

BIBLE TRUTH 1, LESSON 3: PLANNER/OVERVIEW

GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

Welcome to Praise Factory: PFI: Praise Factory Investigators Theme Song *PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 1*

Rules to Help Us Worship God and Love One Another: WoGoLOA Classroom Rules Song
PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 2

Big Question Under Investigation: Big Question 6 Songs *PFI ESV Songs 6, Tracks 3,4*

Big Question Bible Verse: Romans 5:12 Song: Sin Came Into the Word *PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 5*
Extra Bible Verse Song: Sin Came into the World (version 2) PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 6
Extra Bible Verse Song: You Must Not Eat, Eat, Eat: Genesis 2,3 PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 7

DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (*introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story*)

Bible Truth 1: Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning

Bible Truth Hymn: This Is My Father's World, v.3 *PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 8*

Bible Verse: 1 John 3:8

Bible Verse Song: Whoever Makes a Practice of Sinning *PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 9*

Lesson 3 New Testament: The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In
Matthew 2,4,16,27; Luke 2:1-20; 4:22; 22:1-5;27-24; Revelation 20:10,14

TAKING ACTION: Response Activities (*choose from among these activities*)

Snack and Discussion Planner: Jesus: The Second Adam: Born to Save, Refused to Rebel Against God
, Faithful to the End

ACTS Prayer: Prayer Sheet

Bible Truth Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Beanbag Grand March

Bible Truth Hymn: This Is My Father's World, v.3 *PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 8*
Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Word Take Away **PFI ESV Songs 6 BOOK or ONLINE**

Bible Verse Review: 1 John 3:8 Discussion Sheet and Game: Which Way Did It Go?

Bible Verse Song: Whoever Makes a Practice of Sinning 1 John 3:8 *PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 9*
Song, Sign Language and Song Game: Big Voice, Little Voice **PFI ESV Songs 6 BOOK or ONLINE**

Story Review: Discussion Questions and Game: Forceball

Case Replay, Jr: Drama Activity for Youngest Children (children do same story actions together)

Case Replay, Sr: Drama Activity for Most Children (children re-tell story with individual parts)

Craft: Thirty Pieces of Silver

VIPP (Very Important Prayer Person) Prayer Time: Coloring Sheets (Back of book) & Game: Stop and Go

TAKING IT HOME: Take Home Sheet for Review and Family Devotions

PFI Pronto: Bible Truth 1, Lesson 3 **PFI ESV PRONTOS 6 BOOK or ONLINE**

The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In

by Connie Dever

*Matthew 2,4,16,27; Luke 2:1-20; 4:22; 22:1-5;27-24; Revelation 20:10,14***Our story is:****The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In.****As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**

1. Who was the man who refused to give in?
2. What did he refuse to give in to? Why was this so important?

This story takes place in Israel, in New Testament times, when Jesus lived on earth.

Ever since he had tempted Adam and Eve to sin, thousands of years earlier, Satan had enjoyed watching the terrible spread of sin and death throughout God's perfect creation. He proudly called himself the Prince of This World, as if the world were his to do with as he pleased. Yet deep inside, Satan knew that it was not so. The world was God's; and what happened in it, only happened according to God's good, unfailing plan. Even from the day that Adam and Eve had rebelled, thousands of years ago, God had promised a day would come when a Son of Eve would come to crush Satan's power over sin and death. The first Adam had brought sin and death to all by his sin; but this Son of Eve would come like a second Adam to defeat Satan and bring the promise of eternal life to all who would trust in Him. Satan kept alert for the coming of this Son of Eve, this Second Adam. God had promised.

Satan knew when his enemy, the promised Son of Eve, the Second Adam, had come. It was the unforgettable night we call Christmas. That night, the brilliant glory of the LORD suddenly shone down upon shepherds in a field outside of Bethlehem. A great host of angels broke into praise, making the glad announcement that the Savior has been born, who was Jesus Christ, the Lord. And how could Satan have missed the shimmering, new star that appeared in the sky, leading Magi from their home faraway in the East to worship the young child, Jesus. These signs were simply too great! This Jesus was the promised One who came to crush him and his rule over this world, just as God had promised.

Satan knew he must destroy Jesus before Jesus could crush him. Surely Satan was hopeful when jealous King Herod, upon hearing about Jesus from the Magi, sent soldiers into Bethlehem to kill him. Perhaps Jesus would be taken care of this way...but no! Nothing would stop

God's good, unfailing plans! In a dream, God had warned Joseph of Herod's evil plan. He escaped to Egypt with Mary and little Jesus before the soldiers stormed into Bethlehem. Jesus lived. Satan would have made another plan if he were to defeat this Son of Eve, this Second Adam.

Many years passed and Jesus grew into a man. At last the time had come for Him to tell the good news of salvation to all who would hear. He was baptized by John in the River Jordan, then the Spirit led Him out into the wilderness to prepare for this great task.

For forty days--or six weeks-- Jesus prayed and fasted. Can you imagine praying and not eating food for six weeks out in the hot, dry wilderness? As you can guess, Jesus was very weak and tired by the end of that time... and Satan noticed. What better time to tempt Jesus-- the Second Adam-- to sin than when He was tired and hungry.

"If you're the Son of God, turn these rocks into bread," Satan said. Jesus was so hungry! How tempting it was to use God's power to fill His empty stomach.

Then Satan took Jesus to the top of the Temple and told Him, "Throw Yourself off the side of the Temple; let the angels catch You. What better way could you prove to everyone that you are the Son of God?" Satan whispered. Jesus was tempted by Satan's idea. He knew that He would face the unbelief of many when He told them He was the Son of God. That would be so hard!

Then Satan showed Jesus all the nations of the world and promised Him, "If You will bow down and worship me, I will give You all of the world."

How tempting! To win the worship of the world without suffering and dying on the cross for the sins of God's people! Jesus knew He would suffer terribly if He

Story-telling Tips**Ahead of time:**

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Create story cue cards on index cards (or highlight text).
3. Practice telling story dramatically, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary to fit your allotted time.
4. Decorate area with story props that help bring your story alive.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story. Point to/use props at important points in the story. Include the kids in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
2. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached.

fulfilled His Father's plan of salvation.

Satan had chosen his temptations well. Which would Jesus choose? To be dissatisfied with God's will for Him, like Adam had been, and rebel against God's way? Satan hoped so. This Son of Eve, this Second Adam must sin, if Satan was to prevent Him from "crushing his head" (beating him) and saving God's people.

But, no! Jesus would not give in to temptation. He chose to be satisfied in God and His good ways. Hunger pangs, the insults of unbelieving people and even the terrible suffering He would face doing God's will were better than any easy way out Satan was offering Him. Satan had tempted the First Adam into rebelling against God, but not this Second Adam. Jesus resisted Satan.

"Be gone, Satan! Man does not live on bread alone, but on the Word of God: I will make no bread from rocks!" Jesus told him. And then He said: "God's Word tells us we should not put Him to the test...I will not jump off the Temple to prove who I am!" Then he finished off Satan by saying: "God is alone to be worshiped: I will not bow to you! Leave Me alone!"

