



Satan Tempts Jesus

Luke 4:1-13

Your third- and fourth-graders are prone to temptation; in fact, few people are more tempted than kids this age. Professionals who have the best, latest technology available design ads geared to tempt your children to buy or demand specific consumer goods. Don't make the mistake of believing your third- and fourth-graders are somehow too young to be tempted. Use this lesson to help kids understand what temptation is and that God can help them avoid it.



► Bible Point

Jesus helps us resist temptation.

Key Verse

"Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted" (Hebrews 2:18).

Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will resist a specific temptation by asking Jesus to help them.

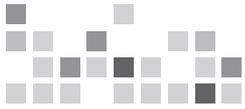
LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Temptation Grid <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Try to go through a fun maze filled with tasty temptations, first alone and then with help.	masking tape, Hershey's Kisses, fun-size candy bars, copy of the "Temptation Grid" handout (at the end of this lesson)	Use masking tape to create a larger version of the "Temptation Grid" handout on the floor of your room. Place a Hershey's Kiss on each square in the grid. Put the fun-size candy bars in a hidden place until you need them.
2 Bible Exploration	The Test <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Listen to the Bible passage on CD, and then discuss how Jesus responded to temptations.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	

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LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Tempting Situations <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Learn the Key Verse as they think about temptation, and discover how God can help them stand strong.	Bibles, index cards, pens, clothespins	
	Temptation First-Aid Kit <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Create a first-aid kit to use when dealing with temptation.	Bible Truth Sleuth, CD player, card stock, scissors (several pairs), tape, crayons, markers, 1 copy per child of the "Temptation First-Aid Kit" handout (at the end of this lesson), copies of the lyrics page (at the end of this lesson) Teacher Pack: CD	Tear out the Lesson 7 pages from each Bible Truth Sleuth student book. Use card stock to make the copies of the "Temptation First-Aid Kit" handout.
4 Lasting Impressions	Daily Challenges <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.	Bible Truth Sleuth	
	Weaving Faith at Home <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.	Bibles, first-aid kits from the "Temptation First-Aid Kit" activity	

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Temptation Grid Supplies

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Hershey's Kisses
fun-size candy bars
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1 GETTING STARTED

Temptation Grid

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

Keep your copy of the "Temptation Grid" handout in a place where you can see it but kids can't. Say: **Today we're going to go through a maze. I have the solution here, but none of you will know the correct way to get to the end.** Have kids form a line at the starting point of the grid.

Say: **Your goal is to choose the correct square on each turn to get our group through this maze. You can step on one square per turn. I'll let you know if it's right or wrong. Pay attention to where other people move so you learn the way. If you choose the correct square, you'll give the candy from that square to me and go to the back of the line. There are really good treats for you at the end of this maze if you make it there. You can choose to step on a square you know is wrong, and you can eat the candy on that square, but you won't get to have any of the treats at the end of the maze. If you accidentally step on a wrong square, you can leave the candy there and the next person will take a turn.**

Encourage the first person to choose a square he or she thinks might be the beginning of the path through the grid. If the person chooses correctly, take the candy from that square, and have that person go to the back of the line. The next person can try as well, following the rules mentioned before.

Give kids 10 minutes to get to the end of this maze. If people keep taking the Hershey's Kisses, they'll never get to the end, but if they work together, they'll get the prizes at the end.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What was easy or difficult about working with everyone else to get through this maze?**
- **How did you decide whether or not to give in to temptation in this maze?**
- **In what ways is that like or unlike the way you decide whether or not to give in to temptation in real-life situations?**

Say: **Sometimes going through life is like going through a maze. We can go many different ways, but one way is the best way. We can be tempted to go the wrong way by going after things that lead us away from the right path. Today we'll take a look at how Jesus faced temptation as we talk about how ► JESUS HELPS US RESIST TEMPTATION.**





2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

The Test

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Most of you have had to face tests. By sitting down and answering tough questions, you've had to show a teacher what you've learned.**

Let's listen in on what happened to Jesus during this temptation test. Have kids close their eyes and listen carefully, trying to visualize the scene as they hear it.

