

17 **A Pure Heart!**

“KID’S CARRYING THE KINGDOM”

**“Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.”
Matthew 5:8**



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Keys



- Purity is not the absence of ungodliness, but the possession of God’s presence.
- We are righteous saints, not sinners.
- Temptation is not a sin.
- Closeness to God keeps our hearts pure.

Thoughts to Ponder

for the teacher

The hearts of our children can remain pure and clean to the extent that they look to and remain in the Father’s presence. A pure and sanctified heart results from what is focused upon. When a child is drawn to and faces His Heavenly Papa, that child has turned from sin and the temptations of this world. The good news is, even if one is tempted and sins, a repentant heart is quickly restored when you know how much you are loved by a forgiving God.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Matthew 4:1-11
Romans 6:11
I John 1:9

Matthew 5:7
Galatians 5:16

Matthew 5:8
Galatians 5:17

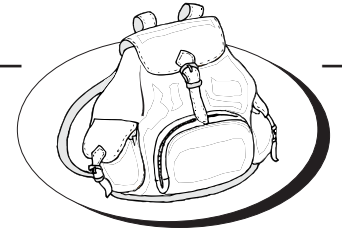
John 10:10
II Corinthians 5:21

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Backpack Treasure A PURE HEART!

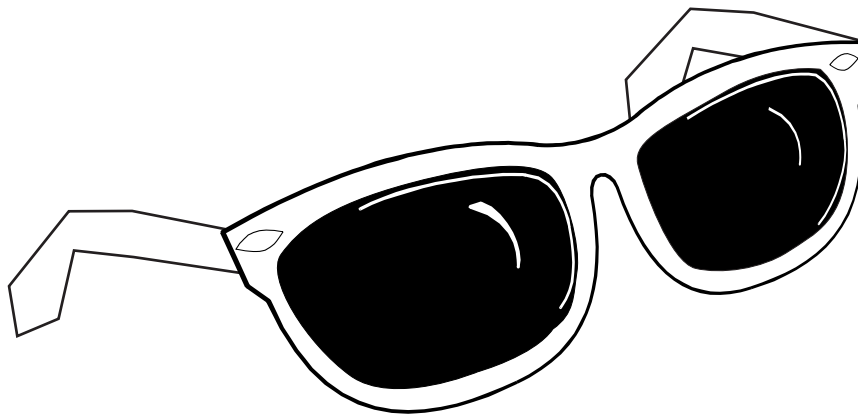


(Have large clown-like glasses ready)

Today we are going to receive from Heaven a very special gift for our journey.
(Show glasses, put them on)

Today, we will learn how to have and keep a pure heart!
God said that if we have a pure heart, we will be able to **SEE** Him.

(Place glasses in backpack)



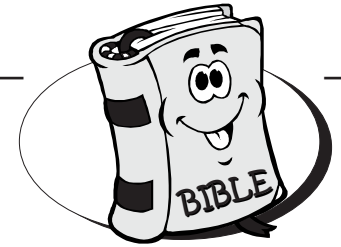
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Scripture Study

JESUS IS TEMPTED



Read and review passage through drama, preaching, or puppet skit.

Points to cover: Matthew 3:16-17 4:1-11

Jesus was just baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Matt. 3:16 The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove
This gave Jesus "power" and it pleased His Father.

He was led into the wilderness by the Spirit.

Matt. 4:1 Jesus did what the Holy Spirit said and spent lots of time with Father God.
We can hear and do what the Holy Spirit tells us, and spend lots of time with God too!

After not eating for forty days, He became very hungry

Matt. 4:2 After 40 days Jesus was very hungry.
Just like us, Jesus got hungry and tired too.

Satan showed up and began to tempt Jesus.

Matt. 4:3 The devil came to tempt Jesus with food, because he knew Jesus was hungry
The enemy tries to use our weaknesses to tempt us.

Three times Satan tempted Jesus to obey him and sin.

Matt. 4:3,6,9 The devil tried to tempt Jesus three different times.
The enemy will try many different ways to tempt us to sin!

Three times Jesus resisted the Devil with the Word of God.

Matt. 4:4,7,10 Jesus used the Word of God to defeat the enemy.
We can use the Word as well. That is why we should read and learn God's Word.

Satan went away, defeated.

Matt. 4:11a The devil left Jesus. The devil knew that he couldn't stay around the truth.
When we know and use God's Word, which is truth, the enemy can't stay. He must leave.

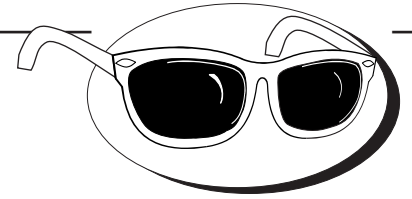
Angels came and ministered to Jesus.