Defeated, Satan slunk away and God sent angels to give Jesus food and comfort. The tricks that had fooled the first Adam, did not work on Jesus, the second Adam. Satan had lost yet again.

But Satan did not give up. He continued to get at Jesus, however he could...even through Jesus' closest friends. One day, when Jesus told His disciples that He would suffer and die on the cross, then be raised from the dead to save God's people, Satan stirred up Peter to try to stop Him: "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" (Matthew 16:22)

Peter might have meant only to protect His beloved Master from pain, but Jesus saw in his words another of Satan's attempts to make Him dissatisfied with God's good plans. Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." (Matthew 16:23) Jesus refused to rebel against what His Father had planned. He chose to be satisfied in God and His good ways. He would rather suffer God's way than avoid the cross.

Later, Satan stirred up Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus and have Him handed over to the Jewish leaders for

money, even though Judas knew Jesus had done no wrong. Even as Jesus hung dying on the cross, Satan stirred up the crowd against Jesus to sin against His Father's plan:

"Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!' In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.' In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him." (Matthew 27:39-44)

Jesus knew that there was truth in these mocking words. He was the Son of God. He could get down from the cross, if He wanted to. Satan hoped these mean words would be more than Jesus could bear; but they were not. Jesus chose to suffer God's way rather than prove who He was to these people. No! He would not give in to temptation! He would not rebel against God! No matter what!

No. There was nothing that Satan could do to tempt this Son of Eve, this second Adam to rebel against God as Adam had in the beginning. He would choose to be satisfied in God and His good ways. He had come to bring salvation to God's people; and He would do it, just as God had promised He would. So Jesus hung there on the cross and offered up His perfect life to God, His Father, as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all who would ever turn and trust in Him.

Then, three days later, He burst out of His grave, risen from the dead. He had broken Satan's power over sin and death. Jesus, the Son of Eve, the Second Adam, had brought salvation where the first Adam had brought sin!

But the best is still yet to come! Jesus broke the power of sin and death on the cross that day, but there will come another, even better day, when Satan, sin and death will be put to an end forever. At the end of time on the Great Judgment Day, Jesus will judge Satan and his demons. He will give them their final punishment: they will be thrown into the Lake of Fire and be punished day and night, forever and ever. Satan will be crushed

once and for all time, never to trouble the world or God's people again! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Cracking the Case:

It's time to answer our Case Questions.

1. Who was the man who refused to give in? Jesus.

2. What did he refuse to give in to? Why was this so important?

Jesus refused to give in to temptation and sin. Because He was without sin, He could be the perfect payment for the sins of God's people and save them all.

Something For You and Me

Our Bible Truth is:

Angels and People Rebelled Against God in the Beginning

Our Bible Verse is: 1 John 3:8

"Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

What about you and me? Like the first Adam, we have listened to the tempting lies of Satan to be dissatisfied with God and His good ways, and live life our own way instead. Is there any hope for us? Yes, there is. God has sent the Second Adam to pay for the sins of all who confess their sins and turn and trust in Him.

Let's praise God for sending Jesus, who came like a second Adam to face Satan's tempting lies but be satisfied with God and His good ways, time after time after time, so He could offer up His perfect life as the perfectly complete sacrifice for all who trust in Him. Let's praise Him for promising to do away Satan, sin and death completely at the Great Judgment Day at the end of time. Let's confess our sins to Him. Let's be those who turn from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Let's ask Him by His Holy Spirit to fill our heart and make us strong to stand up against Satan's lies and choose to be satisfied in God's good ways.

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for being our Savior! Jesus, You are the strong, second Adam, who always said 'no' to Satan and won salvation for God's people.

C God, we confess that many times we give into temptation. We choose to disobey God. We deserve God's punishment! We need a Savior!

T Jesus, thank You for always choosing to obey God, Your Father, even when it meant terrible suffering. Thank You for being our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts! Help us to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to say 'no' to the temptations of Satan, and say 'yes' to obeying God, even when it is very hard.

Special Words

Satan: A mighty angel who rebelled against God in the beginning; and, who, for a limited time and in a limited way, still is allowed to work evil in this world.

Temple: A special worship house in Jerusalem where the LORD's presence would dwell. This was where the people of Israel used to go to bring their sacrifices and worship the LORD.

Judgment Day: The day at the end of time when Jesus will perfectly judge every person who has ever lived, sending them to eternal life or eternal separation from Him. Satan will be crushed and punished for all time on that day, too.

ACTS PRAYER ACTIVITY

Use this sheet to write down your ACTS Prayer

Instructions:

Use this sheet to help the children apply the Bible Truth into a prayer. You can use the ACTS provided or even better, have the kids think of their own applications. Also have the children add their personal requests to the prayer, too. Lead the children in the prayer or let them pray sections, with your help. Never force a child to pray! Non-readers can participate by you whispering a section of the prayer into their ear and allowing them to pray it aloud for the group.

ADORATION:

God, we praise You for being completely good, hating sin, yet being so merciful to sinners who turn to You.

God, we praise You for being.....

Add your own Adorations:

CONFESSION:

God, we confess that like Adam and Eve, we have chosen to give in to Satan's temptations and rebel against You. We deserve Your punishment, too! We need a Savior!

God, we have sinned against You....

Add your own Confessions:

THANKSGIVING:

Thank You, God for sending Your Son Jesus to save from their sins all who trust in Him.

God, we thank You for...

Add your own Thanksgivings:

SUPPLICATION:

God, help us to resist the temptation to sin. Help us to be satisfied in You, trusting that Your good ways are always best--even when we don't understand them. Help us to choose to obey You rather than rebel against You. Work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

God, we need Your help...

Add your own Supplication:

SNEAKY SNACK

Can you figure out how this snack ties in with our case?

Snack: Jesus: The Second Adam: Born to Save, Refused to Rebel Against

Shoestring potato "manger straw" with a Teddy graham "baby Jesus" on top; donut hole "wilderness rocks", and/or carrot circle "coins of Judas."

This is only a suggestion. Feel free to modify. Be mindful of allergy issues among your children!

Case Tie-in: Jesus was God's Son, come from heaven to save God's people. From birth to death, Jesus always said 'no' to temptation. He always obeyed God, His Father, no matter how hard it was. He offered up His perfect life on the cross as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. He rose from the dead in victory. He crushed Satan and destroyed sin and death!

SOUL FOOD

Food for thought during snack time

1. What does the snack have to do with the story?

Choose a few questions from the other activity discussion sheets to talk about during this snack time.

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Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning

God made the world perfectly good, but it did not stay that way. In heaven, a mighty angel named Satan led a rebellion of angels against God. Nothing sinful can ever remain in God's holy presence. These rebellious angels, called demons, were cast out of heaven and thrown into hell.

Satan continued his rebellion against God by tempting Adam and Eve to rebel against God, too. Their disobedience brought sin and death into the perfect world God created.