Play "The Test" (track 7 on the CD). When the track has ended, ask children to form pairs. Have pairs discuss the following questions:

Ask:

- Which of these temptations seems the most difficult to you? Explain.
- What's different about the ways the devil tempted Jesus and the ways he tempts you?
- How can Jesus help you resist the temptations you face?

Ask pairs to share their insights with the larger group.

Say: **One reason Jesus could use Scripture when the devil tempted him was that Jesus knew God's Word. Jesus knew what was true. He didn't have to try to reach a decision because he already knew what would please God. ► JESUS HELPS US RESIST TEMPTATION, too!**

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- What does it mean to you that the devil backed down when Jesus quoted Scripture to him?
- What do you have that you can use to defeat temptations?
- What can you do to prepare to beat temptation before it happens?

Say: **Jesus already knew the Bible verses he was going to use to put Satan in his place, and ► JESUS HELPS US RESIST TEMPTATION, too. Since Jesus already beat temptation in the biggest way, we know he's able to help us with whatever we face, and we know it brings glory to God when we resist temptation.**



The Test Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "The Test" (track 7)





Tempting Situations Supplies

Bibles
index cards
pens
clothespins

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Tempting Situations

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Make sure each child has a Bible, index card, and pen. Say: **We'll all face a variety of temptations as we go through our lives. These index cards can represent us. Take a few minutes to write down some words about the temptations you face.** Allow time.

When kids are finished writing their temptations on the index cards, say: **Facing temptations can be so overwhelming. Let's try to stand up our cards without changing them in any way—you can't fold them or tear them.** Allow time. **You can lean them against one another but not against anything else in the room.** Allow time.

Say: **Your cards didn't stand up very well on their own or even when they leaned on each other. That's how we are when we face temptations in our lives. Let's see what our Key Verse today, Hebrews 2:18, has to say about temptation.**

Have kids find the Key Verse, Hebrews 2:18, in their Bibles, and read the verse aloud with them: **"Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted"** (Hebrews 2:18).

This verse tells us that we can trust Jesus to help us with temptations we face. Let's see what we can do to help our cards stand up better. Give a clothespin to each child. Show kids how to clip the clothespin at the bottom of the card to form a stand for the card.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **In what way is the clothespin like or unlike what our Key Verse told us about Jesus' help in temptation?**
- **Explain whether or not you think Jesus' help in times of temptation will mean you never have to face temptation.**
- **What's one way you can turn to Jesus when you face temptation?**

Say: **Your cards weren't able to stand up on their own. When we face temptation, we can know that Jesus is strong enough to help us, because he already beat temptation himself. The best thing to remember is that ► JESUS HELPS US RESIST TEMPTATION.**





Temptation First-Aid Kit

What You'll Do

Say: **The devil knows that it's easiest to tempt us where we're weak. If you have a quick temper, you'll probably be tempted to get mad every time your sister says something mean to you. If you're always wishing you had new clothes, you'll be tempted to get jealous every time one of your friends gets new clothes.**

Today we're going to make something to help us remember that Jesus has been through temptation and to remind us that ► JESUS HELPS US RESIST TEMPTATION.

Distribute copies of the "Temptation First-Aid Kit" handout, and set out scissors and tape. Direct kids in making their Temptation First-Aid Kits by giving them the following instructions:

1. **Cut out the pattern by cutting only on the solid lines.**
2. **Color and decorate the pattern any way you choose.**
3. **Fold inward on all the dotted lines.**
4. **At the corners, fold the triangles inward and tape the flaps to the inside of the box.**
5. **Tape the outside corners of the box to secure them.**
6. **Finally, cut out the handle and attach it to the top of the box with tape where indicated.**

Play "That You May Believe" (John 20:31) (track 3 on the CD) a couple of times while kids work. After kids have finished making their Temptation First-Aid Kits, distribute the Bible Truth Sleuth pages and have the kids turn to the "Temptation Bandages" section. Have kids cut out the bandages and place them in their first-aid kits.

