

2019
Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp
“Christian Living”
Elementary Class Material
Wednesday Lesson
“Temptation”

TEMPTATION - THE DEVIL, THE TEMPTOR

Wednesday

Jesus in the Wilderness

Scriptures: Matthew 4:1-11, James 1:13-14, Matthew 6:13, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 1 Timothy 6:9

Memory verse: You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24.

Younger students: To put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:24.

Key people: Jesus, devil

Background information: John the Baptist had just baptized Jesus in Matthew 3. Our story starts in Matthew 4, verse 1. Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil for forty days and forty nights. Jesus ate nothing during the forty days and was very hungry.

The story:

In verse 3 of Matthew 4, the devil comes to Jesus and says, "If you are the son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Question: If you had not eaten in forty days, would you be tempted to make the stones into bread?

Jesus answers the devil "It is written: Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Question: What is every word that comes from the mouth of God? God's word, the Bible.

In verse 5 and 6 of Matthew 4, the devil took Jesus to the holy city and had Jesus stand on the highest point of the temple. The devil tells Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down." "For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike

your foot against a stone.” Jesus answered the devil, “It is also written: Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”

Again the devil tries to tempt Jesus by taking him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. The devil tells Jesus, “All this I will give you, if you will bow down and worship me.”

Question: Would you be willing to bow down and worship the devil if he would give you kingdoms and splendor? What if the devil gave you a million dollars?

In Matthew 4, verse 10, Jesus says to the devil, “Away from me Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

Question: What are some of the things we worship or put before God in our lives?

Video games Sports TV shows Friends Movies

We are warned all through the Bible about worshipping idols. Idols are anything we put first before God.

Verse 11 of Matthew 4, tells us the devil left Jesus and the angels came and attended him.

Question: What tempts us today?

1. Friends
2. Music
3. Drugs
4. Movies
5. Wanting to be popular
6. Material things – What we do not have.

What did Jesus use to say no to the devil? God’s word.

Activities:

Tempting situations

Cut out a large circle for each student. On one side have the student write God’s Way and on the other side of the circle have the student write The World’s Way. Fasten a popsicle stick as a handle to the circle. Give examples of situations (age appropriate for your class) that might tempt the students. Discuss the outcome of God’s Way or The World’s Way.

1. Your friend takes a (candy bar, DVD, music CD, jewelry, etc.) from a store. He encourages you to take one also.

2. Your favorite TV show comes on Sunday night. You choose to stay home and watch it instead of going to church.
3. You stayed up late Saturday night and are too tired to go to church on Sunday morning.
4. You are at a friend's house and they are going to watch a movie you know your parents would never let you watch.
5. Your friend has a cellphone and pulls up a video that uses bad language and shows people with very little clothes on.
6. Your Mom has said you can't go to your friend's house until all your homework is finished. You lie and tell her your homework is done when it is not finished.

Walking Away

Pass out the handout entitled Walk Away! Have the students draw their biggest temptation in the blank space. Fold your handout so the temptation is out of sight. Talk about walking away the next time you face temptation.

1. How does walking away from temptation make it disappear? The temptation doesn't really disappear, but walking away helps to avoid giving in.
2. How does thinking about temptation make it harder to resist? The more we think about something, the more we want it.

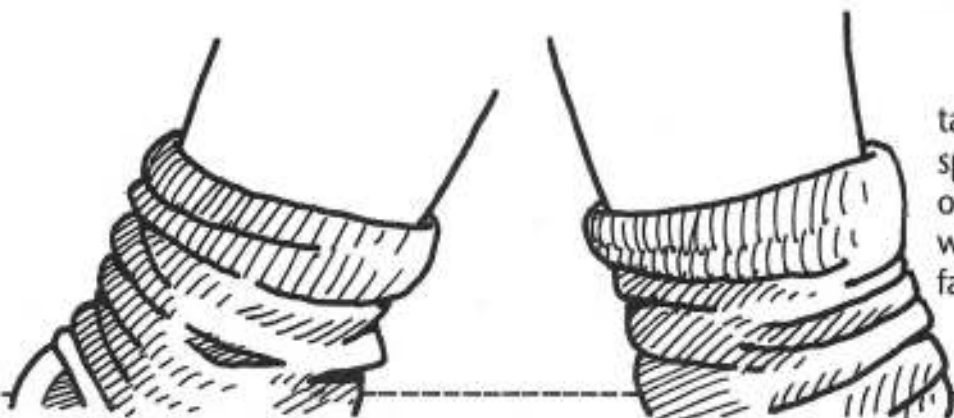
Temptation storybook

Follow the instructions to create a booklet.