There are many things we cannot understand about Satan, evil and sin, or why God allowed them. However, we do know that God is perfectly good, powerful and wise. His ways are perfect and are so much more than our small minds can understand.

God hates sin and will do away with it. He sent Jesus to break the power of sin and death for all who trust in Him as their Savior. And one day Jesus will return again to rid the world of sin and death, Satan and his demons forever. What a wonderful day that will be!

Understanding the Bible Truth

1. How did God create the world? *Perfectly good.*
2. What changed about the world? *Sin came into the world.*
3. Who led the rebellion against God? *Satan.*
4. Why were the rebellious angels thrown out of heaven? *Because they were no longer holy. They were sinful. Nothing sinful can ever remain in God's presence.*
5. Where were the rebellious angels sent? *Into hell.*
6. How did Satan continue his rebellion against God? *Tempted Adam and Eve to rebel against God.*
7. What did Adam and Eve's disobedience bring into God's good creation? *Sin and death.*
8. What about God helps us trust Him about what we can't understand about Satan, sin and why God allowed them? *His perfect goodness, power, and wisdom. He hates sin.*
9. What did Jesus come to break? *The power of sin and death.*
10. What did Jesus do to break the power of sin and death? *He lived a perfect life and offered it up on the cross as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all who turn from their sins and trust Him as their Savior.*
11. What will Jesus do when He returns? *Get rid of sin, death, Satan and his demons forever.*

Story Connection Questions

1. How does the case story point to the **Bible Truth: Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning**? *While Satan tempted Adam to sin against God, he could not tempt Jesus, the Second Adam, into sinning. He saved His people from their sins and crushed Satan's power.*
2. Why was it so important that Jesus—the second Adam—not rebel against God like the first Adam had? *As fully God and fully man, Jesus was the only one who could offer up a perfect life and take all the punishment for the sins of His people. If Jesus sinned, there would be no hope of salvation for anyone.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

1. What does our Bible Truth have to do with our **Bible Verse: 1 John 3:8**: "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." ?
Satan was the first to sin. He was sinning from the beginning. Adam and Eve became "of the devil" when they chose to rebel against God. They no longer wanted to keep on loving and pleasing God.

Life Application Questions

1. What should God's people do when they are tempted to sin? *Think about who God is and how whatever He has planned for them is best. Pray that God would show them a way out of temptation, as He promises in His Word. Ask God to give them hearts filled with more love for Him. Ask others to pray for them. Read God's Word to give them strength to resist Satan's temptations.*

2. How can we become God's people? *By turning from our sins, confessing them to God and trusting in Jesus as our own Savior.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for because of this Bible Truth?

God, we praise You for being completely good, hating sin, yet being so merciful to sinners who turn to You.

2. What are sins we can confess to God because of this Bible Truth?

God, we confess that like Adam and Eve, we have chosen to give in to Satan's temptations and rebel against You.

We deserve Your punishment, too! We need a Savior!

3. What is something we can thank God for because of this Bible Truth?

Thank You, God for sending Your Son Jesus to save from their sins all who trust in Him.

4. What is something we can ask God for because of this Bible Truth?

God, help us to resist the temptation to sin. Help us to be satisfied in You, trusting that Your good ways are always best--even when we don't understand them. Help us to choose to obey You rather than rebel against You. Work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

The Gospel

1. God show His holiness and His mercy to sinful people in the good news of Jesus. Can you tell me the gospel? *God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.*

Game: Beanbag Grand March

Materials

Small bowl or bag
1 Bean Bag per child
CD and CD player
Bible Truth Questions

Preparing the Game

1. Choose 20+ questions for your game from the Bible Truth Discussion Questions, or make up your own.
2. Write the Bible Truth questions on small thin strips of paper (or make a photocopy of the Bible Truth Discussion Questions and simply cut them into strips) and put them in the bag/bowl.

Playing the Game

Have the children form partners, then form a big double circle. Give each child a bean bag. Have them balance them on their heads. Tell the children that you will start the music and tell the children to move however you command them to move, such as march, walk, skip, tip toes, big knee bends, pat head, fly like a bird, etc. (BUT NOT RUN!!!) and try not to let their bean bag fall off their heads. When/if the bean bag falls off, a team is to sit down. When the music stops, all of the seated children are asked a question. If they get the right answer, then everyone is released to the march again. If not, then they must wait until the next time a question is asked and answered correctly.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

NOTE: Have the children who are "out" help make up actions for the other children to do, put them in charge of the music, etc. along with you. This will keep them happily occupied as they continue.

Non-competitive Option

Let all the children whose beanbag fell join back into the march, even if the class misses the question. Add the missed question back into the bag for further review.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

This Is My Father's World

Verse 3

This is my Father's world,
 O let me ne'er forget,
 That though the wrong
 Seems oft so strong,
 God is the Ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world.
 The battle is not done.
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 And earth and heaven be one.

Listen to it on PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 8

Understanding the Song

1. Who can call the Lord his/her Father? *All who confess their sins to Him and trust in Him for forgiveness through Jesus' death on the cross.*
2. What belongs to "my Father"? *The world.*
3. What does it mean that "wrong seem oft so strong" in this world? *There are many bad and painful things that happen. Sometimes it seems like they are stronger than God and His plan.*
4. Even though wrong seems often so strong, what should believers remember? *That God is the Ruler of the world still.*
5. What battle isn't done yet? *The Lord's battle over all that is evil in this world.*
6. What does it mean that Jesus shall be satisfied? *Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever turn and trust in Him for forgiveness. He rose again and then ascended into heaven as the conqueror over sin and death for His people. For now, until all of God's plan on earth is complete and all His people from every nation and people have come to Him in faith, the battle against sin and death will continue. But one day, when all of God's plan for this earth is finished, the Lord Jesus will come back, bring an end to of sin, death and Satan in a final and everlasting victory. Then all that He had planned to accomplish with His death, will be completed, satisfied.*
7. What does it mean for heaven and earth to be one? *For God's will is perfectly done here on earth as it is in heaven. This will happen when Jesus is satisfied, when there is the final end to sin and death.*

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. How does this song relate to our **Bible Truth: Angels and People Rebelled Against God in the Beginning?** *The wrong in this world that often seems so strong is sin. It came into the world when Adam and Eve believed Satan's tempting lies and rebelled against God. Oh, what terrible suffering and death into God's perfect creation that day! Yet, God is still the ruler of the world, not Satan. He will fight and win over Satan, sin and death! God sent Jesus, just as He promised, to break the power of sin and death, when He died on the cross. And at the end of time, Jesus will come back and bring an end to Satan, his demons and all that is evil, once and for all. God is the Ruler yet.*

Story Connection

1. How does this song relate to today's story? *Satan's temptations to rebel against God were strong. Jesus' great hunger, his desire to not suffer on the cross, his desire for people to accept Him as the Son of God made it hard to resist the wrongs of making bread from rocks, jumping off the Temple, coming down from the cross, or even bowing down to Satan. But Jesus knew that God, His Father, was the Ruler yet of the world. He had sent Him to die on the cross and break the power of sin and death that heaven and earth might be one in praising and living for God as it was created to.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

1. What does this hymn have to do with our Bible Verse: **Bible Verse: 1 John 3:8:** "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."?

