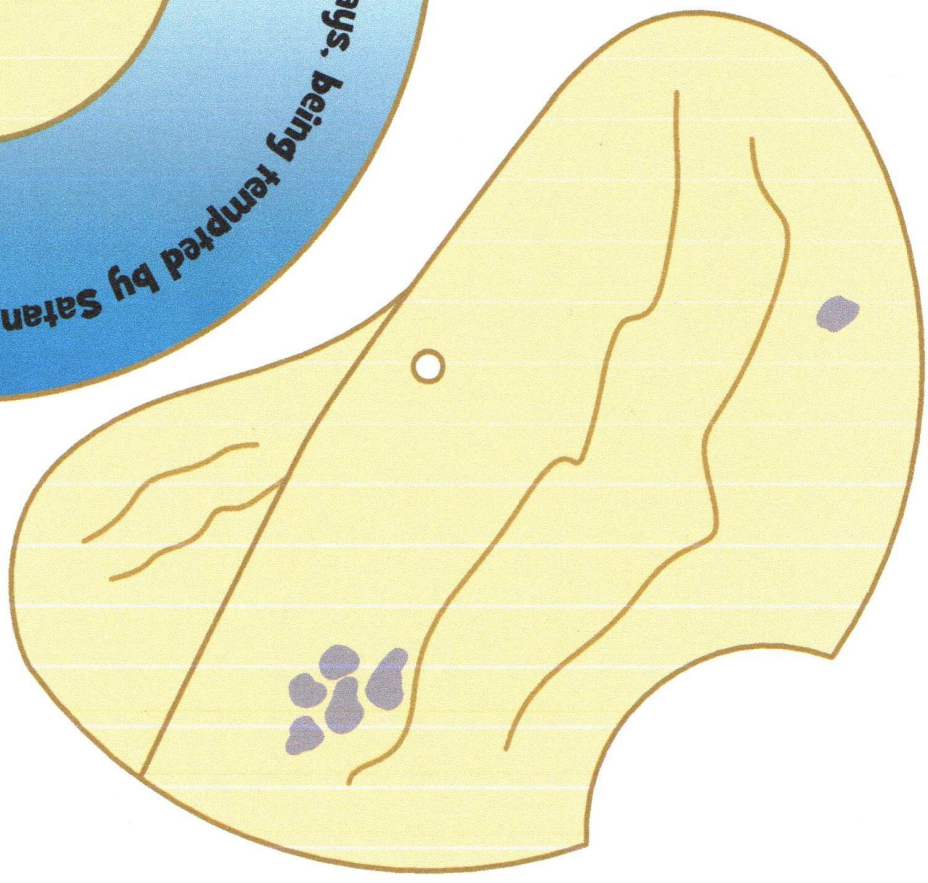
There are 2 small white circles where you need to make a hole using an awl or hole punch.

