Craft Ideas on the Temptation of Christ

Faith Focus First...and Always! Positive Reminders to Dwell on
Craft Ideas for the Temptation of Christ

Young children might not easily understand the concept of temptation...they don’t always have the same temptations as adults, but certainly still sometimes fall sway to doing what they shouldn’t. The focus, then, is to communicate to kids how important it is to focus on positive things. These crafts aim to do just that. One is a “target practice” dart game, meant to distract young minds from negative elements and re-direct attention to things of God. The other craft is a simple vehicle for holding and keeping Bible verses, to remember that God’s Word is the true “bread” of our lives.

More Help for Teaching on the Temptation of Christ

- Jesus is Tempted (Matthew 4:1-11) Sunday School Lesson
- Lesson: Jesus Battles The Devil and Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)
- Jesus is Tempted Preschool Bible Lesson - Ministry-To-Children
- Children’s Sermon on the Temptation of Jesus

Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider...

But (Jesus) answered, “It is written,

“‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
  but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” -Matthew 4:4

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. -John 6:35

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

“Not by Bread Alone”

“Loaf of Love... verses to encourage”

“Fight Temptation with a positive target!”

Craft one: “Temptation Target”

You will need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Paper plates
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue and/or tape
- Popsicle sticks

Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper plate to look like a target. Draw several circles, one inside the other.

2. In each circle, write positive things to occupy time and attention. Decorate with color or stickers as desired.

3. Glue a popsicle stick cross in the “bullseye” section, to remind students to keep Christ first and foremost.

4. If you would like to hang the craft, attach a string or pipe cleaner to the back side.

5. Using construction paper, write down things that might be tricky or tempting. Crumple the paper and use as “ammunition” to throw at the target. Plan on doing one of the positive options that the target offers, according to where the “dart” hits!
Craft Two: “Scripture Slices”

You will need:

- Paper bags
- Scissors
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Glue and/or tape
- Decorative materials (markers, crayons, stickers)

Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper bag to make a “loaf” reminiscent of a bread loaf. Add a caption (written or printed) and additional décor as desired.
2. Cut the construction paper or cardstock to look like slices of bread.
3. Write or cut and paste Bible verses on each “slice” of paper.
4. Carefully place the verse “slices” inside the loaf bag.
5. Partially seal the bag, but allow it to be opened for browsing and reading verses.
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