This hymn reminds us that because of the devil's work from the beginning, wrong (sin) often seems so strong. But, God is the Ruler yet. Jesus broke the power of sin and death when He died on the cross and rose from the dead. That is just the beginning. When Jesus comes back, He will finish off sin and death forever. The work of the devil will be destroyed and Jesus shall be satisfied once and for all time.

Life Application Questions

1. How can God's people be affected by the message of this song? *They can praise God for being the true Ruler over this world. One day He will bring an end to the strong wrong of sin and death that came into the world through Satan's tempting of Adam and Eve, when Jesus returns. They can ask God to give them strength by His Holy Spirit to resist Satan's temptations to them to sin and rebel against God. They can ask Him to help them want to love and live for Him more and more.*

2. What is the best first step God wants us to take in making Him the Ruler over our lives? *Turning away from our sins, confessing them to God, and trusting Jesus as our own Savior.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this hymn? *Praise God for being the Ruler of this world who will overcome all evil.*

2. What are sins we can confess to God from this hymn? *That many times we, like all people, do evil that God will one day finally punish and get rid of. We deserve God's punishment! We need a Savior!*

3. What is something we can thank God for from this hymn? *We can thank God that He has beaten death through Jesus, for all who turn away from disobeying Him and trust in Jesus as their own Savior. We can thank Him for His promise to do away with sin and evil forever one day.*

4. What is something we can ask God for from this hymn? *That God would work in our hearts that we might turn from our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior. That we might not be discouraged by the evil in the world and the sin in our hearts, but remember that He saves all those who trust in Him and that one day all evil will be gone for good.*

Gospel Question

1. God is the Ruler of this world who will one day will punish and do away with all evil and sin. What hope is there for sinners like you and me? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son, Jesus to earth as a man to save sinners. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who's ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Song Game: Word Take Away

Materials

Sign Language Signs and Song

White board and marker

Eraser

Preparing the Game

1. Write the words to the song on a white board.

Playing the Game

1. After children have learned the song and signs well, then tell the children that you are going to leave out words from the song (that you've learned signs for) and just do the sign in its place.
2. Have the children help you choose a word to take out. Erase the word from the board. Review the sign the for erased word.
3. Sing the song, trying to remember to NOT sing the word and do only the sign.
4. Continue to take out words until all of the words (with signs) have been taken out.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

choose a FEW questions for discussion, then choose the game and/or music activity

Meditation Version: 1 John 3:8

“Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”

Understanding the Bible Verse

1. What is sin? *Failing to obey God and His good laws in what we do or say or think.*
2. Of whom is “he who makes a practice of sinning?” What does that mean? *He is “of the devil.” That doesn’t mean that he becomes a devil like Satan and the other disobedient angels. Devil is a word used only for rebellious angels. It does mean that like Satan, they choose to keep rejecting God and His good ways over and over and over. They do not desire to turn away from their sins or please God.*
3. What does it mean to make a practice of sinning? *To choose to sin over and over again, not even caring that they are disobeying God. Not wanting to repent and to turn away from their sins and follow God and His good ways.*
4. Everyone sins, both people who are Christians and whose sins have been paid for, as well as people who are not Christians who keep rejecting God’s offer of forgiveness. Does that mean that everyone is of the devil, even Christians whose sins have been forgiven by Jesus? *No. When someone becomes a Christian, the Holy Spirit changes their heart and their life. He fills them with more and more love for God. He helps them to turn from sin and love God more and more. They still sin, but they do not want to. They hate sin. They want to please God most of all. They are no longer “of the devil”; they are “of God”. He calls them His special, adopted children.*
5. Who is the devil? *Satan is especially known as “the devil,” but all of the rebellious angels are also called devils.*
6. How long has he been sinning? *From the beginning.*
7. Does beginning mean from the time God made Satan or something else? *It means something else. God called all that He made good, even all the angels. Satan was good when God created him. Sometime very soon after God created everything, something changed in Satan and he became sinful. Since he became evil so soon after all things were created, it is still called the beginning.*
8. Who is the Son of God? Why did He appear? *Jesus. To destroy the devil’s work.*
9. What is the devil’s work? *To dishonor God and rebel against His good ways. To ruin His good plan and His good creation.*
10. How did Jesus destroy the devil’s work? *The devil tempted humans to rebel against God, too, that they might be separated from Him and face His eternal punishment. Jesus came and died on the cross to pay for the sins of all who turn and trust in Him that their fellowship with God would be restored, that they would no longer want to keep on sinning, and they would enjoy life with Him forever and ever.*
11. How did Jesus “appear?” *He was born a baby in Bethlehem; fully God, yet fully man.*
12. How will Jesus appear at the end of time? *How will He finish destroying the devil’s work then? He will not come as a baby, but as the mightiest king. He will bring final judgment upon Satan and the other devils/demons, as well as all people who have refused to confess their sins to Him and be forgiven. Satan along with the other devils/demons and all who refused to believe in Jesus will be punished forever.*
13. What did the devil have to do with people becoming sinful? *Tempted them to sin.*

Bible Truth Connection Question

1. What does this verse have to do with the **Bible Truth: Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning?** *Satan was the first to sin. He was sinning from the beginning of creation. Adam and Eve became “of the devil” when they chose to rebel against God. They no longer wanted to keep on loving and pleasing God. But oh, how wonderful that God sent His Son Jesus! Jesus was the Savior who came to rescue sinners from God’s punishment that they deserved. Jesus destroyed the devil’s work, when He suffered and died on the cross, then rose on the third day in victory! Now all who repent of their sins and trust in Him will be saved.*

Story Connection Questions

1. Why did Satan want to tempt Jesus to sin so much? *He knew that Jesus had come to destroy his work.*
2. Why was it so important that Jesus did not sin and become “of the devil?” *As fully God and fully man, Jesus was the only one who could offer up a perfect life and take all the punishment for the sins of His people. If Jesus sinned, there would no hope of salvation for anyone.*

Life Application Questions

1. What should we do if we do not want to be "of the devil", but be "of God?" *Confess our sins to Jesus and trust Him as our Savior. He promises to forgive them and make them His people.*

ACTS Questions

1. What is something we can praise God for from this Bible verse?

Praise God for being the Destroyer of the works of the devil! He will bring an end to sin and death!

2. What is something we can confess to God from this Bible verse?

Confess that many times we do practice sinning. We choose to disobey God over and over. We need to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

3. What is something we can thank God for from this Bible Verse?

Thank God for sending Jesus to be the perfectly just and upright offering for the sins of all God's people, that they could be saved from God's punishment. Instead, all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus can have eternal life with God!

4. What is something we can ask God for from this Bible Verse?

Ask God to work in our hearts and help us to confess our sins to Him and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help us to send the Holy Spirit to live in us and change us so that we would reflect more of His perfect justice and uprightness. Ask Him to help us to turn away from making a practice of sinning and instead make a practice of obeying Him.

