

LEARNER SHEET: TEMPTATION

Luke 4:1-15



THE BIG IDEA

Temptations challenge us to make faithful choices as God's children.

BIG FUN IDEA

God is interested in our relationships, not in our stuff. Build relationships in your class by planning a party. The budget for this event is \$1 each—really! No major temptation to overspend. Put your heads together to figure out fun, inexpensive party pastimes. Here are some ideas: dancing, games, drama, face painting, charades, cooking (if everyone brings the ingredients), scavenger hunt in the church.

BIG SERVING IDEA

Clean up temptation—and someone's yard, garage, or basement. Who needs help at your church? Undoubtedly your pastor knows of someone who would appreciate your efforts. Arrange to spend a Saturday morning avoiding the temptation of junky television and enjoying service with friends.

PRAYER TIME

Remember your partner's prayer needs—record them here.

DISCUSSION TIME

- **Matthew 16:24 states, "Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'" What do these words have to do with the idea of temptation?**
- **Whom do you see that's living an authentically Christian life?**
- **What do you think are the biggest temptations for people your age?**

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LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: TEMPTATION

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Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

All-powerful God, we face temptation every day in this world. We live our lives surrounded by messages of more, more, more. Make us strong, as you were strong in that desert. Put the word “no” on our lips when temptation comes and the word “yes” in our heart where God resides. Amen

KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

REFOCUS

GREED

DISCIPLINE

TALK TIME

- Is temptation running rampant in your home? Acknowledging the “out of control” nature of our lives helps us stop and set some limits. Consider these “corrections” as ways to interrupt the cycle of temptation: turn off the television and/or video games for a week, and agree to eat at home every evening. Keep talking to one another during this process. It’s not merely about deprivation; it’s about the creativity and freedom that ensues.
- Have each family member share what they think is their biggest temptation. How can other family members help with that temptation?
- One of the clearest ways of seeing your family’s priorities is to invite a guest over. The next time you hear of an international guest or student who needs a meal or a place to stay, invite her or him! You will see your lifestyle through vastly different eyes.



WEB TIME

Gather around the family computer and use an Internet search engine to search for the key words. Write down the most interesting site you find that pops up for each term. Then do a search for “discipleship.” What do you find? Explore five sites that mention the term, and discuss the various opinions and perspectives you find. What are they trying to say? What kind of organizations do you think built the sites? Discuss.

RITUAL TIME

As you discuss the temptations your family deals with, make a list and post them where all can see them. Make praying for deliverance from these temptations part of your devotions this week.