**Learn on Your Own**

**Day 1: Battle in the Wilderness**

Review the video for this session.

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**Engage**

Read [Luke 4:1–8](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk4.1-8).

**Consider**

Just a few verses before this passage, Jesus’ identity as the Son of God is confirmed ([Luke 3:22](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk3.22)). Notice how the devil begins his temptation by immediately questioning Jesus’ identity ([Luke 4:3](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk4.3)). Jesus not only knows how to respond, but He also gives us a blueprint we can use to win our own battle against temptation.

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| **QUESTION**  What’s the common theme in Jesus’ responses to temptation? |

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| **QUESTION**  In verse [7](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk4.7), the devil told Jesus that he would give Him the glory of the kingdoms of the world and authority over them if Jesus would do what? |

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| **QUESTION**  How does the devil tempt you to turn your worship away from God? |

**Reflect**

The devil offered for Jesus to worship him instead of God. To worship something means to show honor or the highest respect to something or someone.

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| **QUESTION**  What are some things you are tempted to worship or idolize in your own life? |

**Activate**

Try to memorize [Psalm 119:11](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps119.11) this week. Find a verse image to put as your phone background so you can look at it often throughout your day.

**Pray**

Dear God, thank You for Jesus’ example of how to overcome the temptations I face. I want to be so full of Your Word that sin is removed from my life. I ask for other Christians who are struggling with temptation that they would learn to turn to Your Word too. Amen.

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**Day 2: Leave Me Alone!**

**Engage**

Read [Luke 4:9–13](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk4.9-13).

**Consider**

The temptation of Jesus was the last big event before His public ministry began. Immediately after the devil left Him, Jesus went to Galilee and began to teach and gain a reputation in the surrounding areas. In these verses, we see that Jesus’ temptation didn’t last forever. We can know our temptation has an expiration date, too.

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| **QUESTION**  Jesus was tempted, yet He was without sin. Do you think being tempted is a sin? Why or why not? |

Jesus is showing us the power of God’s Word as a weapon in overcoming the temptations of the enemy.

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think God made sure this account was included in Scripture? |

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| **QUESTION**  What did the devil do when he finished tempting Jesus? |

**Reflect**

Jesus’ temptation shows He was fully human. He took on temptation the same way we do. [Hebrews 4:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Heb4.15) reminds us that Jesus can understand all of our weaknesses, because He was tested and tempted in the same ways we are.

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| **QUESTION**  How does knowing Jesus was tempted encourage you in your own fight against temptation? |

**Activate**

The devil left after tempting Jesus, but he was always looking for the next opportunity (verse [13](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk4.13)).

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| **QUESTION**  In which areas of your life does it seem the enemy continually attacks you?  What is your plan next time he brings that temptation? |

**Pray**

Dear God, I trust Your Word to be my weapon for moments of temptation. Help me to notice the situations in my life where I am most vulnerable. Help me to fill my mind with Your Word so that I can have the best weapon at my disposal. Amen.

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**Day 3: Armor Up!**

**Engage**

Read [Ephesians 6:10–18](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Eph6.10-18).

**Consider**

The Book of Ephesians was written to a group of Christians in Ephesus. This city was known for its obsession with magic and the world of darkness. That’s why the writer, Paul, put so much emphasis on the unseen world and evil spirits.

To remain victorious against the devil, we need to make sure we put on the full armor of God.

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| **QUESTION**  What are the five pieces of armor we have at our disposal? |

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| **QUESTION**  According to verse [12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Eph6.12), who are we fighting a battle against? |

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| **QUESTION**  Since we’re in a spiritual battle, we need spiritual weapons. How do you currently use God’s Word in your life as a weapon? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Paul uses strong imagery in this passage to symbolize a battle: armor, swords, arrows, etc. Why do you think these are the images he chose? |

**Activate**

Paul ends this passage by instructing the Ephesians to pray at all times, especially for believers everywhere ([Ephesians 6:18](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Eph6.18)). Take five minutes and pray for your Christian friends and family members. Ask God to help them be strong and well-prepared in their own fights against the devil’s schemes.

**Pray**

God our Leader, thank You for giving me everything I need to fight against the devil. Please help the Christians I know to stand firm and be fully prepared for the enemy’s attacks. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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**Day 4: Powerful Arguments**

**Engage**

Read [Acts 18:24–28](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac18.24-28).

**Consider**

Acts tells the story of how the Early Church grew. Apollos was a smart, well-spoken man whom God used to teach others about Him. Rather than relying only on his intelligence to try to win the Jews over to Jesus, he built his case on Scriptures. We find the power to spread God’s truth in a weapon that is far stronger than our ability to argue.

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| **QUESTION**  What weapon did Apollos use to make powerful arguments about Jesus as the Messiah? |

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| **QUESTION**  According to verse [25](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac18.25), how did Apollos teach others about Jesus? |

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| **QUESTION**  Apollos seemed to be a bold teacher of God’s Word, but he still had more to learn about God (see verse [26](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac18.26)). What are some creative ways you can learn more from God’s Word? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Why is it dangerous to teach others about Jesus without using Scripture as our guide? |

**Activate**

Apollos was a benefit to other believers because he encouraged and taught them with Scripture. Text a Bible verse to one Christian friend who may benefit in their walk with Jesus.

**Pray**

God of Truth, I know we can hear false teaching that isn’t based on Your Word. Help me to use Scripture as a weapon, so I can discover and challenge wrong teachings. I want to live in the truth that comes only from You. Help others who are in danger of following false teaching and help them to see the truth too. Amen.

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**Day 5: The Right Weapons to Do What’s Right**

**Engage**

Read [2 Corinthians 6:3–7](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Co6.3-7).

**Consider**

Paul, the author of 2 Corinthians, was one of history’s most influential Christians. He wasn’t always a Jesus-follower though. Before he had an encounter with Jesus, he was known for persecuting Christians. In this passage, Paul gives a recap of his ministry. He shares the hardships he has endured as well as the power he uses to overcome.

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| **QUESTION**  What types of hardships has Paul faced in his ministry? |

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| **QUESTION**  In what ways did Paul prove himself and his ministry? (verse [6](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Co6.6)) |

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| **QUESTION**  What do you think Paul means by “weapons of righteousness” in verse [7](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Co6.7)? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Paul stated he used his right hand to attack and his left hand to defend. How and when do we use God’s Word to both attack the enemy and defend ourselves against temptation? |

**Activate**

In [2 Corinthians 6:6](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Co6.6), Paul lists many ways he proves his faith through his purity, understanding, patience, kindness, and the Holy Spirit’s work in his life. Take a couple of minutes and examine your life. Ask God to help you see if these characteristics are in your life. Can you see real faith at work in your life? Do your best to work on one of these characteristics each day.

**Pray**

Gracious God, I know following You is not a promise that bad things won’t happen. I also know when bad things happen, I have Your presence with me. Your Word will give me the strength I need. Help me to live a life that honors You. Amen.