Gospel Question

1. How did Jesus destroy the works of the devil? What is the gospel?

God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.

Game: Which Way Did It Go?

Materials

Bible verse written up in large print so that all can see

Coin

Beanbag or other small object

Preparing the Game

None.

Learning the Verse

Some or all of your children may be non- or early readers. Teach the verse in sections, having them say it after you. Repeat a few times. Add clapping or other movement as they say it.

Directions

1. If desired, lead the children in a discussion of a **FEW** of the most important questions before beginning game.

2. Explain the game to them as follows:

Divide the children into two teams. Have the children sit or stand in a circle, alternating team members. Have everyone say the verse together. Explain to the children that they will pass the beanbag, stating clockwise, around the circle. Outside the circle one person, the Coin Flipper, will flip the coin. Each time the Coin Flipper gets a tails, he yells "Change" and the children in the circle change the direction they are passing the beanbag. After 5 changes whoever has the beanbag says the verse for their team. He gets 2 points for his team if he can say it by himself. One point, if he can say it with the help of another team member. If they can't say it, then the person next to him (on the other team) can try to say it for 1 point for his team. The child who correctly recited the verse is the next Coin Flipper. Have everyone say the verse again, then repeat steps.

Game continues until all children get to be the Coin Flipper, or as time and attention span allow.

Non-competitive Option

Don't split the children into teams. Give the group a target number of points to make. Challenge the children to see how few turns it will take to reach the target number of points. Tally the number of points on a piece of paper. Continue until target number is reached. Repeat, seeing if they can do it in less turns the second time.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children. Make sure you read the Bible verse aloud before you ask your questions.

Directions:

1. Write words to song in large print before class.
2. Play the song for the children, helping them follow along on the song sheet.
3. Discuss the song, using a few questions from the discussion sheet. *Don't use them all!*
4. Introduce sign language for key words of your choice from sign language sheet for your song. Use as few or as many as you think the children can learn.
5. Sing and sign the song. Sign language as well as large format lyrics and sheet music are found in the PFI Unit Songbook or online.
6. If desired, play the Song Game.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Presenting and Singing the Song

1. Sing and sign the song, encouraging the watching children/parents to join in.
2. Ask the class some of the questions listed below. The Bible Truth Connection Question is particularly good to help them understand how the song ties in with the Bible Truth.

Whoever Make a Practice of Sinning

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil,
for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

But wait! There's good news!

But the reason the Son of God appeared,
Was to destroy, destroy the devil's works.
But the reason the Son of God appeared,
Was to destroy, destroy the devil's works.
(And He did it!)

First John Three, verse eight.

Listen to it on PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 10

Song Game: Big Voice, Little Voice**Materials**

Song
Sign language signs used in the song printed out onto little cards
Blindfold

Preparing the Game

None.

Playing the Game

1. Practice the song and signs until the children know them well. Then tell them: "Children, we are going to hide a sign language sign and see if one of you can find it... with a little help from the rest of us!"
2. Choose someone to be "It" and blindfold them. Choose another child to hide one of the sign language cards. When it's hidden, "It" can remove the blindfold and begin to look.
3. The rest of the children will sing the song in a louder voice when "It" gets closer to the hidden sign and quieter when "It" gets further from the sign.
4. When "It" finds the hidden clue, another "It" is chosen and play begins again.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

STORY REVIEW

Directions: Read and discuss Bible Truth, using a FEW of the questions. Play game. Feel free to modify the game to fit your children.

General Story Questions

1. What did Satan enjoy watching after Adam and Eve sinned? *The spread of sin and death throughout God's perfect creation.*
2. What did Satan call himself? *The Prince of This World.*
3. Who was Satan watching to come? *The Son of Eve who would crush him.*
4. Who was the Son of Eve? Why is He also called the Second Adam? *Jesus. The first Adam came and brought sin into the world. This one man, bringing sin to many. Jesus, like a second Adam would come and by offering up His one perfect life, would bring salvation to many.*
5. How did Satan know that Jesus had come? *The angels glorious announcement to the shepherds that "Christ the Lord" had come; the brilliant star that led the Magi to worship Jesus.*
6. What did King Herod do that pleased Satan? *He sent soldiers to Bethlehem to kill baby Jesus.*
7. How did Jesus escape from the soldiers? *An angel warned Joseph in a dream to escape to Egypt.*
8. How did Satan tempt Jesus to sin in the wilderness? *To make bread out of stone, instead of being satisfied with God's timing in giving Him food.*
9. What did Satan tempt Jesus to do at the Temple? *Throw Himself off (and be rescued by God's angels) to show everyone that He was the Son of God.*
10. How did Satan tempt Jesus to avoid saving His people by suffering on the cross? *Offering to give Him all the nations if He would only bow down and worship Satan.*
11. What did Jesus use to know what the right thing to do when Satan tempted Him? *He used words from the Bible.*
12. How did Satan use Peter to try to get Jesus to rebel against God's plan? *Peter tried to talk Jesus into not suffering and dying because He was the Son of God.*
13. How did Satan use Judas? *To betray Jesus so that He would be handed over to the Jewish leaders and put to death.*
14. Why was Satan pleased with how the crowd taunted Jesus as He hung dying on the cross? *He hoped Jesus would come down from the cross and not finish the work of salvation.*
15. What did Jesus' rising from the dead show? *That Jesus had destroyed Satan's power over sin and death.*
16. What will Jesus do at the end of time that will finish crushing Satan? *He will give Satan and his demons their final judgment. They will be thrown into the Lake of Fire and tormented forever.*

Bible Truth Connection Questions

What does this story have to do with our Bible Truth? *In the beginning, Satan tempted Adam and Eve to rebel against God. When Jesus came as a kind of second Adam to bring salvation, Satan tried to tempt him, just like he had the first Adam. But Jesus would not turn away from God. He would not be led into sin.*

Bible Verse Connection Question

What does the story have to do with our **Bible Verse: 1 John 3:8**: "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."?

