

Just One More

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Austin threw his backpack on the car seat and climbed into the car.

"How was school today?" asked Mom.

"We played tag in gym and I was one of the last ones to get caught. And I only got one question wrong on my math test."

"That's good," said Mom. "How's Levi doing? I'm sure it's nice to have a boy from our street in your class."

"Levi gets in trouble a lot," Austin said. "He's always talking in class or ignoring the teacher. Mrs. Herd kept him in from recess four times already and this is only the third week of school."

Mom nodded. The worried look on her face told Austin that she was thinking about how to respond.

"Don't worry, Mom. Levi and I don't talk much at school. And I never break the rules."

"I'm sorry that Levi misbehaves. And I'm glad you want to act differently. But don't forget that we all sin. Only Jesus never sinned."

Austin looked out the car window. He thought about the bike trail near their house. This sunny afternoon would be perfect for a quick ride before supper.

The next morning at school Mrs. Herd gave the class a writing assignment. "Write out your spelling words three times. Then write five sentences using some of the words."

Austin pulled out his pencil. He liked writing the different words and making sentences.

"When I tell you to put your books away, you must stop working right away. This is our library day. We don't want to keep the librarian waiting."

Soon Austin was done writing all the words three



times. He wanted to finish the rest of the assignment too. Then he would have more time to ride his bike after school.

He thought of two sentences quickly. That meant just three more to go.

Austin glanced up at Mrs. Herd. She was erasing the board. Soon she would ask the class to line up.

"The cat had blue . . . ," Austin wrote.

"Class, please put away your things and line up."

". . . spots." Austin finished the sentence.

He could hear his classmates getting up. "Just two more sentences. I'll do them fast," he promised himself.

He thought for a minute. "The orange sun made the grass . . ."

"Austin." Mrs. Herd was standing by his desk. "I

God's Word Is Powerful

Look up the Bible verses on the right. Match each sin on the left with the verse that applies to it. The next time you're tempted to sin, look up a Bible verse that can help you overcome it. Better yet, memorize some of the verses below!

LIE

1

**SAY
UNKIND
WORDS**

2

**HATRED OF
OTHERS**

3

STEAL

4

**DISOBEY
YOUR
PARENTS**

5

**GET
REVENGE**

6

A

EPHESIANS
6:1

B

PROVERBS
10:12

C

1 THESSALONIANS
5:11

D

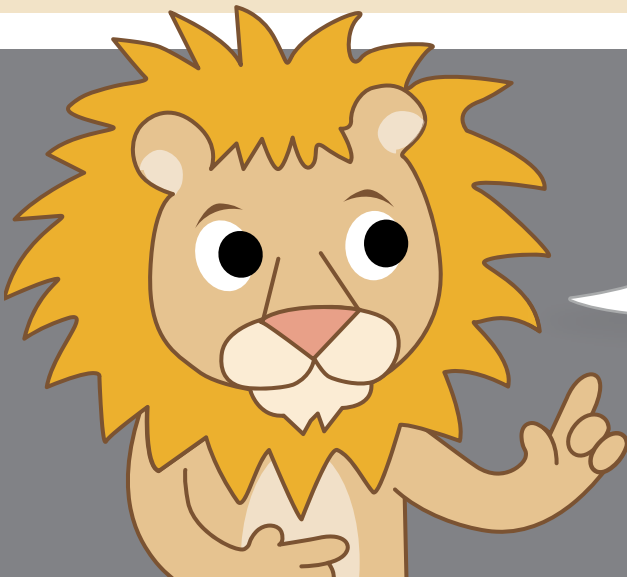
1 THESSALONIANS
5:15

E

PROVERBS
12:22

F

EXODUS
20:15



MEMORY VERSE

"[Jesus] committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth"
(1 Peter 2:22).

Hiding God's Word

Jesus fought Satan's temptations to sin with God's Word. But He didn't have to sit down and look through the Old Testament to find the right verse at the right time—He had already memorized it!

Psalms 119:11 says when you "hide" or "store up" God's Word in your heart, it helps you not to sin. To hide God's Word in your heart means to memorize and think about it.

Play a game of "hiding" God's Word with your family this week. Choose a memory verse from Sunday School or look up a verse you may want to memorize. Write out that verse on a notecard and hide it where one of your family members would find it (e.g., in a drawer, taped on a mirror, under a pillow). When someone finds the verse card, it's his or her turn to hide it again. Do this all week long.



