



Connecting God's Big Picture

Temptation of Jesus

Session Overview



Objectives for the lesson:

1. To understand the important part the Holy Spirit plays in our lives.
2. To learn that we can all be filled with the Holy Spirit.
3. To know Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Learning outcomes for the lesson:

1. To learn the importance of knowing God's Word in our lives.
2. To understand the importance of allowing the Holy Spirit to work in our lives and we will be empowered and strengthened.

GAMES



Suggested Games:

*'Pass the flame' * 'Holy Spirit relay!' * 'Name game'*
(See the games sheet enclosed)



SONGS

Suggested Songs:

*'Spirit of the Living God' * 'Holy Spirit fills me up' * 'Father we adore you'*
(See the songs sheet enclosed)

Memory Verse

Memory verse for this unit:

'The helper is the Holy Spirit the Father will send in my place. He will teach you everything and help you remember everything I have told you' John 14:26

(See the Memory verse sheet enclosed)



Bible Blast:

- **Key Passage:** *'Matthew 4:1-11'*
- **Talk and application:**

(See the Bible Blast sheet enclosed)



Response:

- **Suggested activity:** *'Edible Bible'*
- **Key Questions:** *For different age groups*

(See the response sheet enclosed)



Reflect and Pray:

'Fizzy Explosive Prayers'

(See the response sheet enclosed)

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SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. 'Spirit of the Living God.'
Complete Mission Praise No. 612
(See video on Pinterest site Year 2 Unit 10)
2. 'Holy Spirit fills me up'
Amazing God Songs for Children CD by Brendon and Cathie Clancy
(See video on Pinterest site Year 2 unit 10)
3. 'Father we adore you.'
Complete Mission Praise No. 44
(See video on Pinterest site Year 2 unit 10)
4. 'Breath on me'
Hillsong United CD Shout to the Lord 2000
(See video on Pinterest site Year 2 unit 10)

* please note: in order to use these songs you need to either buy the CD or download the individual song from itunes or go to the website provided.



Multimedia: Video songs on JIGSAW DDYC Pinterest site 'Year 2 Unit 10 The Holy Spirit'

Useful websites: www.missionpraise.com
www.gofishresources.com
www.elevationkids.com
www.childbiblesongs.com
www.itunes.com

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Ideas for fun ways to introduce the lesson:

1. Play '**Pass the flame**'. This game is very similar to 'squeeze'. Get the children into a circle, holding hands. The children will pass on the flame by squeezing the hand next to them. The teacher will choose someone to begin. The children must only squeeze one hand going around in the circle. (This can be difficult for some children and adds to the fun when the squeeze may be passed around the circle both ways!) To add to the difficulty you may add another instruction: if you double squeeze the hand beside you then the squeeze must change direction and go back the way it had come! One person is chosen and asked to stand in the centre of the circle to guess where the flame has been passed to. They watch and when they notice a hand being squeezed they shout stop. If they are correct they swap places with that person. We want to pass on the good news of Jesus to those around us and keep going.
2. A game of '**Holy Spirit relay!**' Get the children into teams to race against each other. Have chairs at the top end of the room with deflated balloons sitting on the chairs, (make sure you have a separate balloon for each person for hygiene reasons). The children race up, take a balloon, blow it up, hold the balloon (do not tie) and race back, release the air from the balloon, then the next person can go. The winning team is the team back sitting in a line with their deflated balloons in their hands. We are like that balloon, deflated until we have the Holy Spirit inside to fill us up!
3. Play '**Name game**' Get the children into a circle. Each person introduces themselves by their first name and tells the group a food, beginning with the same letter as their name. Continue the game using, colour, football team, country, superhero etc. Can let the children choose a grouping too. We want to share with each other and see how easy it is to start chatting and finding out about each other.



* Free Games app on phone or tablet. Search Youth Group Games 'Tried and tested youth games'.

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Memory
Verse

MEMORY VERSE

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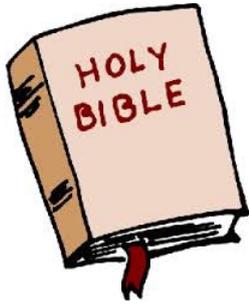
Ways to teach the memory verse:

1. **Memory verse 'count down'**. There are 30 words or phrases in this memory verse. Teach all the children the memory verse first, by using your fingers to count the words as you say them e.g the first line ***'The helper is the Holy Spirit the father will send'*** fingers 1-10 (both hands up and all fingers used), then add ***'in my place.'*** fingers 1-3 (Start afresh new hand 3 fingers). Second sentence - ***'He will teach you everything and help you remember everything'***, fingers 1-10 (both hands up and all fingers used), then add ***'I have told you'***, (Start afresh new hand 4 fingers) and then add ***'John 14:26'***, (Start afresh new hand 3 fingers). Once learnt split the group into two. one side says the memory verse whilst the other counts down from 30 slowly, see who wins, can speed this up as the children get more familiar with the memory verse. Change over and compete against each other.
2. **'Word search' memory verse**. Write the memory verse onto a large piece of card and fill in the spaces with letters. Best to use a grid of squares 10 x 10
3. **'Sing' memory verse**. Can put these verses to the tune of ***'Here we go round the mulberry bush'***. 
Here we go round the mulberry bush. ***The helper is the Holy Spirit***
The mulberry bush. The mulberry bush. ***the father will send in my place.***
Here we go round the mulberry bush. ***He will teach you everything***
On a cold and frosty morning. ***and help you remember everything I have told you.***

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LESSON 3: THE SPIRIT EMPOWERS: TEMPTATION OF JESUS



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BIBLE BLAST

KEY PASSAGE: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Background info:

The temptation of Jesus took place after Jesus had been baptised by John the Baptist.

The Holy Spirit had come down from heaven and rested upon Jesus like a dove, therefore ensuring that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and ready for His testing in the wilderness.

The Holy Spirit guided Jesus in His earthly life, providing a pattern for Jesus' followers to be empowered and led by the Spirit in their lives too.

This time of testing showed that Jesus really was the son of God, able to overcome the Devil and his temptations. It also helps us to know what to do when we are tempted, turn to God's Word and pray.

The Devil is real and is around us to try and cause us to sin. Jesus was tempted but He never sinned. Temptation itself is not sin but we sin when we give in to the temptation and disobey God.

The Devil chose to tempt Jesus when He was at his weakest; hungry and tired after 40 days of fasting. But Jesus was able to overcome it and resist all of the devil's temptations because He not only knew Scripture but also obeyed it.

The Devil offered the whole world to Jesus if only He would bow down to him! Today the Devil offers us the same thing: power, material possessions, wealth, etc. We need to be ready, equipped and empowered to resist the temptations the Devil places before us. We need the Holy Spirit's help to make us bold and be able to say "You must worship the lord your God; serve only Him." Know God's Word and pray.

Resources required:



Alternative talk/VIDEO see Pinterest JIGSAW DDYC 'Year 2 Unit 10 Holy Spirit'



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TALK

We have been talking about the Holy Spirit for the past few weeks. How the Holy Spirit is given to us to be our helper in times of trouble and testing and to be our comforter and guide in our lives.

Did you know that Jesus was baptised and the Holy Spirit came down from heaven and came upon Him like a dove? John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, baptised him in the river Jordan.

And just like us, Jesus was tempted to do wrong too!

Yes! Even Jesus was tempted by the Devil.

Sometimes it is easy to be tempted and do wrong things.

Have you ever been tempted to do the wrong thing? What happened? Did you get punished? ***Let the children respond.***

Bring out a bag of chocolate bars e.g milky ways, etc. one for each child.

I'm going to tempt you right now.

Who likes chocolate? In my bag I have brought you all a lovely, yummy chocolate bar.

Start to give them out but don't say anything yet! Watch what happens and then say ... Oh and by the way please do not open your bar yet!

Begin to slowly unwrap a chocolate bar and eat it in front of the children. Make noises as you eat and tell the children how yummy it is. Wouldn't they like to try theirs? But don't open it yet!

Then tell the children you need to go out of the room to wash your hands as you have made a mess.

Get another teacher at this point to tell the children to eat their chocolate bars as it won't be noticed and who is to know anyway!! (Try to be very persuasive and even have some of the other leaders eat theirs!)

Come back in and explain temptation; where someone tries to get you to do something you know is wrong by persuasion, until you give in and do the wrong thing - you sin. Often the temptation is for something that only lasts a minute e.g eating the chocolate bar!

In our Bibles today we read in Matthew chapter 4:1-11 how Jesus was tempted by the Devil.

Yes even Jesus was tempted!

(Begin the story but use different voices for the Devil, Jesus and the narrator:)

Narrator: The Bible tells us that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert, the wilderness, where He was tempted by the Devil. For 40 days and 40 nights Jesus ate nothing and became very hungry and tired. Then the Devil came ...

Devil: "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus: 'NO!' It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Deuteronomy 8:3

Narrator: Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple.



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Devil: 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus: 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Deuteronomy 6:16

Narrator: Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour.

Devil: 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

Jesus: 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only." Deuteronomy 6:13

Narrator: Then the Devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him.

Application:

Yes Jesus was tempted BUT He never gave in to the temptation.

Jesus never sinned, He was without sin and never sinned His whole life.

Jesus answered the Devil's temptation by using what He knew. Jesus returned to God's Word, the Bible to tell the Devil to go away and stand up for what is right.

We face temptation everyday and we have choices to make. We can choose to do what is right or choose what we know is wrong.

But how do we make these choices?

