

Unit 17 at a Glance

Jesus Defeats Satan

Unit Overview

In this unit, the children have a unique opportunity to consider Jesus' struggle with Satan. Whether tempted in the desert, disappointed in the garden, betrayed in the courtyard, or dying on the cross, Jesus never gave in to sin! When it seemed that all was lost, God brought about a total victory over Satan by raising Jesus from the dead and launching the disciples' mission. The children will see how Jesus handled discouragement and fear and will be inspired to think of how the Bible can help them in their struggles to please God.

Unit Goals

- The children will learn that Jesus relied upon God to defeat sin and Satan.
- The children will understand that God's word is powerful.
- The children will believe that God's word can help them to be like Jesus.

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Lesson 1 Jesus Is Tempted

Scripture Memory Verse **Matthew 4:4**
Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Alone in the desert, Jesus meets Satan in an incredible battle of wills. Jesus' complete dependence upon God ultimately drives the enemy away. As the children consider Jesus' reliance on God's word, they will think of how they can rely on the Bible to do what is right.

Lesson 2 The Last Supper

Scripture Memory Verse **John 13:15**
"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

In this lesson the children will see that Jesus' final hours were indeed among his finest. Knowing that his arrest was near, Jesus washed the disciples' feet, demonstrating his complete and selfless love. The children will consider how they can serve like Jesus.

Lesson 3 Gethsemane

Scripture Memory Verse **Luke 22:42 (NIRV)**
[Jesus] said, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup of suffering away from me. But do what you want, not what I want."

The children will witness Jesus' amazing self-control in Gethsemane, and they will also see his real struggle to submit to his Father's will. Ultimately, the children will be encouraged to think of ways they can be like Jesus.

Lesson 4 The Cross

Scripture Memory Verse **Romans 8:32 (NIRV)**
God did not spare his own Son. He gave him up for us all.

Amazing God, amazing love, amazing sacrifice, amazing grace! The children will tell the story of Jesus' death on the cross for all people as they consider how they can love like Jesus did.

Lesson 5 He's Alive!

Scripture Memory Verse **Matthew 28:6**
"[Jesus] is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

The empty tomb will leave the children wonder-filled at God's power and promise. The children will consider the power that raised Jesus from the dead as well as God's power to help others today.

Lesson 6 Jesus Says "Go!"

Scripture Memory Verse **John 20:21**
"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

In this lesson, the children will listen as Jesus sends his disciples into "all the world." As they consider Jesus' ultimate purpose to seek and save the lost, the children will think of how they can share in that purpose by telling people about Jesus.



Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home. Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Jesus had special places where he prayed. Take your child to your special places of prayer. Talk about different "turning point" prayers and memories you have from your special times with God. Share at your child's level about ways that God has helped you through prayer to overcome fear and doubt.
- Have a family devotional on facing fear. Talk to your child about things that he is afraid of and why. For each fear, look up different passages in the Bible about God's power to protect us. Model prayers for your child about things that he is afraid of and share how God wants to give him courage.
- The concepts of evil and Satan are very abstract for children this age. However, talk to your child about the fact that the devil is real and he does not want us to love or obey God. Help your child understand that like God, the devil cannot be seen, but he is real. Encourage your child that God is far stronger and more powerful than the devil—but the devil is still very clever. Encourage your child with the idea that Jesus will always lead us away from evil and temptation if we will love and obey him.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

