

# Jesus: “Sin-Refuser” (12/10/23)

**Main Verses:** Hebrews 4:15

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**'Takeaway':** Because Jesus never once gave in to sinful temptations, he can stand with us, powerfully offering both understanding and inspiration in our struggles.



## Getting Started: TBD

**READ** Hebrews 4:15 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What kind of weakness does this passage talk about?
- Why is Jesus able to sympathize with our weaknesses?
- Why is it such good news that Jesus stands with us, helps us, and inspires us when we struggle?

Elementary:

- What does “our weaknesses” refer to in this passage?
- Why is Jesus able to sympathize with our weaknesses?
- Why is Jesus the only true High Priest?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- Weakness in this passage refers to our temptation to sin.
- Jesus was fully human and was tempted in every way as we are.
- Unlike us, Jesus remained sinless, thus becoming our true High Priest who makes it possible for us to love and live for God.

Elementary:

- “Our weaknesses” refers to our temptation, and often giving in, to sin.
- Jesus was fully human and was tempted in every way we are, yet remained sinless.
- Jesus is the only true High Priest. Being sinless, He made the perfect sacrifice for our sins, once for all, so that we, through faith in Him, can live with God forever.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him that Jesus came to the world as a baby, fully human, and tempted in every way that we are. Thank God that because Jesus is bigger and better than anything, he was sinless when tempted, making it possible for us to love and live for God through faith in him. Ask God to help you this week to remember him first during this Christmas season, and to help you to grow and learn to live in a way that pleases him.

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