1. Why did Satan want to tempt Jesus to sin so much? *He knew that Jesus had come to destroy his work.*
2. Why was it so important that Jesus did not sin and become "of the devil?" *As fully God and fully man, Jesus was the only one who could offer up a perfect life and take all the punishment for the sins of His people. If Jesus sinned, there would no hope of salvation for anyone.*

Life Application

1. How can God's people act like Jesus when Satan tempts them? *They can remember that they will never be more satisfied than when we do God's will, even if it is very hard.*
2. How can we become God's people? *We can turn away from our sins, confess them to God and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.*

ACTS Questions

1. What's something we can praise God for from this story? *Praise Jesus for being the Strong Second Adam, who always said no to Satan.*
2. What's something we can confess from this story? *Confess that many times we give into temptation. We choose to disobey God. We deserve God's punishment. We need a Savior!*
3. What's something we can thank God for from this story? *We can thank Jesus for choosing the hard path of suffering that we might be saved.*
4. What is something we can ask God for, from this story? *We can ask God to work in our hearts, helping us to turn away from our sins and trust Jesus as our own Savior. We can ask Him to help us say no to the temptations of Satan, and say "yes" to obeying God, even when it is very hard.*

The Gospel

1. How did Jesus, the Second Adam, save God's people? What is the gospel? *God is the good Creator and King of the world. He made people to worship Him and live by His good laws. But we are all sinners who have rebelled against Him. We all deserve death--God's just, eternal punishment for our sins. How terrible! But God has good news for us. In His great mercy, God sent His Son Jesus to earth to save sinners. Yes, Jesus, the perfect Son of God, left His home in heaven and became a man. He lived the perfect life that pleases God. (He's the only one who has ever done that!) He offered it up to God His Father as the perfect sacrifice for sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Then, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had fully paid for the sins of God's people, so they wouldn't have to! Now all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. They will be His very own special people who will know Him and enjoy Him forever. We can be God's people, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior.*

Game: Forceball

Materials

One kick ball or other rubber ball
Masking tape
Yard stick
Story Review Questions

Preparing the Game

1. Choose 20+ questions for your game from the Story Review Discussion Questions, or make up your own.
2. Use the tape to mark 2 lines about 3 yards apart.

Playing the Game

Divide the children into two teams and have each team line up behind one of the lines.

Players should stand side to side, with legs apart and feet touching. The two teams are facing each other. Play starts as one team rolls (with their hands) the ball to the other team, trying to get it through the other team's legs without being blocked. The defending team cannot move their feet to block the ball. They can only block it with their hands. If the ball gets through their legs, the other team can get 2 points if they can answer a Story Review question correctly. If they do not say it correctly, then the defending team can try for 1 point. The defending team then bats the ball and tries to get it through the other team's legs. The team with the most points wins.

Game continues as number of questions, time, and attention span allow.

Non-competitive option

This game is difficult to make completely non-competitive. You can, however, not keep track of points.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Quiz Questions

Have the children choose a few of the questions from the game to ask the parents/other children during TAKING IT TO OTHERS time. Help pre-readers by whispering the question in their ear and letting them ask it aloud to the parents/other children.

CASE REPLAY ACTIVITIES

Use this guide to review the Case Story and act it out for others to enjoy!

CASE REPLAY, JR: YOUNGEST CHILDREN

Description: The children will act out the story together, everyone doing the same action/sound effect at the same time. This activity is most suitable for kindergarteners.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Jr. script for younger children

Preparation

1. Read through the script and write in the blanks along the side possible actions/sound effects the children could do to act it out.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will be re-enacting the story together as you tell it.
2. As you read the script, lead the children in actions/sound effects to do with you.
3. If desired, you can read the script and stop at certain sentences and ask them what a good action/sound effect would be to act out what you just read.
4. Repeat the re-enactment one or two times more.

CASE REPLAY, SR: OLDER CHILDREN

Description: The children act out the story as a three-scene play. You will narrate it using the Case RePlay, Sr. script and they will act it out (no spoken words, for the most part), with each child assuming a different character's role. This activity is most suitable for first grade and up. You will review the story, then practice it a few times before performing it for others.

Materials

The Case RePlay, Sr. script
White board or other large format paper
Costumes and props

Preparation

1. Prepare for the play by choosing costumes and props for each character in the story. Decorate the area with any scenery props.
2. Write the words "Beginning," "Middle," "End" on a large piece of paper/whiteboard with plenty of space under each heading. You will use this paper to help the children think about the story as a three-scene play, as it is presented in the script.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they will get to act out the story as a three-scene play, with a beginning, middle and end section. Tell them that before they can act it out, they need to think it out. as you narrate it with your script.
2. Take the children's answers as they recount the story, helping them put key incidents in the right order.
3. If desired, when they have filled in their Beginning, Middle, End, read through your whole (real) script, so they hear exactly what you will have them act out.
4. Then tell the children that it's time to practice acting out the story.
5. Assign parts to each child. If you are using costumes, do NOT give them out at this point. They will be a distraction.
6. Have all the children sit on the floor or in chairs on one side of the "stage," then call the characters up in place as their part in the story comes.
7. As you read the script, guide the children in where you want them to move or do to act it out.
8. After going through the whole script once, give out any costumes and props and act out the script once or twice more.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Re-enacting the Story

Read the script as the children act out together (younger) or assuming different roles (older) as the other children or the parents watch.

CASE REPLAY, JR--YOUNGER KIDS (KINDERGARTEN) P.2

“Welcome to our play! The name of our story is called: The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In. This story takes place in New Testament times, starting out near Bethlehem, when Jesus was born.

And now we present: “The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In.”

Scene 1:

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, in the beginning, Satan enjoyed the spread of sin and death in God’s perfect creation. He called himself the Prince of This World, but knew that one day the promised Son of Eve would come like a Second Adam, to save God’s people from their sins and crush him. When glorious angels proclaimed to shepherds watching their sheep that Christ the Lord had come; and a bright, new star led Magi to worship the new king of the Jews, Satan knew the Son of Eve, his enemy had arrived. Satan wanted to destroy Jesus before Jesus could crush him. He rejoiced when jealous King Herod sent soldiers to Bethlehem to kill baby Jesus, only to find Joseph, Mary and Jesus safely escaped into Egypt.

Actions:

Scene 2:

When John baptized Jesus at the Jordan River and the Holy Spirit led Jesus out into the wilderness to prepare to tell the people the good news of salvation, Satan was right there looking to tempt Jesus to sin. With nothing to eat or drink for 40 days, Jesus was tired and weak. Satan came to Jesus and tempted Him to make bread from the rocks, if He was the Son of God. Then he led Jesus to the top of the Temple and tempted Him to throw Himself down and be rescued by angels so everyone would see and believe. Last of all, Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth and promised Jesus that if He bowed down to him, he would give them all to Him. But as tempting as these things were, Jesus resisted each time. He chose to be satisfied with God’s plan and timing. He would rather suffer than rebel against God. Defeated, Satan slunk away.

Scene 3

Satan kept trying to tempt Jesus to sin. Through Peter, Satan tried to encourage Jesus not to suffer and die on the cross. Satan worked in Judas to betray Jesus and turn Him over to be arrested and crucified. Even as He hung on the cross, Satan delighted in the people who tempted Jesus to come down and prove He was the Son of God. But never did Jesus give into temptation. He chose to suffer and be satisfied in God’s good plan. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for God’s people. He was buried and three days later, having broken the power of sin and death. At the end of time, Jesus will come back and finish crushing Satan. He will do away with sin and death forever. He will have Satan and his demons thrown into the Lake of Fire for never-ending punishment.

Bible Truth Tie-In:

The Bible Truth we are learning is: **Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning.** While Satan tempted Adam to sin against God, he could not tempt Jesus, the Second Adam, into sinning. He saved God’s people from their sins and crushed Satan’s power forever.

CASE REPLAY, SR--OLDER KIDS (1ST GRADE AND UP) P.3

"Welcome to our play! The name of our story is called: The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In.

