



Topic: Authority In Christ

LESSON PLAN:

Purpose:

- To show that God has given His children authority.
- To activate the children to walk in their God-given authority.

Bible Lesson and text:

Luke 4:1-14: The Temptation of Jesus

Focus:

When we are tempted; Jesus shows us how He overcame the devil. We do the same thing.

Scripture:

Romans 12:21, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (NKJ)
Luke 10:19, "I have given you **authority**...over all the power of the enemy." (KJV)

Lie Buster:

1. I obey and give the devil a bad day.
2. Authority: I have it and I use it because Jesus gives it to me.
3. The Word of God spoken by me defeats the enemy.



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Object Lesson 1: Sneaking in on the Teacher

Point:

The enemy comes in at any time to interrupt the plan of God in our lives. Even during the teacher's lesson; the enemy looks for ways to keep God's Word from being received.

Directions:

1. An adult helper will be the "devil's advocate." The teacher will pretend to not see the "devil's advocate" at first while they continue teaching.
2. While the teacher is starting the lesson, the "enemy" will go over and inconspicuously whisper in the ear of each child one of the lies or temptations (found below). This is a test to see if they recognize the tricks and lies of the devil to distract them.
3. Wait to see how the child responds before moving to another child. As the "enemy" moves from child to child speaking lies and distractions, the children have a choice as to how they will respond.
4. **SAMPLE LIES or DISTRACTIONS (You can add your own too):**
 - a. Hey, (child's name), these kids don't like you.
 - b. Your teacher is really stupid.
 - c. You really don't want to be here.
 - d. You could be doing something else right now. Something really fun!
 - e. Aren't you excited about the new video game/movie that just came out?
 - f. (Say this one to teacher.) The kids are never going to remember their lesson.
 - g. I bet your friends only pretend to like you.
 - h. Remember that time when you messed up really bad?
 - i. I don't think God will ever answer your prayers. He never answered mine!
 - j. Etc.
5. After many lies/distractions have been spoken by the "enemy," lead the children in how to respond. Activate children in telling the enemy "where to go" and to "get out of here!" "We believe the TRUTH!" "We are strong and full of courage!" Lead children in truth statements that will drive the enemy out and bring the focus back to Jesus.



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Object Lesson 2: Share the Chair

Point:

Only one can be in authority; only one can sit on the throne. The devil tries to look like he rules by tricks and temptations. Two can't sit on the chair.

Props:

- A chair covered with gold or purple material.
- Two people: one to be the devil and one to be Jesus.

Directions:

1. First, explain what a throne is and who sits on one. A throne is a place of authority.
2. The person playing the part of the devil is sitting on the "chair" while Jesus comes and "throws" him off.
3. Jesus places a child on the throne and tells the child he/she has been given authority.
4. The devil comes with lures, lies and "fun distractions" to get the child to give up the throne.
5. The "devil" and a child can both try to fit on the chair. One must fall off. Both cannot be on the throne at the same time.
6. The child speaks: "In the Name of Jesus, devil you have to go!"
7. Have children take turns as they use their "authority" to keep their "throne" (place of authority).



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Object Lesson 3: "Give the Devil a Bad Day Ball Game"

Point:

To help the children to recognize the everyday lies and temptations that they have power and authority to overcome. Emphasize that the bat represents the Word of God. The words coming out of our mouth strike the lies like the bat strikes the ball.

Props:

- Soft foam ball
- Plastic baseball bat
- Helper to portray the "devil"
- A child to be the "batter"

Directions:

1. The "devil" is to throw a ball at the child with the bat. The child with the bat should aim to hit the ball at the "devil".
 - a. Option: For young children, the "devil" will really have to aim at the bat so the child can "hit" the ball.
 - b. Option: The teacher (coach) stands behind the younger child and helps the child swing the bat.
2. Before the devil throws the ball, give a temptation to the child. These are to represent something that would keep them from obeying in life.
 - a. Eat all the candy before dinner.
 - b. Go ahead, leave the yard, no one is looking.
 - c. You don't have to follow ALL the rules. Breaking just one won't hurt anyone.
 - d. Your mom won't miss that dollar, just pretend you don't know where it went.
 - e. There's nothing wrong with this show; I'm going to watch it when dad's not looking.
 - f. Just stuff your dirty clothes and toys under the bed, your parents will never look there.
 - g. Give your broccoli to the dog. No one is looking.
 - h. You deserve a new toy. Just take it. After all, you gave three nice ones away.
3. After a temptation is spoken and the "devil" throws a ball, the child should hit the ball back at the "devil." Now, the teacher will give the child a truth for them to speak, which is their response to the temptation. This will be a word of truth to combat the liar.