When kids have finished their first-aid kits, distribute copies of the lyrics page and lead kids in singing "That You May Believe" (John 20:31) (track 3 on the CD).



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(Repeat from the beginning.)

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Temptation First-Aid Kit Supplies

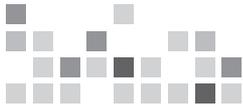
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Temptation First-Aid Kit Easy Prep

Tear out the Lesson 7 pages from each Bible Truth Sleuth student book.

Use card stock to make the copies of the "Temptation First-Aid Kit" handout.





Talk With Kids

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- In what way is being ready to resist temptation like carrying a first-aid kit with you?
- Jesus used the Bible to resist temptation. In what way does that give you confidence that you can beat temptation?
- What can you do to help yourself remember the verses on the back of the bandages when temptation comes?

Say: God never promised we wouldn't face temptation, but he did promise that

► **JESUS HELPS US RESIST TEMPTATION.** When we have Jesus with us and we face temptation, we will grow closer to Jesus. Jesus faced temptation that was greater than anything we'll ever face, so we know he's stronger than any temptation we could face.

4 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

Daily Challenges Supplies

Bible Truth Sleuth

What You'll Do

Say: Let's consider this week how ► **JESUS HELPS US RESIST TEMPTATION** as we choose our Daily Challenges.

Have kids find this week's Daily Challenges on their Bible Truth Sleuth pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- **With a parent's permission, write a word on your hand to remind you of our Key Verse. Every time you notice the word on your hand, pray and ask God to help you prepare to be strong against temptation.**
- **Find a Christian friend that you can talk to. When you feel tempted to do something wrong, talk to your friend about it. Pray, and thank Jesus for giving you this friend.**
- **Set your Temptation First-Aid Kit beside your bed, and read a verse on one of the bandages before you go to bed at night. Pray, and ask God to help you use these verses be stronger than the temptations you will face.**

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell the kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.



Talk With Kids

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What’s a practical way you’re going to do your Daily Challenge? Include a time, a place, and other ideas.**

Say: **Jesus resisted some pretty major temptation, and he was able to stand strong. We don’t have to be as strong as Jesus was all by ourselves. ► JESUS HELPS US RESIST TEMPTATION. Let’s trust Jesus to help us become stronger than temptation by following through on our Daily Challenges this week.**

Weaving Faith at Home

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about temptation. Kids can also do the activities in the “HomeConnect” section of their Bible Truth Sleuth pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church’s families. Available at group.com/digital.

Have kids carry their Bibles and first-aid kits with them and stand in a circle. Say: **The bandages in our first-aid kits have Bible verses on them to help us remember to let God help us be strong in times of temptation. Let’s pray over our first-aid kits.**

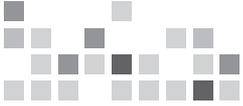
Sit with kids in a circle. Allow time for kids to choose verses from the bandages in their first-aid kits and look them up in their Bibles. Say: **Let’s pray these verses to help us beat temptation.** Pray: **Dear Jesus, please help us be strong against temptation. Please help us use your Word to stand strong.** Allow time for kids to read silently or aloud any verses they want to read as a prayer. **In Jesus’ name, amen.**



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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Bibles
first-aid kits from the
“Temptation First-Aid
Kit” activity