Matt. 4:11b Father God sent angels to minister to His Son, Jesus,
God knows and promises to give us all that we need. He love us!

Although tempted, Jesus did not sin.

Jesus was tempted by the enemy 3 times, but did not sin, because Jesus was close to His Father.

We can be tempted and not sin when we keep our hearts clean and pure by looking to and being in God's presence.



ITEMS NEEDED:

- Chair
- Fake Ears
- Large "Clown" size glasses
- Plastic brain or picture of brain
- Graduation Hat
- Various food, toy, clothing items
- Money (can be fake)
- Costumed Jesus character

PREPARATION:

Place chair in front of class. Have one volunteer stand on chair, one sit on chair, and one sit on floor in front of chair. Place remaining objects on table in front of class.

TEACHING

When God created us, He made us in three parts:

A Spirit:

(point to child standing on chair)

- which will live forever
- can see and hear God (place ears and glasses on child)
- can be born again by receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior (have Jesus figure hug child)
- becomes a place for God to live in (have Jesus figure and child hold hands)

A Soul:

(point to child sitting on chair)

- this is where our thoughts, feelings, and emotions come from
- it is where learning takes place (give child brain, and put on graduation hat)
- where we make decisions

A Body, or the Flesh:

(point to child sitting on the floor)

- will not live forever
- has appetites (show food)
- wants to be satisfied with things (place toys, food, clothes, and money on child's lap)

(Have "Spirit" and "Flesh" child volunteers remain up front for the following lesson, "Just an Opportunity")

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Object Lesson JUST AN OPPORTUNITY



ITEMS NEEDED:

- A toy rat - or other "creepy" animal
- Child Heart Bucket
- Two children volunteers

PREPARATION:

Place items on table in front of class.

TEACHING

Galatians 5:17 says that the spirit & flesh want different things, or have desires against each other:

- Our spirit wants to walk after and please God.
(“spirit” child starts praising God)
- Our flesh wants to walk after and please itself.
(“flesh” child begins to stuff face and hoard toys and money)
(Hand “spirit” child heart bucket)

The devil who wants to steal, kill and destroy all that God wants for us (John 10:10), knows that our flesh has strong longings, or desires for things. The Bible calls it lusts, and the enemy will bring an opportunity or temptation

(show rat going around and near heart bucket)

for us to give in to satisfy those desires in wrong or hurtful ways.

(Engage class with some examples. You may also want to include examples of anger & jealousy)

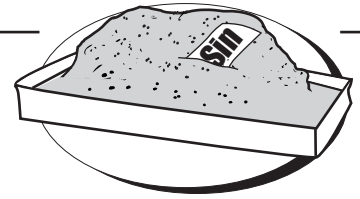
- Temptation is not a sin
- Jesus was tempted to do wrong things, but did not sin

Sin happens when we invite or give in to the temptation to satisfy the desire of our flesh.

(have rat go into the heart bucket)

When this happens:

- It causes separation , and keeps us from enjoying God's goodness and closeness
- We can feel guilt and condemnation from the enemy
- It can lead to other sins
- It grieves or saddens the Holy Spirit



ITEMS NEEDED:

- "Throne" set up
- Child volunteer
- White robe
- Shallow container filled with dirt
- Trowel
- Small sign labeled "SIN"
- Costumed Jesus character
- Large glasses

PREPARATION:

Place throne in front of class.
Have adult volunteer dress as Jesus and sit on throne. Place all other items on table in front of class.

TEACHING

Many people believe that even though we are Christians, we have to sin,
(show "SIN" sign)

But that is not what the Bible says! God's Word says we are the righteousness of God in Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:21.

(place white robe on child)

That means we look clean and pure, like Jesus in God's sight. It also says that we can walk by the Spirit, not by the flesh (Galatians 5:16), & that we can have a pure heart (Matthew 5:7). These verses are all true because Romans 6:11 says we are DEAD to sin,

(hand "SIN" sign and trowel to child volunteer, let him bury it in dirt-filled container)

and alive to God in Christ.

(have child run to and sit in Jesus' lap on throne)

When we look at Jesus,

(place glasses on child and child looks at Jesus)

we turn our backs on sin.

(Place "sin" container behind the child)

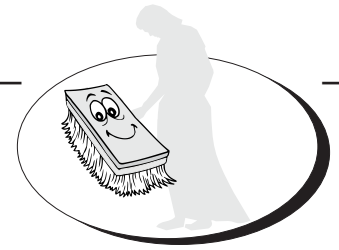
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Support Lesson

KEEPING OUR HEART PURE



ITEMS NEEDED:

- "Throne" set up
- Costumed Holy Spirit character
- Bible
- Scrub brush or sponge
- Child heart bucket
- Flashlight
- Costumed "Jesus" character near throne

PREPARATION:

Have someone dressed as Jesus, have another person in a white robe to represent the Holy Spirit (both can be standing by the throne). Put Bible on seat of throne and all other items on table in front of class.