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Object Lesson 4: 1, 2, 3 Strikes You're Out

Point:

Jesus is the Word of God in us. As we are filled with the Word of God, we have scripture to defeat the enemy. Our authority in the name of Jesus defeats the enemy. We have victory with the Word of God, the devil does not.

Props:

- Soft foam balls
- Plastic baseball bat
- One helper to play Jesus -- this is the "batter"
- One helper to play the devil -- this is the "pitcher"

Directions:

1. Jesus is up to bat using the Word of God.
2. The devil pitches the ball while saying, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." (Luke 4:3, NKJ)
3. Jesus hits the ball and speaks truth, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" (Luke 4:4, NKJ)
4. The devil falls down in defeat.
5. The devil gets back up to pitch another ball. As he throws, he says, "All this authority I give You..." Therefore if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." (Luke 4:6,7, NKJ)
6. Jesus hits the ball and speaks truth, "Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you should serve.'" (Luke 4:8, NKJ)
7. The devil falls down in defeat again.
8. The devil then rises back up, takes the bat and mocks Jesus and says he has the "bat" and can win too!
9. The devil swings the bat in preparation for the pitch and says, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written, 'He shall give His angels charge over You, to keep You.' and 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" (Luke 4:9-11, NKJ)
10. Jesus pitches the ball, the devil misses and the ball hits him right in the chest. As Jesus pitches, He says, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" (Luke 4:12, NKJ)
11. The devil can't win either way. The devil leaves humiliated.
12. The class praises Jesus as the devil runs away.



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Object Lesson 5: My Mouth's Bigger than Your Mouth

Point:

What determines our authority? God's Word. We have authority over the enemy and different authority in where God has placed us.

Props:

- Three pictures: one of a child, one of a teenager, one of an adult
- **OR** Three dolls: one small, one medium, and one large
- **OR** You can also use three people from class: one of each small, medium, and large.

Directions:

1. Start with two children yelling out loud: "I am louder! No, I am louder!" They do this back and forth. Then the teacher intervenes in a strong, but not loud voice. Loudness is not what determines authority.
2. Using the pictures/dolls/people, ask the following questions.
 - a. Which one of the three has more authority? What determines our authority?
 - i. Obedience
 - ii. The Lordship of Jesus in us
 - iii. Not size. Not how loud we are. Not how mean we look.
 - iv. It is by faith in God and His Word



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Object Lesson 6: The Truth in Use Makes Us Free

Point:

We are equipped with weapons of victory and deliverance. We must use them.

Props:

- Ace bandages, rope, or thick string.
- A strong, muscular looking action figure
- 2 volunteers

Directions:

1. Wrap someone up in bandages/rope/string. This person is in bondage!
2. The second volunteer holds the action figure. Tell the class to imagine that they have super power muscles that are only activated by their words. This person has the tool and the authority to bring freedom to the person in bondage.
3. Tell the class that our voice releases the power of God's Word! But, we must use it!
4. What happens if we have the power (muscles) just wave the scissors but don't cut the bandages off the person? The person will still be in bondage.



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Object Lesson 7: All Unpacked for the Trip

Point:

We are prepared for “God tests” by what we have “packed” on the inside, not what we can supply or pack on the outside. Trust only in God! God’s Word in us and His principles will get us to pass the test.

Props:

- A bag, suitcase, or backpack
- Things we would take if we were going on a trip (clothes, toothpaste & toothbrush, hairbrush, etc.)