We read our Bibles and learn how to live our lives for God. God tells us in the Bible how to live a good and pleasing life for Him. To honour and obey God in all things.

We can ask God to come and help us in our lives, to become a follower of Jesus, to become a Christian.

(If you are comfortable with this and an opportunity arises you may want to let the children know how to become a friend of Jesus and become a Christian, a believer of Jesus Christ. See **'How do I become a Christian'** sheet below)

Let's pray.

Dear God, help us to be like Jesus everyday. Help us to say no to temptation and yes to you.

Amen

HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?



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Becoming a Christian means that you realise that you need Jesus Christ in your life. Jesus is the Son of God and He came to earth to share the good news that God wants to get to know us and have a relationship with us. God loves us. God is holy and hates sin.

Jesus was born into the world and is fully human and fully divine. He is our way to come into the holy presence of God. Because God cannot be around sin, Jesus died for our sins on the cross, so that when we ask for God's forgiveness and ask him to come into our lives we can freely come into God's holy presence. We have all done wrong and we all need Jesus!

Jesus also gives us a gift called the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the part of God that can be with us all the time. He will comfort us, guide us, lead us into truth, teach us more about Jesus, and help us to live like God wants us too.

Christians try to live for God through their own personal faith in God.

Through: **reading the bible**, which is our study guide; **praying**, which is our communication with God, we talk to God and we listen to what He says back to us and having a **relationship** with Jesus, having a best friend. The more time you spend with your best friend, the more you start to act alike; the more time we spend with Jesus, the more we'll start to act like Him.

To put it simply:

We recognise that we need Jesus.

We acknowledge that we sin and need to ask for forgiveness.

We can now have a relationship with God.

We can become children of God

We can call God our Father

We can one day be with God in heaven.

Invite the child to pray for forgiveness and for Jesus to come into his/her life.

Let the child know that saying this prayer means:

You are truly sorry for all the wrong things you have done

You truly believe that Jesus took the punishment for your sins

You truly want to start a relationship with Jesus to help you turn from all the wrong things you have done and do what is right.

Sample prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you died for me. I am sorry for all the bad things I have done in my life.

Please forgive me and help me to live my life for you. Amen

Some helpful websites. www.dltk-bible.com/cv/becoming_a_christian.htm
www.letthelittlechildrencome.com
www.the4points.com/uk



RESPONSE

GROUP ACTIVITY & QUESTIONS

(Break into small groups, age appropriate, class or key stages)



See Craft worksheet: **Edible Bible**



KEY QUESTIONS

Age 5-7

What did John the Baptist do to Jesus?

How did Jesus stop the Devil from tempting Him?

How can we stop the Devil from tempting us to do wrong things?

Age 8-10

How did the Holy Spirit come upon Jesus?

What did Jesus use against the Devil?

Are you tempted to do wrong? What can you do to help yourself?

Why is the Holy Spirit important in our lives?



REFLECT & PRAY

Fizzy Explosive Prayers (See Pinterest 'Year 2 Unit 10 Holy Spirit' or flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk)

Materials: Bicarbonate of soda (baking powder), white vinegar, food colouring, eye droppers.

Mix food colouring into white vinegar to colour it. Keep each colour of vinegar in a separate container and use a different eye dropper with each one. Cover the bottom of a baking tray with bicarbonate of soda.

Bring the children around in a circle. Talk with them about the Holy Spirit how it can transform our lives and bring change. Demonstrate by dropping a drop of coloured vinegar onto the tray . . . watch the explosion and how it transforms the baking powder. This can happen in our lives too if we ask for the Holy Spirit to help us. Remind the children how Jesus was powerful and ready to face the Devil, especially with the Holy Spirit with Him.

Ask the children to choose a colour and add a drop to the tray. As they drop the vinegar onto the baking soda, pray that the Holy Spirit will come to them and transform their lives.

Pray with the children - Dear God, thank you for the Holy Spirit. Please fill us each day with your love and help. Amen

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Edible Bible

[Try and have one made to show the children]

MATERIALS:

- Sliced bread (2 slices per person, extra for cutting out letters)
- Chocolate spread (check for nut allergy)
- Jam e.g strawberry, raspberry etc
- Spreaders e.g plastic knives
- Alphabet cutters (DDYC have 2 sets)
- Or alternatively use squeezable icing tubes to write with.
- Paper plates (with name on for each child)



See Pinterest JIGSAW DDYC 'Year 2 Unit 10 Holy Spirit' for alternative ideas

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Give the children 2 slices of bread on their paper plate.
2. Let the children sandwich their slices with jam or chocolate spread.
3. Give the children another slice of bread to cut letters out with e.g BIBLE, or their name and stick onto the front of their Bible with jam or spread.
4. Alternatively if you do not have alphabet cutters write on the bread with icing pens and decorate.
5. Eat their Edible Bible!
6. Use the discussion questions in the '**Response**' time to chat together.