This story takes place in New Testament times, starting out near Bethlehem, when Jesus was born.

The characters in our story are: Satan, Angels, Shepherds, Magi, King Herod, Soldiers, Joseph, Mary, Baby Jesus, John the Baptist, Peter, Judas Iscariot, other disciples, Jewish leaders, people.

And now we present: "The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In."

Scene 1: (Beginning)

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, in the beginning, Satan enjoyed the spread of sin and death in God's perfect creation. He called himself the Prince of This World, but knew that one day the promised Son of Eve would come like a Second Adam, to save God's people from their sins and crush him. When glorious angels proclaimed to shepherds watching their sheep that Christ the Lord had come; and a bright, new star led Magi to worship the new king of the Jews, Satan knew the Son of Eve, his enemy had arrived. Satan wanted to destroy Jesus before Jesus could crush him. He rejoiced when jealous King Herod sent soldiers to Bethlehem to kill baby Jesus, only to find Joseph, Mary and Jesus safely escaped into Egypt.

Scene 2: (Middle)

When John baptized Jesus at the Jordan River and the Holy Spirit led Jesus out into the wilderness to prepare to tell the people the good news of salvation, Satan was right there looking to tempt Jesus to sin. With nothing to eat or drink for 40 days, Jesus was tired and weak. Satan came to Jesus and tempted Him to make bread from the rocks, if He was the Son of God. Then he led Jesus to the top of the Temple and tempted Him to throw Himself down and be rescued by angels so everyone would see and believe. Last of all, Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth and promised Jesus that if He bowed down to him, he would give them all to Him. But as tempting as these things were, Jesus resisted each time. He chose to be satisfied with God's plan and timing. He would rather suffer than rebel against God. Defeated, Satan slunk away.

Scene 3: (End)

Satan kept trying to tempt Jesus to sin. Through Peter, Satan tried to encourage Jesus not to suffer and die on the cross. Satan worked in Judas to betray Jesus and turn Him over to be arrested and crucified. Even as He hung on the cross, Satan delighted in the people who tempted Jesus to come down and prove He was the Son of God. But never did Jesus give into temptation. He chose to suffer and be satisfied in God's good plan. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for God's people. He was buried and three days later, having broken the power of sin and death. At the end of time, Jesus will come back and finish crushing Satan. He will do away with sin and death forever. He will have Satan and his demons thrown into the Lake of Fire for never-ending punishment.

Bible Truth Tie-In:

The Bible Truth we are learning is: **Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning.** While Satan tempted Adam to sin against God, he could not tempt Jesus, the Second Adam, into sinning. He saved God's people from their sins and crushed Satan's power forever.

Thirty Pieces of Silver

Description

Children will make a drawstring bag with “silver” money in it.

Materials

Coin Bag:

Brown, tan or black felt

Brown, tan or black yarn/string Blunt tapestry needles, one per child

Paper coins:

Cardstock

Foil

Thin point black permanent markers or black ink pens

Preparing the Craft

Coin Bag

1. Cut out Template #1 from the felt, one per child.
2. For younger children, use the skewer to create a series of holes along outside of circle as shown on Pattern #1. You may want to let older children do this themselves.
3. Cut 20”pieces of yarn.
4. Thread the tapestry needles with the yarn, both ends knotted together.

Coins

1. Cut circles out of cardstock, 30 per child (less, if desired)
2. Cut foil into squares big enough to cover both sides of coins with some left over.

Making the Craft

1. Show the sample of the craft you have made.
2. Have the children weave the tapestry needle with yarn in and out of the holes in the felt. Cut off yarn near the needle and tie ends together. Pull on one end of the yarn and draw the circle up into a gather. This will be the coin purse.
3. Have the children cover the paper pieces in foil, pressing the excess foil on the back side of the coins.
4. Children can add their own coin designs to front side of their coins with the markers or black ink pens. If using permanent markers, you may want to provide craft smocks for the children.
5. Put coins in the bag.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Craft Presentation

If you are presenting the craft to other children or parents the children can hold up their crafts (or your model craft) and read their Bible Truth Connection answers to explain the importance of the craft.

CASE CRAFT**Discussion Guide****Instructions:**

As the children are settled into making their craft, ask them these questions to help them understand the craft's significance. Use the answers provided to guide the children's answers.

Discussion Questions

1. Which of Jesus' disciples did Satan tempt to betray Jesus? *Judas Iscariot.*

2. Who did Judas Iscariot hand Jesus over to?
The Jewish leaders.

3. What temptation did Satan use?
Judas' love of money. He wanted the thirty pieces of silver the leaders offered him.

4. What is Bible Truth that we are learning?
Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning.

5. What does our craft have to do with our Bible Truth: Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning?

Satan was successful in tempting the first Adam to rebel against God and he knew he must succeed in getting Jesus, the "second Adam" God had promised would save His people, to fail in His mission, if he were to spoil God's plans. He even used Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' very closest disciples to try to spoil God's plans for Jesus.

6. What can our craft help us remember?
Nothing Satan could do could spoil God's plans of salvation for His people. God will always win over Satan's tricks and plans.

TAKING IT TO OTHERS**Craft Presentation****Instructions:**

Have children hold up your model craft/their crafts. Choose five children (or you say) the five sections below to explain the craft's importance.

Presentation:

1. Our craft is: Thirty Pieces of Silver.

2. In Jerusalem, Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus into the hands of the Jewish leaders for thirty pieces of silver because he chose to listen to Satan's tempting whispers in his heart to choose money over following Jesus.

