

## WEEK 7

### PreK-1 LESSON



**Need to Know:** *Hold Up the Sword of the Spirit*

**Bible Story:** *Jesus Is Tested in the Desert (Matthew 4:1-11)*

**Supplies:** Attached Bible Story Sheet & Bible Story Map, Crayons or color pencils

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1. **SAY:** *Jesus used the sword of the Spirit and while I tell you what He did, you get to make a map of this Bible story.*
2. **GIVE** each child a **Bible Story Map** and a **coloring utensil**.
3. **READ** the **Bible Story Sheet** to the group, allowing them to fill in their **Map** as you read. Then, **ASK:**
  - *Did Jesus stand firm against the devil by him telling truth from God's Word or his favorite bed time story?* (Truth from God's Word)
  - *Yes! Jesus knew that God's Word was His best weapon against the enemy's lies. Do you know what else God's Word, the Bible, is called?* (The sword of the Spirit) *That's right! God's Word is our greatest weapon against the enemy! It will help us to stand firm and fight against his lies and temptations!*

# BIBLE STORY SHEET

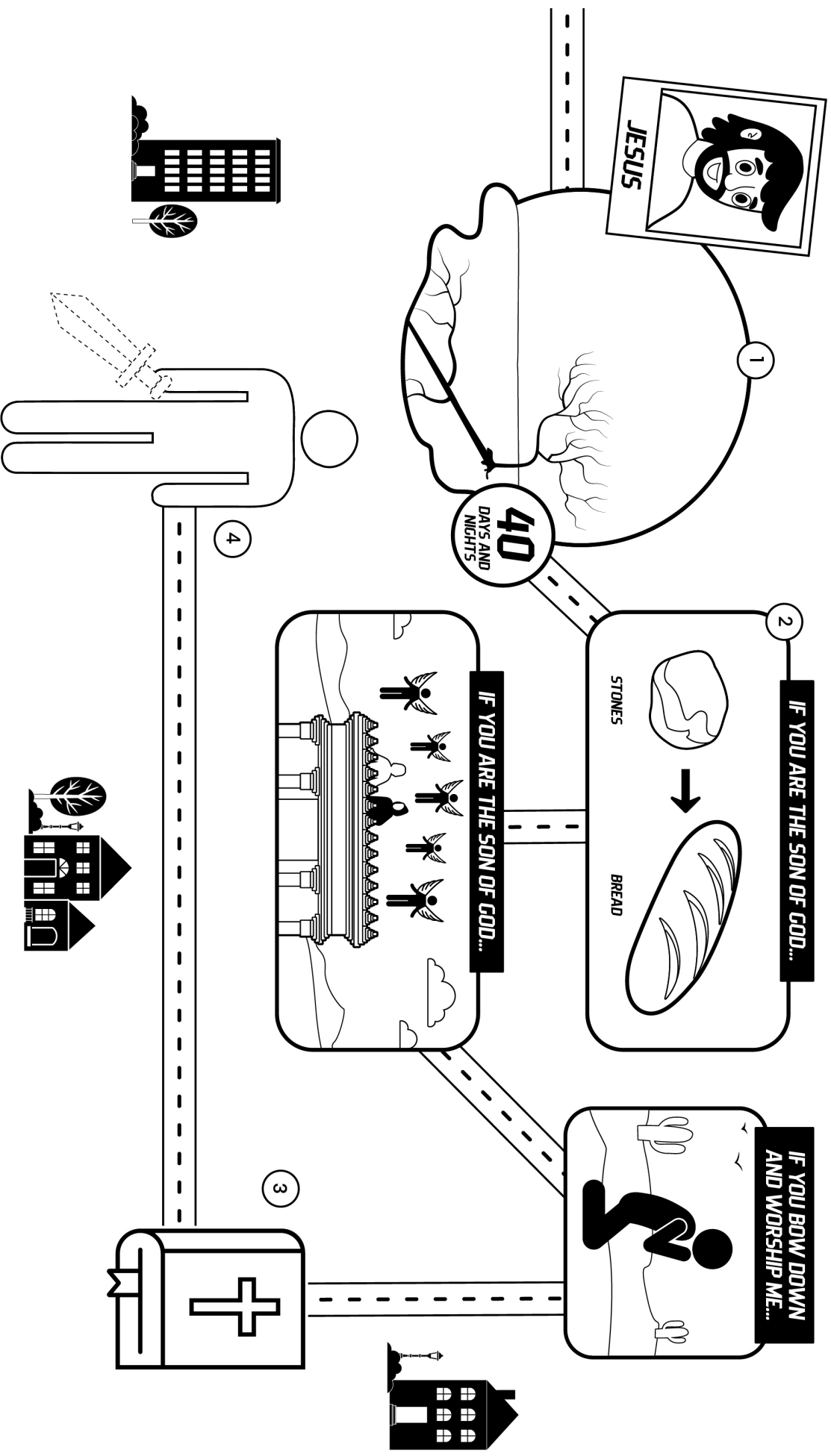
Wk 7 - PreK-1 - Bible Story Sheet

READ the Bible story below, and ASSIST kids in drawing and coloring as prompted.

- **Everybody find Jesus on your map and point to Him.** As kids point, SAY:
  - *Since the beginning of time, God has been fighting for people to know the truth. There was even a time when Jesus needed to remember what was true to be able to defeat His enemy, the devil.*
- **Now follow your map to stop number one. This is the desert. While I keep telling you the story, I want you to draw a cactus and a hot sun in this desert!** As kids draw, SAY:
  - *One day, God's Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert. He was out there for 40 days and 40 nights without anything to eat! How do you think Jesus was feeling out there? (Hungry, hot, tired) You're right! And while Jesus was in the desert, the devil came to Him and tried to tempt Him to do three wrong things.*
- **So follow the road to stop number two on your map. That's where you'll find three pictures of how the devil tempted Jesus.**