Thread the split pin though the two holes and open up

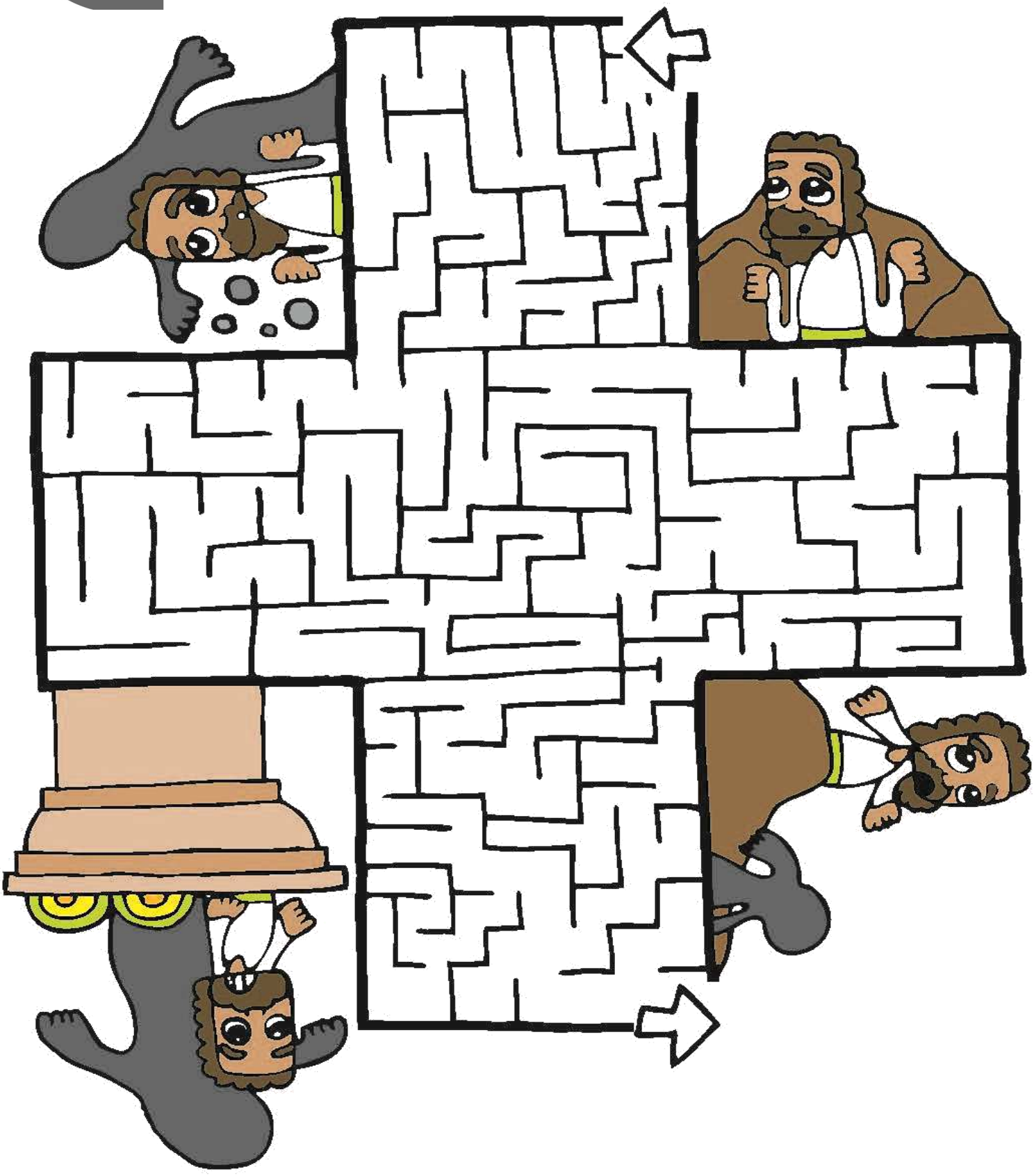
Place a small amount of glue on the reverse side of Jesus and stick over the split pin. (I glued only the feet.)

Spin your creation to read the verse and watch the sun rise and set. If you want you can draw on some angels and animals.