TEACHING

If you have been tempted or have been "slimed" (exposed to ungodliness) here is what to do:

- Read God's Word - let the Word wash your mind.
(Child picks up Bible from seat of throne)
- Invite the Holy Spirit to check your heart.
(Holy Spirit figure gets flashlight and shines it into child's heart bucket)
- Thank Jesus for His blood and let Him clean you up.
(Have Jesus figure pretend to "wash" child with soft scrub brush or sponge)

God's Word says that "if you have given in to temptation and sinned", God is faithful and just to forgive. All we have to do is repent. (I John 1:9) To repent means to turn away from something and go the other way toward something else.

- RUN, RUN, RUN to Father God!!!
(Have child run to throne, but not sit in it yet)
- Confess or tell Jesus about it.
(Have child whisper in Jesus' ear)
- Receive forgiveness.
(Have Jesus hug child)
- Thank Jesus for His blood and let Him clean you up.
(Have Jesus figure pretend to "wash" child with soft scrub brush or sponge)
- Enjoy and soak in Papa God's loving words.
(Have child climb up and sit on throne)
- Listen to God's loving words.
(Have child put hand to their ear as if listening)
- Do not listen to lies or condemning words.
(Have Jesus cover child's ears)

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A Class Act! GAZING AT GOD



ITEMS NEEDED:

- Soft music CD
- CD Player

PREPARATION:

Have children sit or lay down.

Have children sit or lay down. In a soaking atmosphere, ask the children to invite the Holy Spirit to reveal any hidden thing regarding the flesh that might be in their heart. After awhile, have them confess anything the Holy Spirit may have shown them. Then encourage them to climb into Papa God's lap and enjoy His presence. Let them know that the pure in heart will see Him. Spend time gazing upon Him! Interview the children and find out what it felt like to have a pure heart. What did they see, hear, and feel when they saw God?



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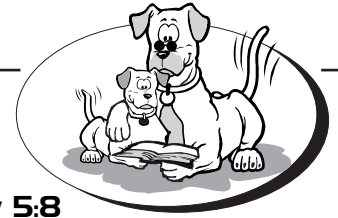
Read the "A Parents Blessing" from page 9 of this lesson (for the name just say "sons and daughters of God") Ask the Holy Spirit to explain and show them what those words really mean, and to plant them like seeds into their heart. Have children write or draw what the Holy Spirit showed them about the verse.

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Heaven to Home WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY



Dear Parents:

Our Memory Verse this week:

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Today we discovered:

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Parent's Points to Ponder:

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Ask Your Child:

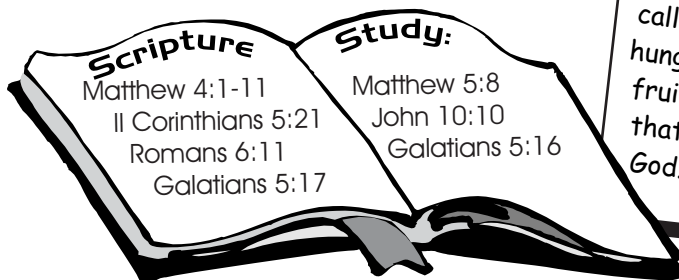
Is being tempted a sin (no)? How do we sin (when we give in to temptation)? How can we have a pure heart? What should we do when we sin? What was put into the Backpack (a pair of large eyeglasses).

Soaking Time:

In a soaking atmosphere, invite the Holy Spirit to reveal any hidden thing regarding the flesh that might be in their heart. After awhile, have them confess anything the Holy Spirit may have shown them. Encourage them to climb into Papa God's lap, enjoy His presence spend time in His love!

Home Activity:

Review with your child the events of their day. Have them journal what God has forgiven them of and write or draw a picture of the good things God has given them or what they saw while in "Papa's lap".



A Parent's Blessing:
(Your child's name), be blessed as these words spoken by Jesus feed you from Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

