

# Application Activities

Select from the following choices. Each choice is designed for 20 minutes of small group time.

## Pull It Together

Key tags, ribbon, glue, pens, scissors

- Print "Situation Verses" (CD), 1 per child.

## Teacher Tip

Key tags are available at local office supply stores.

## Worship Through Arts and Crafts

- Review the Bible story. Highlight how Jesus applied God's Word to do what was right. Ask: "How can Scripture help us deal with our temptations?"
- Help each child measure and cut a piece of ribbon about three times the length of his Bible cover. Distribute key tags.
- Demonstrate how to thread the ribbon through the key tag ring.
- Hold the ends of the ribbon together in order to center the key tag ring.
- Seal the ribbon strands together with a little glue.
- Distribute "Situation Verses."
- Encourage children to select Bible verses from the list and write the references on one side of the key tag and the descriptions on the other.
- Guide the children to place their ribbons in their Bibles on the page of the verses. Trim the loose ends of the ribbon as needed.
- Allow children to make additional bookmarks as time permits.
- Show the children how they can use their bookmarks to quickly locate verses that address specific situations.
- Summarize: "We can know God's Word and apply it to situations we face. God gave us the Bible to help us know how to live. God does not want us to give into our temptations. He wants us to do what is right."
- Pray. Ask God to help the children apply His Word to situations they face.

## Pull It Together

Paper, pencils, 2 chairs, scissors

- Print and cut apart "Situation Slips" (CD).
- Place the chairs side-by-side near a focal wall.

## Worship Through Dramatic Play

- Review the Bible story. Highlight how Jesus applied God's Word to do what was right. Ask: "How can Scripture help us deal with our temptations?"
- Guide each child to select a partner.
- Provide each team with a "Situation Slip."
- Say: "Your team will pretend to be on a television talk show. One person on your team will play the part of the interviewer. The other team member will play the part of the guest. The guest is facing a situation which you will discover by reading your 'Situation Slip.' The guest will answer questions asked by the interviewer about the situation. Sometime during the interview, read the Bible verse on your 'Situation Slip' and explain how the verse can help you deal with the situation."
- Give each team time to write a script for the interview. Encourage the children to think of questions that allow the guest to tell how he feels about the situation, how he got involved in the situation, and why he wants to resolve the situation.
- Allow each team to present its interview.
- Thank the children for their good work.
- Review the Bible verses shared during the interviews. Invite volunteers to share about times they were tempted and Bible verses that helped them. Be ready to share experiences from your own life.
- Pray. Ask God to help the children apply His Word to situations they face.

### **Pull It Together**

- Print "Problem Cards," "Bible Answer Cards" and "Match Guide" (CD).
- Copy 1 "Match Guide" for each child.

## **Worship Through Games**

- Review the Bible story. Highlight how Jesus applied God's Word to do what was right. Ask: "How can Scripture help us deal with our temptations?"
- Say: "We can follow Jesus' example. We can use the Bible to know the right thing to do. The Bible can help us make good choices."
- Review the "Problem Cards" with the children. Encourage the children to share experiences they have had with these problems.
- Place the "Problem Cards" in a line on the floor. Give the stack of "Bible Answer Cards" to one of the children. Instruct the child to place one of the cards under each of the "Problem Cards." Explain that he is trying to match each problem with a Bible reference that addresses the situation. Assure him that it is OK to guess.
- Use the "Match Guide" to tell the child how many correct matches he made. Do not tell him which matches are correct. Allow the other children to take turns matching the problems and Bible references. After each turn, reveal the number of correct matches. Continue playing until a child correctly matches all the problems and references or until time runs out.
- Reveal the correct matches. Enlist volunteers to read aloud the problems and the Bible's answers to these problems.
- Give each child a copy of the "Match Guide."
- Suggest that the children practice applying these Bible answers to situations they face.
- Pray. Ask God to help the children apply His Word to situations they face.

### **Pull It Together**

Variety of snack foods, paper plates, napkins, paper, markers, crayons

- Print "Match Guide" (CD).
- Post an allergy chart with all foods being served.
- Set up a snack table with the snack foods, plates, and napkins.
- Set up an art table with the paper, markers, and crayons.
- Set up a separate seating area by arranging chairs in a circle.

## **Worship Through Exploration and Discovery**

- Invite the children to be seated in the circle of chairs.
- Say: "It's time for some snacks. Let's enjoy a time of eating together. Let's gather at the snack table."
- Do not lead the children to the snack table. Let them move to the table on their own. Say a brief blessing and allow the children to prepare their food.
- Encourage the children to return to the circle to eat their snacks.
- Say: "Now it's time for some artwork. Let's gather at the art table."
- Do not lead the children to the art table. Let them move there on their own. Suggest the children use the materials to draw pictures representing scenes from the Bible story. Encourage the children to work quickly.
- Invite the children to share their artwork.
- Lead the children to return to the circle. Ask: "How did you know which table was for snacks and which was for artwork?" Allow volunteers to respond. Guide the children to understand that they applied what they had learned about food and art to know which table was appropriate.
- Say: "Like Jesus in today's Bible story, we can also apply what we learn from the Bible to know the right thing to do in many situations."
- Read a Bible reference from the "Match Guide." Invite children to locate the verse in their Bibles. Enlist a volunteer to read aloud the verse. Lead the children to discuss how they might apply this verse to a life situation. Repeat for several other references on the "Match Guide."
- Pray. Ask God to help the children apply His Word to situations they face.