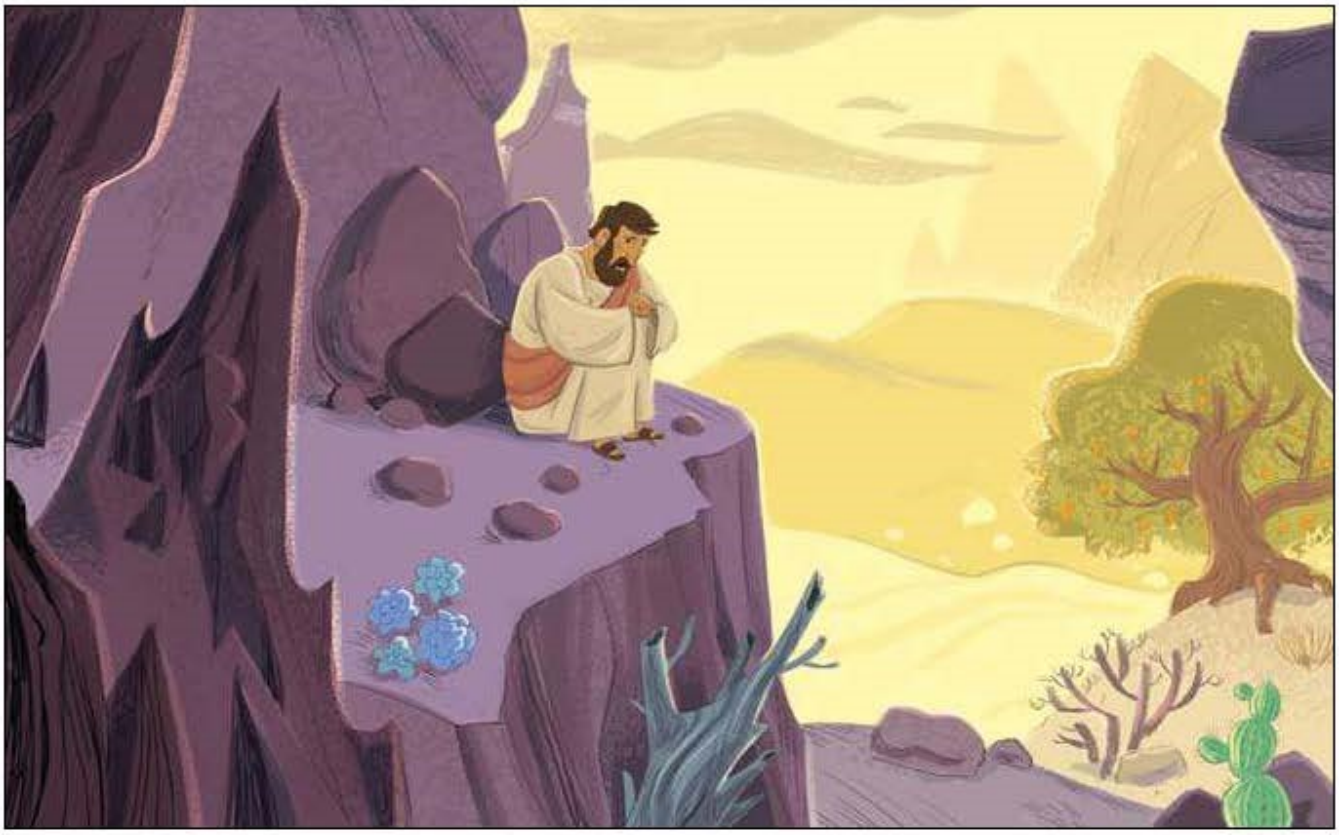


AFTER JESUS WAS BAPTIZED, HE WENT INTO THE DESERT AND SATAN TRIED TO TEMPT HIM. HELP JESUS MAKE IS WAY ACROSS THE DESERT TO RESIST THE TEMPTATION OF THE EVIL SATAN.



Jesus' Temptation Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 12 things that are different.