Directions:

1. Pull out the travel bag and all the things which you might pack if you were going on a vacation.
2. Then, relate it to the Bible Lesson. (Luke 4:1-14)
 - a. Jesus grew up and was going on a long trip because His Father sent Him. He was going with the Holy Spirit. This trip would last for 40 days.
3. What would you pack for a long trip? Food, clothes, phone, toys? Let the children pack the travel bag.
4. Jesus just got baptized by His cousin, John. Jesus came out of the water with new life, filled with the Holy Spirit and went on a trip to the desert.
5. GUESS WHAT? Jesus didn’t get to take any of this stuff. (Dump out the travel bag until it is empty.) He didn’t even take food! (And they didn’t have restaurants back then.)
6. During Jesus’ desert trip, He was tested to see what His heart was like on the inside.
7. What did He do to prepare for His trip? He didn’t take his family or friends along when He went to the wilderness. God was the only one who went with Him.
8. We can choose to do as Jesus did in every test. The Holy Spirit never leads us to a place of failure.
9. SHOW THE TEMPTATIONS from the lesson Scripture.
 - a. The devil failed and left.
 - b. Jesus got a 100% on His test. He arose in the power of God and went forth to teach and do miracles. So can we!!!



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Object Lesson 8: Which Egg Am I?

Point:

The enemy has a plan for destruction if we follow his way.

Props:

- The Bible
- A stone
- Piece or loaf of bread
- Pictures of land and homes or keys for homes
- A raw egg
- A hard boiled egg
- A paper tissue
- 2 trays or bowls
- **Prep:** Using a permanent marker draw a sad face on the raw egg and a happy face on the hard boiled egg.

LESSON REVIEW:

Ask the kids what the three temptations were from the Luke 4 lesson. Paraphrase as you review the temptations that the devil spoke to Jesus. Use the props listed above for each temptation.

1. Stone and bread: "Jesus, You can fill Yourself up." Show the stone, show the bread, show the Bible (Word of God). Teach the temptation as you show the items.
2. Pictures of lands, homes, "Jesus, all is Yours; join me. Worship me," says the devil. Have pictures of lots of houses, or picture books of houses and lands, or lots of keys for houses.
3. "Be invincible, be stupid. Waste your life. It's okay, God's angels will save you. I know the Bible!" the devil speaks to Jesus.

Object Lesson: To do in the midst of the lesson review:

1. As you teach about the temptation where the devil tells Jesus to jump off of the temple, let the paper tissue that you are holding up high fall to the ground, BUT you "catch" it before it lands. In the Bible, God's "angels catch us." Do it again to reinforce the safety of God when we are in His will.
2. Show the two eggs. Which one knows his authority? Hold the "sad" egg up high over the bowl or tray. When the devil lies, this is what he wants to happen to us, just like he wanted to happen to Jesus. Drop raw egg! It is destroyed!



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3. Now we must use our authority. Show the hard boiled egg. Jesus quoted the Word of God when He was faced with temptation, "Luke 4:12 'It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God". (KJV) This egg doesn't fall for the lie.
4. Drop the hard boiled "happy" egg over the second tray. "See, when we walk with God, we cannot be destroyed. We might get a little cracked, but not destroyed and God is there to mend."
5. The devil's power is in his lies if we choose to believe them. He has no authority; He has no rights if we are pure Christians. We have power and authority!

LIE BUSTER: Have the children repeat: The word of God spoken by me defeats the enemy!



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Object Lesson 9: I take My Sword and Bow Before the Lord

Point:

Unless we are humbled before our Lord, we will not function in righteous authority. We place our “sword” (authority) back in His hands to arise in mighty power. We go at His command.

Props:

- A toy sword

Directions:

1. Show the sword and teach that it signifies power and authority. It executes judgment on the enemy.
2. Have the class, as a demonstration, kneel before the Lord and pray and declare their surrender to the Lord. Then arise with His mighty sword to go forth in His authority.
3. Can do an activation by having children “wave their spiritual sword” over areas that the Lord has called them to reign over.
 - a. Examples: schools, their street, their homework, their nation, their mind, their bodies, their home, the air waves.