  - (POINT to the picture with a stone and bread on a child's Map) *First, the devil could tell that Jesus was hungry, so he said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread. But Jesus wouldn't do it, so draw a big X through that picture. Instead of falling for the devil's temptation, Jesus told him a truth from the Bible. Jesus said, "It is not just bread that keeps people alive. Their lives depend on what God says."*
  - (POINT to the the picture with angels on a child's Map) *Then the devil took Jesus to the roof of the temple and tempted him to jump off since the Bible says God's angels would catch Him. But Jesus knew that the devil was trying to use God's words against Him, so Jesus wouldn't do it. You can draw another big X over this picture. Instead, Jesus told the devil something else from the Bible. He said, "The Scriptures also say that you should never test God!"*
  - (POINT to the the picture of someone praying on a child's Map) *Finally, the devil tried to get Jesus to bow down and worship him, but Jesus wouldn't do it. So go ahead and draw an X through this picture. Jesus had had enough and said, "Get away from me Satan! The Scriptures say to worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."*
- **Now let's travel on to stop three on our map! What do you see there? (The Bible) That's right! Color the Bible as I keep reading.**
  - *The Bible is God's Word, and everything in it is truth! When Jesus used God's Word, He was able to defend Himself when the devil was tempting Him to do wrong things.*
- **Travel on to stop four on your map. Here, I want you to make this person look like you.** As kids draw, SAY:
  - *Just like the devil tempted Jesus to do wrong things, He will tempt us to do wrong things. When we feel like making fun of someone, lying, or doing something that we know is not what God says is best, we can use God's words from the Bible like a sword to fight against and defend ourselves from that temptation. That's why we call the Bible the sword of the Spirit. So if you haven't already, trace the sword of the Spirit that's in your hand on your Map. As you do that, repeat after me:*

*Hold up (put one fist in the air)*

*The Sword of the Spirit (make sword fighting motion)*



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Today's Bible Story: Jesus Is Tested in the Desert (Matthew 4:1-11)

Series Memory Verse: "Put on all of God's armor. Then you can remain strong against the devil's evil plans." Ephesians 6:11 (NIRV)

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