

# Ministry @Home



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**These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.**

## Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

### Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light  
in the name of the Maker,  
who lit the world  
and gave everything life.

I will light a light  
in the name of the Son,  
who saved the world  
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light  
in the name of the Spirit,  
who is present everywhere in the  
world  
and gives me strength.

### Together:

**We will light three lights  
for the trinity of love:  
God above us,  
God beside us,  
God beneath us;  
The beginning,  
The end  
and the Everlasting one.**

## Welcome.....

### Song: Good Good Father

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c> (can be sung or listened to)

**Reflection time:** Preparation – think of something your family really enjoys, maybe chocolate or a certain sweet. Put some in the middle of the group and use it to explain temptation. Explain it can get eaten during your final song together.

### Bible passage: Read together Mark 1:9-15 & Matthew 4@1-11 and/or watch

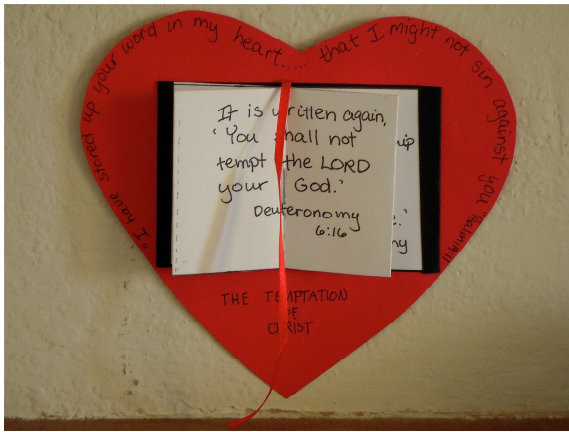
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mD9qIrQzD8>

Rather than giving in to Satan, Jesus remembered God's Word. A long time ago the Israelites were wandering in the desert and they were worried about what they were going to eat. In fact they cared more about food than their God who provided it! We know we need God more than we need anything else in the world because it's God Himself who sustains us. That's what Jesus remembered when Satan tempted Him and meant He resisted temptation even though He must have been starving. Then Satan uses scripture too! He quotes from the Psalms and tries to tempt Jesus to test God's love for him. After all, if Jesus was the Son of God, wouldn't God save him? Finally, Jesus is offered great power in exchange for worshipping Satan. But Jesus uses the Bible again to defeat evil.

Think of times you are tempted to do something wrong, or that you have been told not to do. Is it snacks? or a tv show or a game? Or is it gossip or being mean? Or prioritising other things over God? Talk together because we are all tempted differently, and we need help to resist.

## Interactive Learning.....

### A Trusting Heart....



It is written "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Deuteronomy 6:16

It is written again "You shall not tempt the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 6:16

"It is written "You shall worship the LORD your God and only shall you serve." Deuteronomy 6:13

Write these verses onto a strip of paper and fold into a book. Think of a way to make it memorable – the above is a good example. Look around and see what you have to decorate it with.

These are very important words. They kept Jesus from giving in to the evil one – they will help us when we are tempted to do things we know are wrong.

Memorise these verses and test each other. Make it a game, whisper them, shout them....

### Tug of War....

Divide into two teams and play a game of "tug of war." After the game, talk about how it feels to be pulled in two directions. "That is how temptation is. God is trying to pull you in the direction of right. Satan is trying to pull you into a direction where you are doing wrong. No matter how good you are being, Satan still tries to get you to do bad things.



### Self-Defence...



We need strategies to help us follow what God asks of us, including obeying our parents.

Decorate your plate (or circle of paper) like a target with circles of different sizes. In the middle write some of the temptations you find hardest to resist. Share them carefully with each other and explain why you find them so hard.

In each circle, write positive things to occupy your time and attention which will help you resist temptation. Decorate with colour or stickers.

Create a cross from card or lolly sticks and glue it in the "bullseye" section, to remind us that by keeping Christ at the centre of our lives He can help us stay strong when we are most tempted.

### Whilst creating chat about the following questions & share stories....

- I wonder what it would be like to be alone in the desert for such a long time?
- I wonder what Jesus and God talked about in the desert?
- I wonder how it felt when the evil one was near to Him?
- I wonder if it was hard to say no?
- I wonder what it was like when the Spirit of God filled Him?

## Reflection & Prayer Time.....

**Song: Here's my Heart Lord**  
(can be sung or listened to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkSBmRAVXNc&list=PLyMHgZRC7GYNw3Khtbi1mUVVTg3fOgDUc>

Look at your plate and those things you find hardest to resist. Pray for God's help to understand why it is important to follow His commands and for His strength this week.

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**



## Celebration....

**If any of your members  
celebrate a birthday within the  
next week – sing**

Happy birthday to you  
To Jesus be true  
May God's richest blessings  
Be showered on you.



## Closing.....

### The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit  
be with us all,  
now and evermore. Amen.**

## Closing Responses.....

**Song: Every Step**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZBhKp5\\_HwE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZBhKp5_HwE)  
(can be sung or listened to)

From where we are  
to where you need us.

**Jesus, now lead on!**

From the security of what we know  
to the adventure of what you reveal.

**Jesus, now lead on!**

To make this world  
look more like your kingdom,

**Jesus, now lead on!**

**Ask different members to blow out the  
candles.....until you meet again**

### Extra Ideas

- Print and complete some mazes, colouring and quizzes on <https://ministry-to-children.com/jesus-overcomes-temptations-coloring-pages/>
- Use your time for things that are good to do .....  
Find a cookie recipe to bake.  
Go for a walk.  
Cook a different meal together as a family.  
Pick your favourite boardgame to play.