**Lyrics** ■■■■**That You May Believe (John 20:31)**

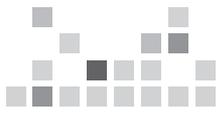
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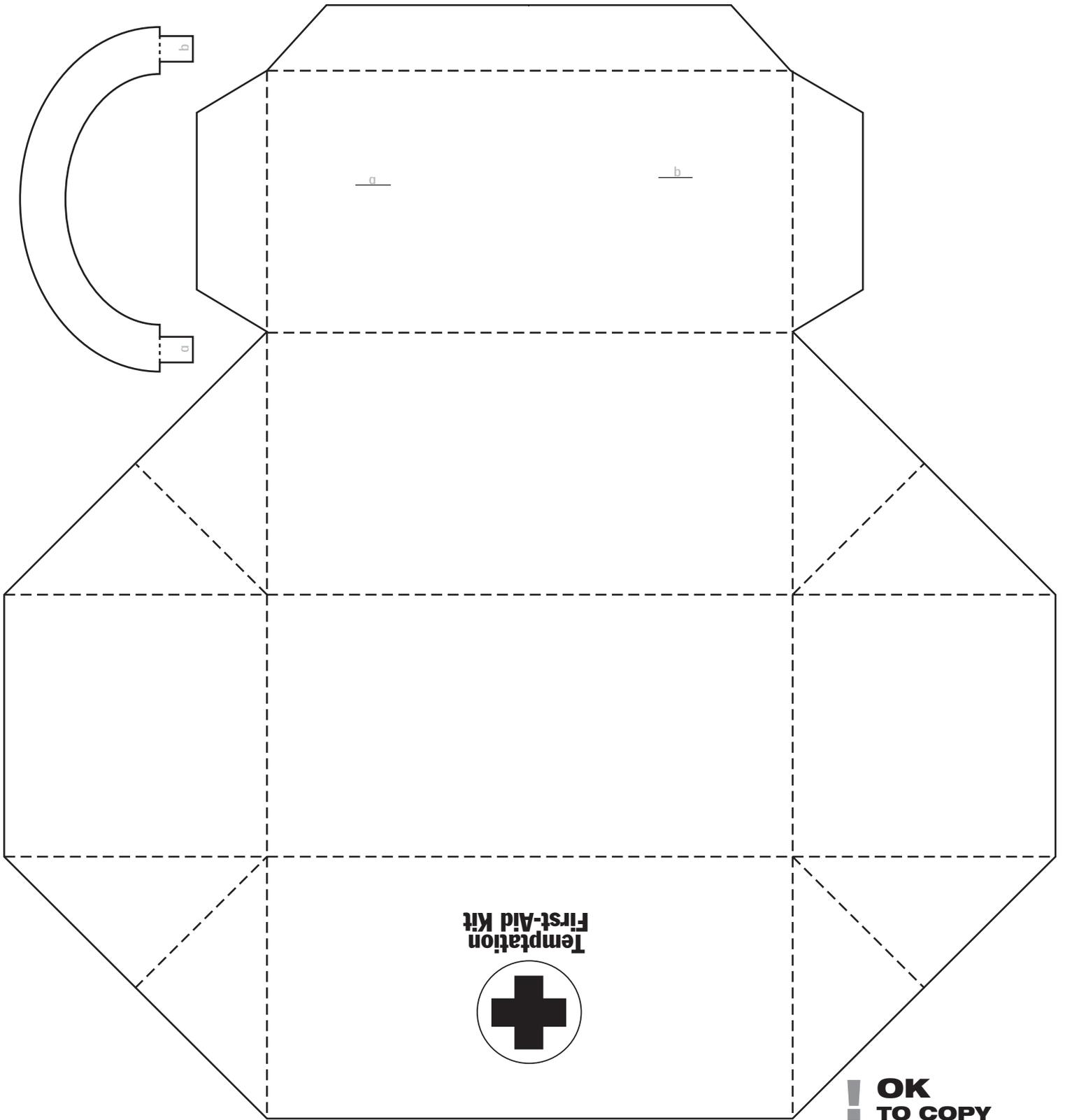
