

## City LG—January 30th, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Exile (Jesus Tempted in the Desert) • *Luke 4:1-13 (Supporting: Matthew 4:1-11)*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Be ready to do the right thing.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. 2 Peter 1:3a (NIRV)*

**REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service**

**ICE-BREAKER ACTIVITY: Space Racers On-Screen Racing Video**

**CG: Space Racers Version 1 Video (Runtime 2:30)**

**NOTE: Play the Video, and encourage Kids to cheer on which video character they think will win the Space Race. Keep the energy high, cheer at the end, thank everyone for playing, and invite the Kids to stand for Worship.**

### **WORSHIP: Something Good and Believe It**

“Hi, everybody! (*Hold up Bible.*) I've got an amazing story to share with you today. It's about a time when Jesus showed self-control in a BIG way. This happened not long after Jesus was baptized by His cousin, John, in the Jordan River.

“When Jesus came out of the water, God spoke! He said . . .

*Open the Bible to Matthew 3:17 (NIRV) and read.*

*“This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him.*

“Jesus had a lot of work that God had sent Him to do—like teaching people, healing people, and showing God's love everywhere He went. Jesus was just getting started with this important work. But there was something He needed to do first. Right after Jesus was baptized, God's Spirit led Him into the desert.”

“For 40 days, Jesus spent time with God. But at the same time, God's enemy, the devil, was tempting Jesus. Jesus ate nothing for 40 days! Can you imagine how hungry He must have been? At the end of those 40 days, the devil said this to Jesus.

*Open the Bible to Luke 4:3 (NIRV) and read.*

*“If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.*

“I know this can be kind of tough for us to understand. But basically, the devil wanted Jesus to doubt God's good plan. He wanted Jesus to try to take control Himself by turning the stone into delicious bread. But Jesus wouldn't fall for that kind of trick. Jesus responded with God's truth that He knew from Scripture. He said . . .

Open the Bible to Luke 4:4 (NIV) and read.

*“It is written, ‘Man must not live only on bread.’”*

“Wow! Can you imagine how tough that would be? Jesus had to be hungry! What is your favorite food? Let’s take a few minutes to talk about that as a group. What is your most tempting food? It could be pizza, candy, popcorn, chips and salsa, etc. Take 3 minutes to talk as a group now!”

**CG: Conversation Starting Question Video (“What is your most tempting food?”) (Runtime: 3:00)**

“Great job everyone! Those all sounded tempting and delicious! Let’s find out what happened next with the help of this week’s Video!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 5:00)**

The devil left Jesus . . . until he could find a better time to test Him. God sent angels to take care of Jesus and provide everything He needed.

“Did you notice that Jesus always had a great response to whatever the devil said? Every time the devil tried to trick Jesus, Jesus was **READY**. Jesus knew God, and He knew the truth of God’s words in Scripture. So He was able to respond with confidence to each of the devil’s temptations.

“That’s something that we can do, too. We can be ready to **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice** and stay in control—and that all starts when we know God and put our **TRUST** in God. We can stand strong because we know who God is . . . and we know the truth that we can find in God’s Word, the Bible.

“So let’s learn our Bottom Line for this week!”

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)**

**[Bottom Line] “Be ready to do the right thing.**

“Let’s pray and talk to God about that now.”

**PRAY:** “God, thank You so much for the example Jesus gave us in the desert. Jesus was ready to do the right thing! He was ready to speak truth when the devil tried to trick Him. Please help us live that way, too. Show us how we can **[Bottom Line] be ready to do the right thing**. Help us stay in control, no matter what’s going on around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“What a story! Jesus really knew how to have self-control in a tough situation. I mean, He knew **EXACTLY** how to shut down the devil’s tricks! Jesus knew that God loved Him and that God was with Him. He used the truths He knew about God from Scripture to stay strong. He didn’t let the devil take Him off track.

“You and I probably won’t be tempted in the same ways Jesus was. But still, we might be tempted to make unwise choices. You might be tempted to sneak a sweet treat when you think no one will notice. You might be tempted to tell a lie to keep from getting in trouble. Or you might be tempted to say something unkind to a friend or your brother or sister.

“That’s why we need to be prepared! We can’t let those moments take us by surprise.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

“We need to **[Bottom Line] be ready to do the right thing.**

“What are some ways we can GET ready? Well, we can spend time reading the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) When we do, we’ll find truths about God and how we can live like Jesus. We can spend time praying and talking to God about how we feel—about the good things and the tough things in our lives. We can ask God to help us and give us the strength we need to **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice.** And we can talk to the people God has put in our lives like our parents, leaders, and teachers. We can ask them to help us choose self-control.

“God is ALWAYS there to help us stay in control. As we read in our memory verse, 2 Peter 1:3 .

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**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

“*God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. (2 Peter 1:3a, NIRV)*

“You can now begin Small Group time and talk some more about how God can help us **[Bottom Line] be ready to do the right thing!**”

#### **OFFERING:**

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!”

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri

New Lenox: Daniel

Homer Glen: Victor