

WHO SAYS?-- RESISTING TEMPTATION- Sunday of Expulsion



Object: None needed. The children will play the game "**Simon Says.**"

Scripture: **Matthew 4:1-11** (The temptation of Christ) and 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

How many of you know how to play the game "Simon Says?" If Simon says to do something, you do it, but if Simon doesn't say to do it, you don't do it. Are you ready to play? Good, let's play. Text

- Simon says, "Raise your hand."
- Simon says, "Raise your other hand."
- "Okay, put your hands down." Uh-oh! I caught some of you on that one, didn't I? Did Simon say, "Put your hands down." No! Well, let's try again.
- Simon says, "Put your hands down."
- Simon says, "Flap your elbows."
- Simon says, "Clap your hands."
- Touch your nose. Oops! I caught some of you again. Let's try one more time.
- Simon says, "Touch your nose."
- Pull your ear! Good! I didn't trick you that time. You are catching on to the game now.

In the game of Simon Says, you do what Simon says to do, but in real life you should do what the Bible tells you to do. Did you know that Satan will try to trick you into doing what he wants you to do?

The Bible says, "**Thou shalt not steal,**" but if you go to the store to buy something and the cashier gives you too much money back, Satan will try to get you to keep it. He will say, "That isn't stealing," but if we take something that doesn't belong to us, it is stealing, isn't it?

The Bible says, "**Love your enemies,**" but when someone does something to hurt you, Satan will say, "Hurt them back, after all, they hurt you first."

The Bible says, "**Thou shalt not lie**" but when you accidentally break your mother's vase and she asks if you know how it got broken, Satan will say, "Don't tell the truth. If you tell the truth, it will just get you into more trouble."

Did you know that Satan even tried to get Jesus to do things that were wrong? When he did, do you know what Jesus did? Jesus answered him with Scripture. That is a good way to defeat Satan, isn't it? Just read the Bible and do what it tells you to do -- not what Satan tells you to do!

Dear Father, help us to do what Jesus did. Help us to do what the Bible tells us to do instead of listening to what Satan wants us to do. Amen.