

Do not bring us to hard testing

**Theme:** God will protect us!

**Games:**

**Body parts:** Each child will need a ball. The game is similar to reactions game (week 4) but the children have to dribble a ball with their feet. When the leader shouts a body part they have to dribble with that body part; e.g. they have to dribble with their nose if you shout out “nose” or dribble with their knees etc.

**Bunker Ball:** Divide into two teams. Each team will be given three mats that will be placed evenly apart at opposite sides of the gym and 2-3 soft balls to throw. The teams will place the mats on their side for protection from the opposite team. The players will try to hit the opposite team with the ball. Players are limited to holding onto the ball for only 5 seconds. If a player is hit they must do 10 jumping jacks on the sidelines and cannot re-enter until another player from the opposite team is hit.

**Stuck in the mud:** One person is the “Sticker” and the rest run around the room. Every time the “sticker” tags someone, they must go to a wall and place an outstretched arm against it. Other players can free them by going under their arm and they are back in the game. Different “Stickers” can be chosen every few minutes.

**Memory Verse:** *“Do not bring us to hard testing, but keep us safe from the evil one.”*

*Matthew 6 v 13*

**Introduction:** You could play the ‘yes’ ‘no’ game. Ask a child questions and they have to answer without using the words ‘yes’ or ‘no’ They can’t nod or shake their head! See if they can last for 30 seconds. If you have a stop watch you could time them!

**Story:** The Temptation of Jesus Matthew chapter 4 verses 1-11. This story can be told in your own words or if you have the Miracle Maker video do use it as it tells this story very well.

**Application:** Explain to the children that we all have to go through tough times but God is always there and he will give us all we need to triumph over anything that is against us. In today’s story we heard how Jesus was tested. Every time that Jesus was tested he used words from the bible. The bible is just one of the tools that God has given to us to help us through the tough times. Ask the children what else God gives us to get through tough situations, (family, friends, police, teacher etc.)

**Prayer:** *“Please give us the strength to resist temptation and help us to avoid situations where we are likely to be tempted”.*

You could encourage the children to think about ways they are tempted and ask God to help them to be strong. Finish by praying the Lord’s Prayer together.

**Song:** *“The Happy Song”* Lovely Jubbly CD

**Resources:** There is a funsheet for the children to complete.

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C	R	R	L	E	S	T	D	HARD
P	R	A	I	S	E	S	P	PRAY
V	A	K	Y	S	E	F	A	TESTING
I	J	G	T	A	X	D	H	GOD
G	O	I	J	E	R	A	Y	LUKE
D	N	P	S	B	E	P	M	PROTECT
S	T	C	F	T	O	S	P	
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Draw a picture of you safe in God's hands.