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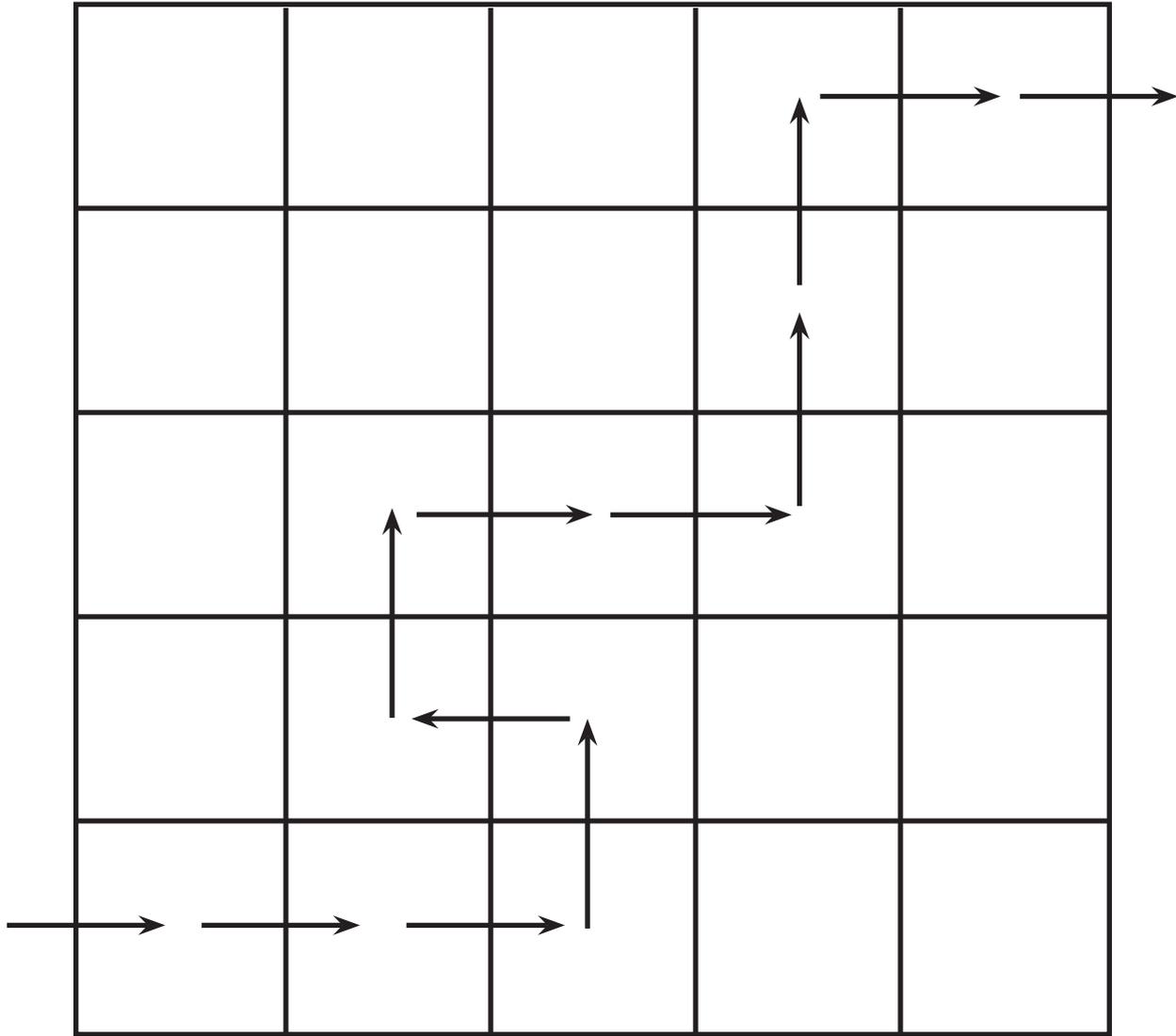
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Temptation First-Aid Kit



Temptation Grid



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