

Story Time - Read the story to the children

Lesson 175: JESUS IS TEMPTED

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert. He was taken there to be tempted by the devil. Jesus fasted, which means he ate nothing, for 40 days and nights. After this, he was very hungry. The devil came to tempt him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these rocks to become bread." Jesus answered him, "The Scriptures say, 'It is not just bread that keeps people alive, but every Word that comes out of God's mouth.' " Then the devil led Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem and put him on a high place at the edge of the Temple area. He said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, jump off of this high point, because the Scriptures say, 'God will command his angels to help you, and their hands will catch you, so that you will not even hit your foot on a rock.'" Jesus answered, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'" Then the devil led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and all the wonderful things in them. The devil said, "If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things." Jesus said to him, "Get away from me, Satan! The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only him!'" So the devil left him. Then some angels came to Jesus and attended to him.

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MEMORY VERSE:

"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot understand our weaknesses, but one who was tempted just like we are, but without sinning." HEBREWS 4:15

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert wilderness to fight the devil.
2. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, and afterward he was hungry.
3. When the tempter came to Him, he told Jesus to command the rocks to turn into bread.
4. Jesus answered him and said, "No, it is too hard for me to do."
5. Then the devil too Him up into the holy city and put Him on the highest part of the Temple and told him to jump off.

Questions

1. What was the first thing the devil tempted Jesus with? What did Jesus tell him?
2. What was the second thing he tempted Jesus with? What did Jesus tell him this time?
3. Where was the last place the devil took Jesus to?
4. What did he tell Jesus to do? What did Jesus tell him this time?
5. Did Jesus do anything the devil tempted Him to do?
6. What happened after the devil left Jesus? Who came to attend to Him?

Lesson 175 Activity

"Guess the Gift" Game

Prepare a beautifully wrapped package or gift bag and display it for your class. Inside the gift bag or box, place something completely worthless like a brick, a rock, a piece of wood, a bag of dirt, or nothing at all.

Tell your class that the contents of the package are really special, valuable, interesting, expensive, etc., and have the class try to guess the contents.

After a little while, open the package and reveal the worthless contents. Explain to the class that today they are going to learn that this is what Satan does. He offers us something that looks really beautiful. He even lies about the contents, but once the paper is taken off, what he has offered is revealed to be completely worthless. He is a liar through and through.

Memorizing Mania

Prepare a tray of items (paper clip, eraser, ring, watch, other small items, etc.) for the class and cover it with a large piece of paper or a towel.

Explain to the class that you are going to remove the cover from the tray for 10 seconds, and they must try to remember as many items in the can as possible.

At the end of 10 seconds cover the tray again, and have the class write down what they saw on the tray (for younger children, have them raise their hands and tell you what they remember seeing).

Use this activity to share the importance of memorizing God's word to help us not to sin. [God's word in our heart keeps us from sinning, just like it kept Jesus from sinning.](#) This is why we have memory verses to learn!!

Hiding God's Word

Write down this verse on the blackboard, and help the children to memorize it. "Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." -PSALM 119:11

Have them read out loud together, until they memorize it. Explain how easy it is to memorize Bible verses together!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer asking God to help them "hide" His Word in their hearts and keep them from sin. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.