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AUTHORITY IN CHRIST TEACHER'S NOTES

1. Man/woman has been given authority by God; children who are born again have been commissioned with the same command. We are to teach and train them in who they are.
 - a. Genesis 1:28, "Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (NKJ)
2. Authority is released in each Christian to bring increase in the lives of those we serve; to bring them to fulfillment in their calling while growing in righteous relationships.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 13:10, "This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority -- the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down." (NIV)
3. Authority is granted to bring increase to the one over us. What we are given to "watch" should become better in our hands as our "master" trusts us with His possessions.
 - a. Mark 13:34, "It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch." (NKJ)
4. Authority brings divine order, protection, and favor.
 - a. Luke 7:8, "For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." (NKJ)
5. A Christian exercising Godly authority releases the Kingdom of God; this knocks out the enemy, thus causing many to come to Christ and be released from hidden sin.
 - a. Luke 9:1, "Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases." (NKJ)



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- b. Matthew 16:19, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (NIV)
 - i. The one who has the key is the one who can lock or unlock a door or container that has a lock on it. The one who has been given the keys has the power to open or shut.
 - ii. When a thing is bound, it is powerless. The Bible meaning includes "to fasten with chains or throw into chains." The church is to unbind or release from chains those bound by satan and take the chains of authority to bind satan and the demons assigned by him. We are to forbid the powers of darkness and declare the purposes of God in the earth.
6. Obedience in the small places of authority releases us to Kingdom dominion over greater areas.
 - a. Revelation 2:26, "To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations." (NIV)
7. To walk in Godly authority we must walk under Godly authority, faithfully.
 - a. Matthew 25:23, "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" (NIV)
8. The level of authority we are granted is in relationship to our character development. The way upward is through humility and submission.
 - a. Luke 22:26-29, "But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me," (NIV)
9. To rule in Godly authority our greatest responsibility is to serve in love.



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- a. Galatians 5:13-14, "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (NKJ)
 - i. Our freedom in Christ releases us to love in unhindered, non-judgmental actions and attitudes.
 - ii. It is for freedom that Christ has set each one of us free. We are not to put the yoke of bondage on another or to look down on another, but to bring release to the captives. We are not to look down on another's weaknesses, thus causing our view of ourselves to be better than another.
10. Governing officials are to be servants of the people under them. They are to be out for the best of the country and the citizens they represent. That is God's divine order.
 - a. Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." (NKJ)
11. Unrighteous leadership is one way God brings His people to turn to Him and turn from sin so a cry of repentance will come forth to restore Godly rule in a government.
 - a. Proverbs 29:2, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." (KJV)
12. God's universe is under His authority. Creation is under God's authority. The stars and sun and moon don't fight for position.
 - a. Psalms 24:1, "The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (KJV)
 - b. Psalms 115:16, "The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men." (KJV)



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13. All that we know, say, and do can only be Godly to the degree that we know our God. Functioning in any form of authority without the spirit of God is of the same spirit as Lucifer. (Isaiah 14:12-14)
- a. Daniel 11:32, "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." (KJV)
 - b. 1 Samuel 15:23, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king." (KJV)



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AUTHORITY IN CHRIST STUDY SHEET

NAME: _____

Memory Verse: Fill in the blank and say out loud three times.

Luke 10:19, "I have given you _____over all the power of the enemy." (KJV)

**Who tries to trick and lie to make you give up your authority?
(Circle the answer)**

God Your friends Your dad The devil No one Jesus

**Everyday speak out loud these Authority Builders to Bust the devil's lies:
(Circle days that you speak identity truths): Sun M T W Thu F Sat**

I am a child of God

I am a King's kid

I am a warrior

I am fully equipped

I am led by the Holy Spirit

I am an overcomer

I am filled with God's word

I am strong in Jesus

I am obedient

In Luke 4, what did Jesus do when the devil came to tempt him? (Circle answer)

Jumped from temple Threw stones Ate bread Spoke God's Word Tricked him



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Some of the elements of authority include the following. Read the verses below and draw a line to match the word with the verse.

Keys	Luke 22:26-29
Edification or building up	2 Corinthians 13:10
Faithful	Revelation 2:26
Serves	Matthew 16:19
Love	Galatians 5:13-14
Overcomes	Matthew 25:23

Write down a person who is an authority for each area listed and pray for them. (1 Timothy 2:1-2) (Circle days you prayed for them) Sun M T W Th F Sat

Home: _____

Church: _____

School: _____

Government: _____

The one on the throne rules. Proverbs 29:2, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." (KJV) According to this scripture, who does God want in authority? (Circle answer)

The stupid The rich The poor The wicked The righteous The bad