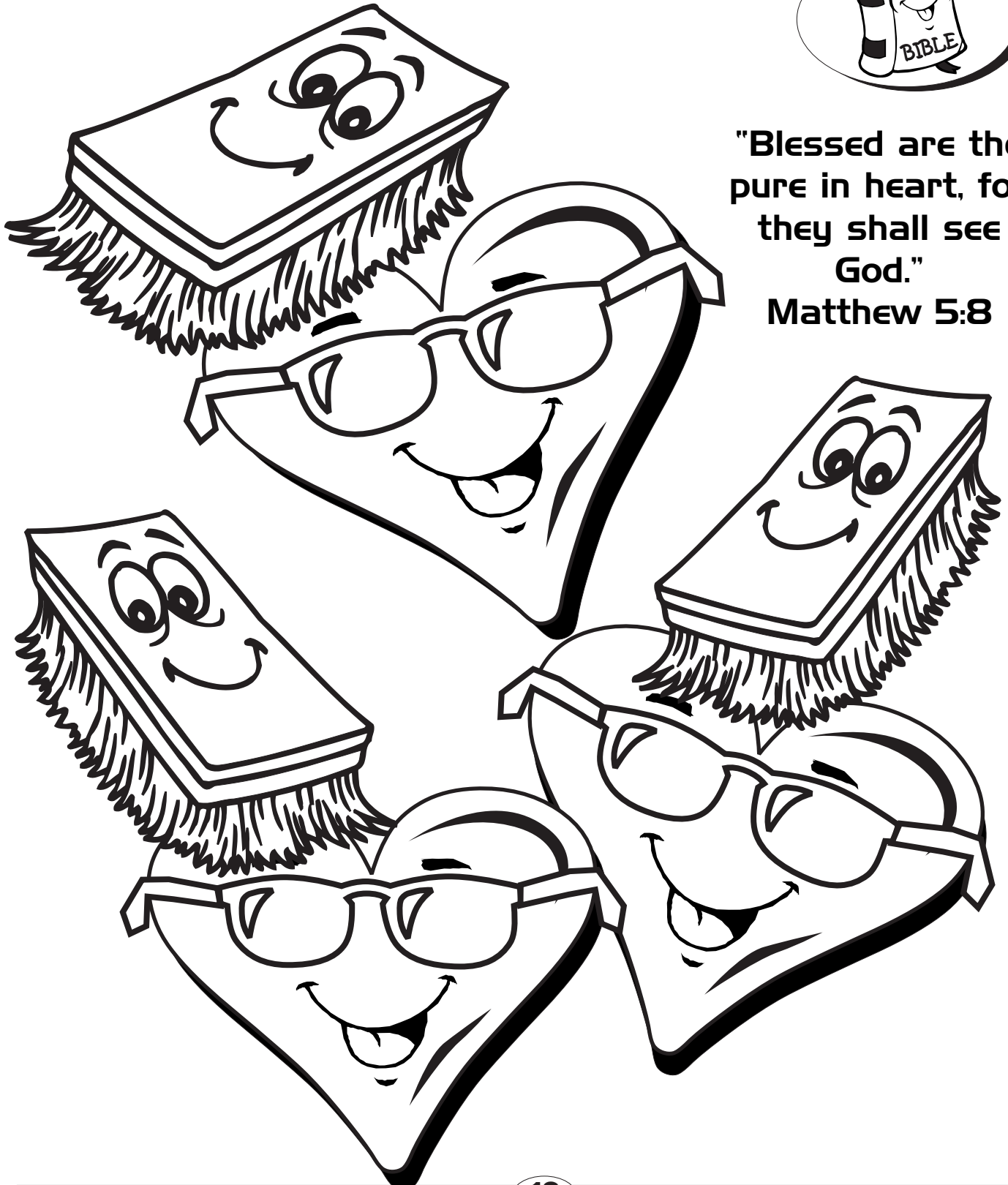
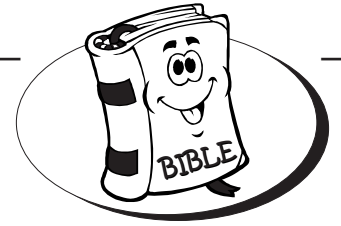
(Your child's name),
I bless your spirit to reflect the righteousness of God, because you possess all that is pure, holy, and good from the Father. It is your inheritance through the blood of God's Son, Jesus. I call you into an ever increasing desire and hunger for intimacy with your Father. The fruit of His presence will be a pure heart that will behold and see the face of Papa God. I bless you with this promise in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Memory Verse A PURE HEART



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Put the correct letter in the circle. Put each letter in the circle in the same numbered circle at the bottom to find out what we need

	1	2	3
A	H	S	T
B	L	P	O
C	A	S	E

What letter is in box A1?

5 H

	1	2	3
A	C	S	W
B	E	P	Z
C	K	U	E

What letter is in box C2?

2

	1	2	3
A	C	B	N
B	L	G	A
C	O	Y	D

What letter is in box B3?

7

	A	B	C
1	F	H	A
2	C	R	Z
3	U	M	E

What letter is in box B2?

8

	A	B	C
1	T	H	P
2	B	R	L
3	I	P	W

What letter is in box C1?

1

	A	B	C
1	Y	O	P
2	B	R	I
3	E	A	Q

What letter is in box A3?

6

	1	2	3
A	D	J	E
B	M	I	P
C	V	A	R

What letter is in box C3?

3

	1	2	3
A	L	C	F
B	E	S	L
C	I	P	W

What letter is in box B1?

4

	1	2	3
A	I	T	O
B	W	G	U
C	Y	K	L

What letter is in box A2?

9

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8 9