Growing at Home

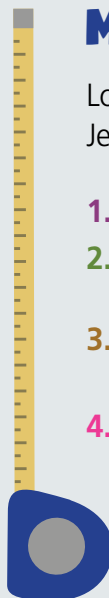
The Primary lesson for this week covered the account of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Your child learned both doctrinal and practical truths. First, we see Jesus' sinlessness in the face of temptation. Second, the account demonstrates to your child the best defense against sin: prayer and God's Word. Teach your child to turn to God in prayer when struggling with sin. Help your child recall Bible verses that apply to the situation.



Measurables

Look for the following indicators that your child understands Jesus is the sinless Savior.

1. My child recognizes that Jesus is sinless.
2. My child understands that if Jesus was not perfect, then He could not be our Savior.
3. My child seeks God's help through prayer when tempted to sin.
4. My child memorizes Scripture verses and recalls them when tempted to sin.



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kids at home

Just One More (continued)

asked you to put away your things. You need to pay attention and obey.”

Austin hung his head as he stuffed his book into his desk. He’d never made Mrs. Herd unhappy before.

Austin joined the back of the line. He could hear Levi snickering. Austin remembered his conversation with Mom. “I never break the rules,” he had said.

As the class walked to the library, Austin prayed silently. “God, Mom was right when she said that we all sin. I was wrong to ignore Mrs. Herd, and wrong to think that I would

never disobey. Thank You that Jesus really was perfect, and that He paid for my sins.” ■

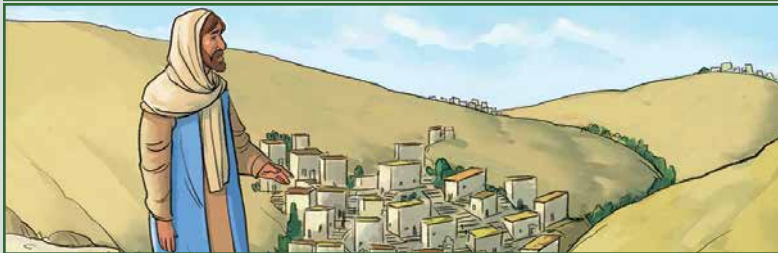
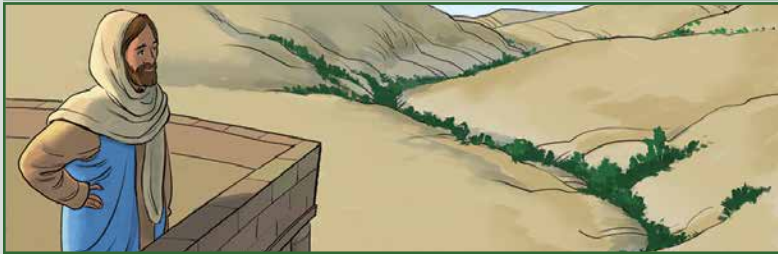
Answer the story questions.

1. What did Austin tell his mom about keeping the rules at school?
2. How did Austin disobey at school?
3. What did Austin learn about himself?



Jesus Proved His Sinlessness

Matthew 4:1–11



Jesus was alone in the wilderness, fasting and praying. He had not eaten or drank for forty days. He was tired and hungry.

Satan saw that Jesus was alone and hungry, so he decided to tempt Jesus to sin. If Jesus sinned, He would not be perfect, and then He could not be the Savior from sin. Satan wanted to stop God’s plan to provide salvation.

“If You are the Son of God, make these stones into bread,” Satan said to Jesus. Because Jesus is God, He had the power to make stones into bread. But He would not do what Satan said to do to prove He is God.

Jesus told Satan, “It is written that man shall not live by bread only, but by every word of God.” Jesus used God’s Word to answer Satan’s temptation.

Satan did not give up. He took Jesus to the top of the temple. “Throw Yourself down from this high place. God’s angels will protect You,” Satan said.

But Jesus was not tricked by Satan’s temptation. He answered with God’s Word again.

Then Satan took Jesus up on a very high mountain so they could see all the kingdoms of the world. Satan said, “I will give You all of this if You will worship me.”

Again, Jesus resisted Satan’s temptation. He said, “It is written, you should worship and serve only God. Go away, Satan!”

Satan had no power over Jesus because Jesus is God. God cannot sin. By resisting Satan’s temptations to sin, Jesus proved He is sinless and perfect. ■

