



WEEK  
**ONE**

OCTOBER 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



## 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Bread, Brag, Bling" Activity Page

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a set of cards from the "Bread, Brag, Bling" Activity Page.
- Explain that each card represents an area of life we need God's help to have self-control.
- Choose a different kid to read each explanation on the cards and use the following to have a discussion about each one:
  - Bread: When our body gets the better of us.
    - *Feeling hungry is not a temptation. However, we can be tempted to make bad choices in the things we say and do when we're hungry, tired, or not feeling well.*
  - Brag: When our pride gets the better of us.
    - *Sometimes we are tempted to prove how cool, smart, or talented we are. We might do something to show off or get attention. Sometimes we just want our own way.*
  - Bling: When our eyes get the better of us.
    - *It's easy to want stuff we see others have like clothes, phones, video games, or money. This might make us feel ungrateful or dissatisfied.*
- Once kids understand each category, share a situation from below. (Or come up with others your kids can relate to the most.)
- Invite kids to hold up the card that matches the type of temptation the scenario could cause.
  - If kids hold up different cards, let them explain what they chose.
- Invite kids to suggest wise and unwise choices someone might make in each situation.
 

**[Make it Personal] If a specific scenario reminds you of a situation you have faced, briefly share how you showed self-control or, possibly, how you let your words or actions get the better of you and the consequences you faced because of it.**
- Situations:
  - There's only one piece of pizza left, and you're not the only one who wants it.
  - Some kids are bragging because they only got one or two wrong answers on a really hard test. You got a perfect score.
  - All your friends have their own phones, but you don't.
  - You're hiking with your family. Your feet hurt. You're hot and sticky. There are mosquitos everywhere, and now your parent thinks they may have misread the map.
  - Your friends dare you to steal a candy bar from the store.
  - No one will know if you watch a movie your parents have told you is not allowed.
  - You're good at being funny and making others laugh. Everyone likes you.

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

### Are You Ready?

Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness  
Luke 4:1-13

(Supporting: Matthew 4:1-11)

## TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How do you get ready?

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be ready to do the right thing.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.

2 Peter 1:3a, NIV

## MONTHLY VIRTUE

Self-control—Choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to

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### **(1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT, CONTINUED)**

- Your family is traveling together to see your cousins. It's a long trip and you're tired, bored, and hungry.
- The lady in front of you dropped a \$20 bill on the floor. No one sees it except you.
- Collect all the cards and set them aside for the Make it Personal with Prayer activity.



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## MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



## 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- How do you know when you're being tempted?
- How do you get ready to resist temptation?
- Why is it important to resist temptation?
- What can making a wise choice look like?

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



## 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** “Bread, Brag, Bling” Activity Page from the Take a Snapshot Activity

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Spread out all of the cards from the “Bread, Brag, Bling” Activity Page in your group space.
- Invite kids to choose one of the cards and stand or sit by it.
  - Kids can stay near each other or choose different cards.
- Use the cards as prayer prompts that focus on different areas where self-control can be challenged.
  - Bread: Invite kids to ask for God’s help to make wise choices in times when they feel tired or hungry or just want what they want.
  - Brag: Invite kids to pray for self-control when they feel like showing off or getting attention.
  - Bling: Invite kids to ask for God’s help to be content and grateful and not be jealous of what others have.
- Allow kids a few minutes to pray silently or aloud with the others gathered near the same card then after a couple of minutes, ask them to rotate to a different card.
- Repeat until they have moved to each of the cards.

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