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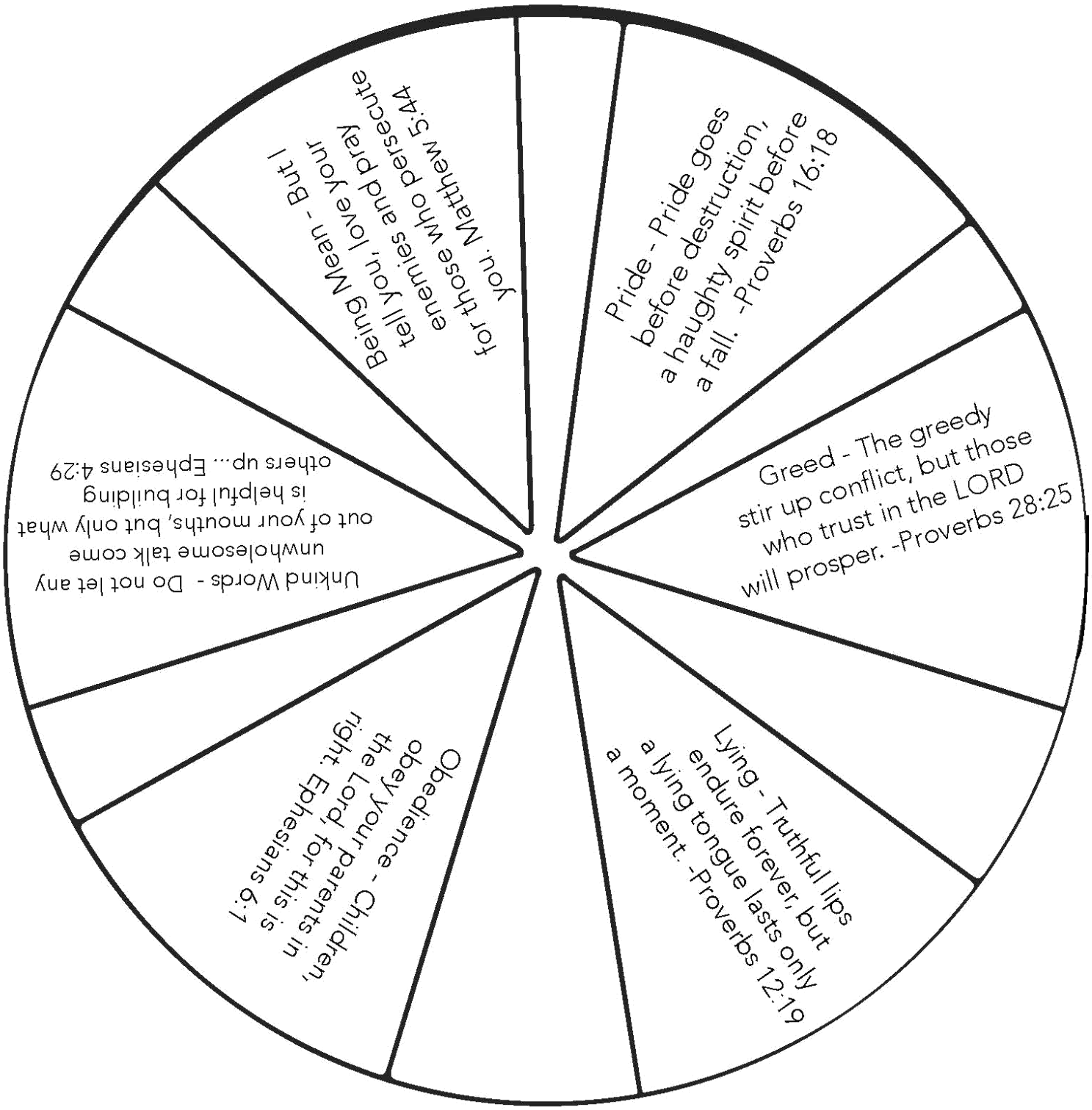
Activity

God's Word is sometimes referred to the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). Just like Jesus, we can use God's Word to fight against the enemy's attacks. In this activity the children will make a craft that will show them the power of God's Word.

