

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SIXTH PETITION

ACTIVITY

GUARD AND KEEP US

Theme: Since temptation may overtake us at any time, Jesus teaches us to pray for our heavenly Father's protection.

Materials: Masking tape

Procedure: (10 minutes)

Recall for students the story of Jesus' temptation, how the Holy Spirit led Him into the desert to face Satan. Note that Satan waited until Jesus was into His fortieth day of fasting before he tried to tempt Him. Also read **Luke 4:13**.

Then tape a line down the center of the floor. Explain, **I will say two words, each one corresponding to the left or right end of the line. Stand on the part of the line that best reflects an opportune time for Satan to tempt you.** Read the following in pairs:

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| (Left) Alone | In a crowd (Right) |
| (Left) Evening | Morning (Right) |
| (Left) Gloomy | Hyper (Right) |
| (Left) At home | Away (Right) |
| (Left) Hungry | Stuffed (Right) |
| (Left) Bored | Overstimulated (Right) |

Ask the students to reflect on their choices. Say, **Jesus was tempted when He was alone and hungry, in an overenthusiastic crowd of five thousand, with Peter, and while hanging in shame on a cross. Doubtless there were other opportune times too. Let's see what our heavenly Father did for Jesus in Matthew 4:11 and Luke 22:43.** (The Father sent angels to comfort and strengthen Jesus.)

Conclude, **Like us, Jesus faced temptation. But unlike us, He overcame every temptation with His Father's help. He will now help you no matter what challenges you may face.** Read **1 Corinthians 10:13**.