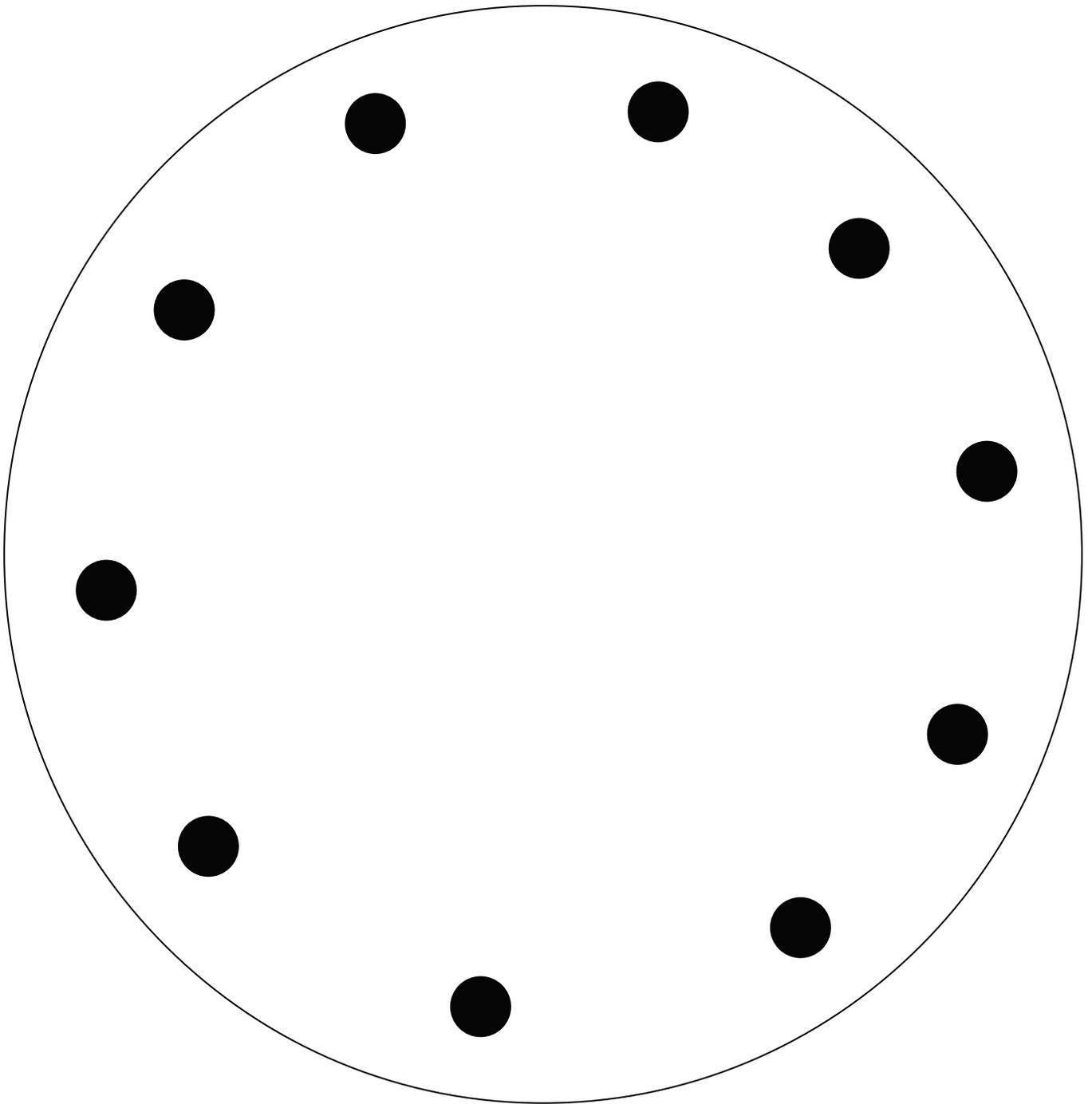
3. Our Bible Truth is: Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning.

4. Satan was successful in tempting the first Adam to rebel against God and he knew he must succeed in getting Jesus, the "second Adam" God had promised would save His people, to fail in His mission, if he were to spoil God's plans. He even used Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' very closest disciples to try to spoil God's plans for Jesus.

5. Our craft can help us remember that nothing Satan could do could spoil God's plans of salvation for His people. God will always win over Satan's tricks and plans.

Note: Even non-readers can participate in presenting the craft, if you will whisper what they are to say in their ear and let them say it aloud for the others to hear.

Craft Pattern #1
Coin Bag



BEFORE CLASS:**1. PICK YOUR PERSON**

VIPPs can be anyone in your church! Typically, they fall into 6 categories: Church staff, Elders, Deacons/deaconesses, Special Volunteers (people who aren't paid, but spend a lot of time helping out in particular ways), Supported Workers (aka missionaries), and Church Members.

2. GATHER YOUR FACTS

Use the VIPP Information Sheet to write down the facts about your VIPP. The information on this worksheet is used in the VIPP activities, listed in the "Choose an Activity" section below.

DURING THE ACTIVITY:**1. INTRODUCE YOUR VIPP**

Introduce your VIPP to the children, using the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. If desired, you can even have the actual person come into class for the children to meet.

Need help describing what someone does for the church in a kid-friendly way? Check out the list of common VIPPs on the Praise Factory website in the PFI resources. There are lots of kid-friendly descriptions for common VIPP's, such as pastors, elders, deacons and a lot more.

2. PRAY!

Lead the children in praying for the VIPP. Ask the children if they would like to pray for one of the VIPPs prayer requests. Even non-readers can pray for the VIPP if you whisper the prayer request in their ear, then let them say it aloud. Never force a child to pray!

3. CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

There are two activities you can use to help the children learn about the VIPP:

VIPP Clue Cards: These are nine coloring sheets in which children fill in the nine things they learn about the VIPP from the VIPP Information Sheet. Photocopy a set of each child. Use as few or as many of these Clue Cards as you desire. Clue Cards found at the back of this book.

VIPP Game: This is a game that uses a set of Clue Cards for one or two VIPPs.

Choose a VIPP and fill in his/her information on the VIPP Information Sheet. Fill in a set of VIPP Clue Cards with the information for your VIPP. Tell the children about the VIPP, having them fill in the VIPP Clue Cards with the key facts as they learn them. Write any words the children need to write on a white-board or other piece of paper so they can see how to spell them. Help younger children write these words on their clue cards. Ideas for how to tell the children about many common VIPPs are listed at praisefactory.org with the resources for this Bible Truth.

Optional TAKING IT TO OTHERS Activity: Introduce and Pray for the VIPP

If you are presenting the VIPP to other children or parents you can assign children to hold up the 10 clue cards and say what each card tells about the VIPP. (Or, you can have the children hold them up as you tell what each one means.) Then lead the children in praying for the VIPP.

Game: Stop and Go

Materials

Information for one VIPP
2 Sets of Clue Cards
8 8.5" x 11" Manilla Envelopes
Ball
Blindfold
Bag

Preparing the Game

1. Fill in one set of clue sheets for the VIPP you are using.
2. Tape the other (blank) set of Clue Cards to the outside of the manilla envelopes.
3. Put the filled-in clue cards in the corresponding envelope.
4. Put all the Clue Cards envelopes in a bag, except for the ones with the names and pictures of the VIPPs.

Playing the Game

Reveal: Tell the children about the VIPP, showing them your filled-in clue cards as you tell about them.

Review: Have the children stand or sit in a circle. Choose one child to be the Caller. The Caller stands in the center of the circle, blindfolded. Hand the ball to a child in the circle. At the Caller's "Go" command, the ball is passed around the circle. It is passed around until the Caller says "Stop." Whoever has the ball when the Caller says stop chooses a Clue Card envelope. The child (or the teacher) tells the class the Clue Card category and asks them if they can remember the answer for the VIPP. The envelope is opened to see what the answer is. If the children get it right, the category is retired. If they get it wrong, it goes back into the pile of envelopes.

VIPP INFORMATION SHEET

VIPP NAME:

WHAT VIPP LOOKS LIKE

Man or Woman? _____

Hair color? _____

Eye color? _____

FAVORITE ANIMAL

FAVORITE FOOD

FAVORITE FREE TIME ACTIVITY

WHAT VIPP DOES DURING WEEK

VIPP GROUP OF SERVICE:

Church Member

Deacon

Elder

Church Staff

Special Volunteer

Supported Worker
(Missionary)

3 WAYS VIPP SERVES CHURCH

3 WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE VIPP