Materials

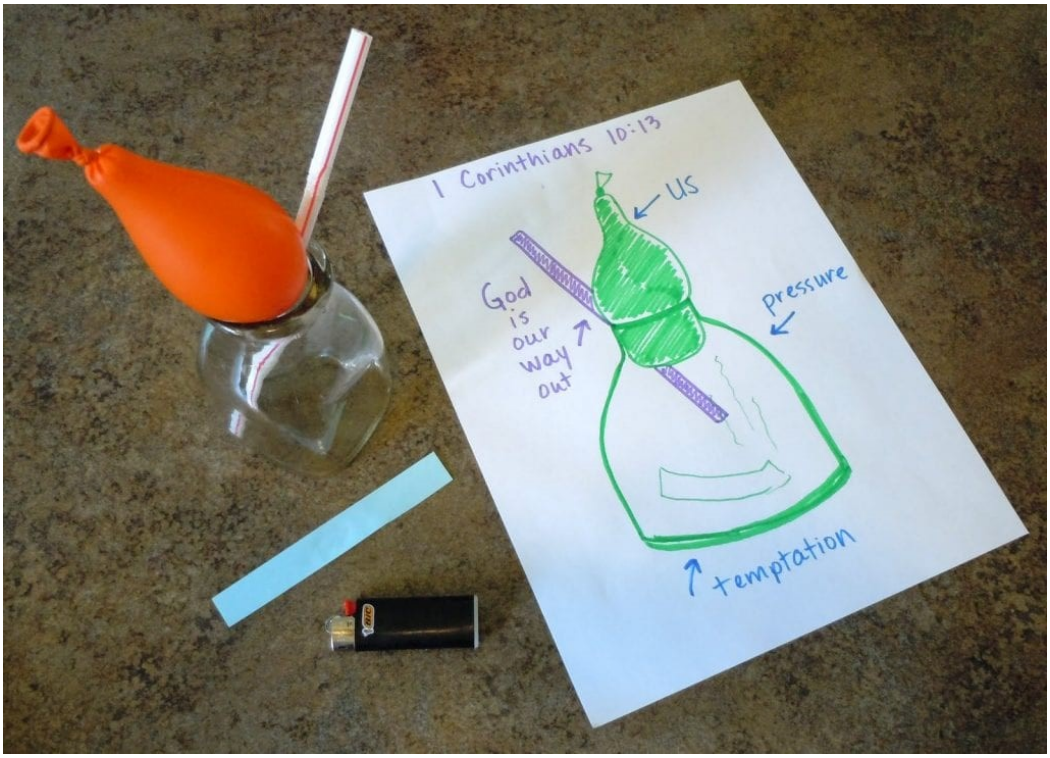
- Scissors
- Metal Brad
- Cardstock Paper



Procedure

1. Print the "Win Over Sin" activity
2. Attach the two parts of the wheel using a metal brad.
3. Go through the different Bible verses that can help the children in a time of temptation.

Explanation: Remind the children that God's Word can keep us from sinning.



A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT AND OBJECT LESSON ILLUSTRATING HOW GOD HELPS US OVERCOME TEMPTATION

Balloon Vs. Bottle

1. First, we found a glass bottle with a small opening at the top.
2. We then filled a water balloon to a little larger than the opening of the jar.
3. Then we rubbed a little water around the rim of the bottle and asked my boys to try and push the balloon into the bottle. They couldn't.
4. So, I explained that there was a way for that balloon to get sucked into the bottle. This intrigued them.
5. Then I lit a small strip of paper on fire and dropped it into the bottle.
6. My oldest son set the water balloon on top of the bottle, and I watched as four pairs of eyes widened with curiosity as that balloon was literally sucked into the bottle like magic.

7. Now we needed to get that balloon out. They took turns trying to pull it out. No luck. I told them that there was one way out. A straw! With the balloon still inside the bottle, we placed the straw inside, grabbed the tip of the balloon, and easily pulled it out.
The balloon got caught in the mouth of the bottle because no air could get around it. But, when we added the straw, it let air into the bottle. The air pressure on the inside and the outside stayed equal allowing us to pull the balloon out.

The Biblical Truth

Ready? The balloon represents you and me. The fire and pressure on the inside of that bottle are like the literal pressure and temptation we encounter each day of our lives. And the straw is God, always and forever providing a way out.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

"NO TEMPTATION HAS OVERTAKEN YOU EXCEPT WHAT IS COMMON TO MANKIND. AND GOD IS FAITHFUL; HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND WHAT YOU CAN BEAR. BUT WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED, HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A WAY OUT SO THAT YOU CAN ENDURE IT."