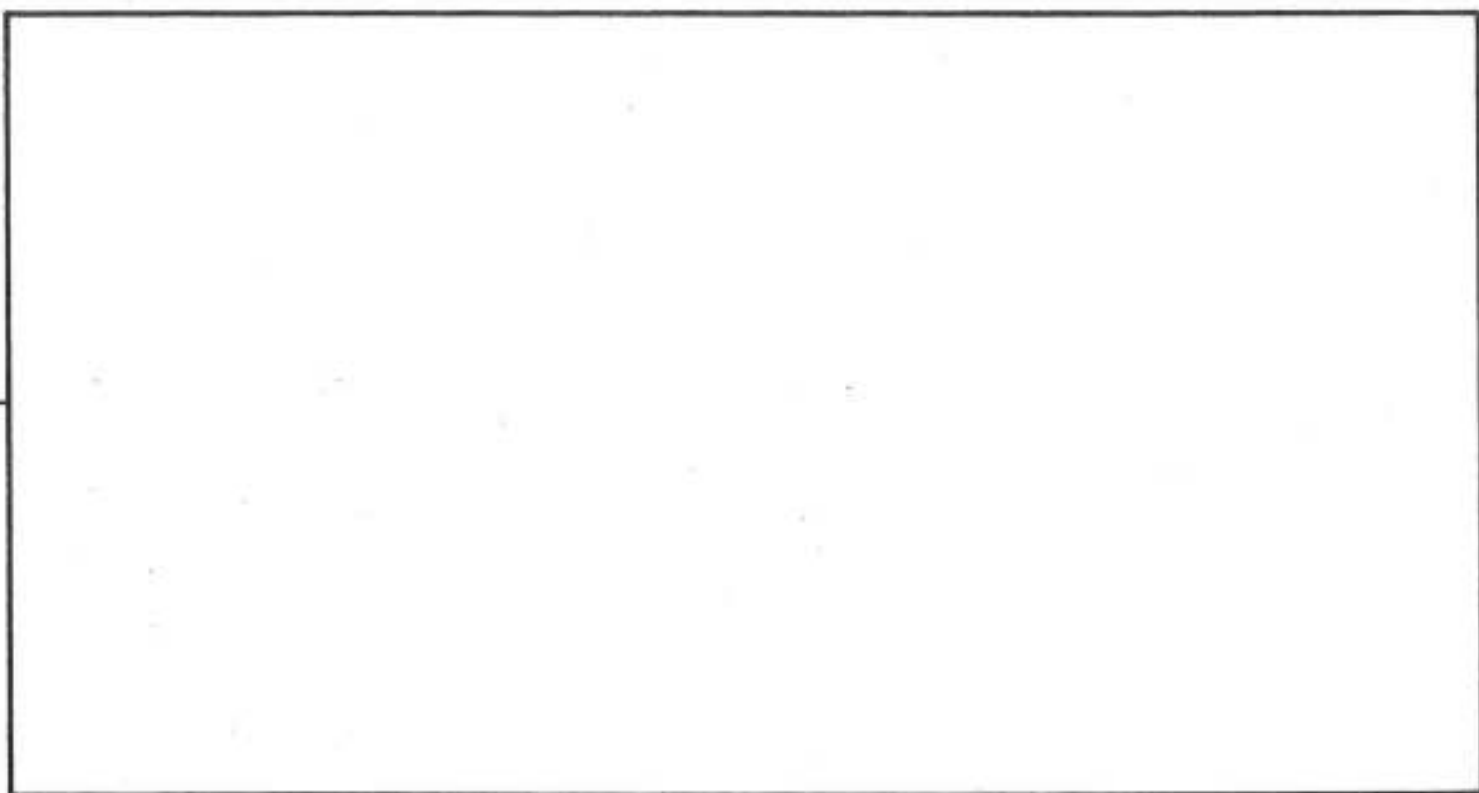
Don't Yield to Temptation workshop

Worksheet No! No! No!

WALK AWAY!



What's your biggest temptation? Draw it in the blank space below. Then fold it out of sight, and remember to walk away the next time you face temptation.

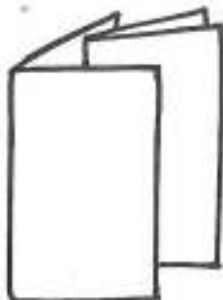


"The only temptation that has come to you is that which everyone has. But you can trust God, who will not permit you to be tempted more than you can stand. But when you are tempted, he will also give you a way to escape so that you will be able to stand it" 1 Corinthians 10:13.

Matthew 4—Satan Tempts Jesus Temptation Storybook

Supplies

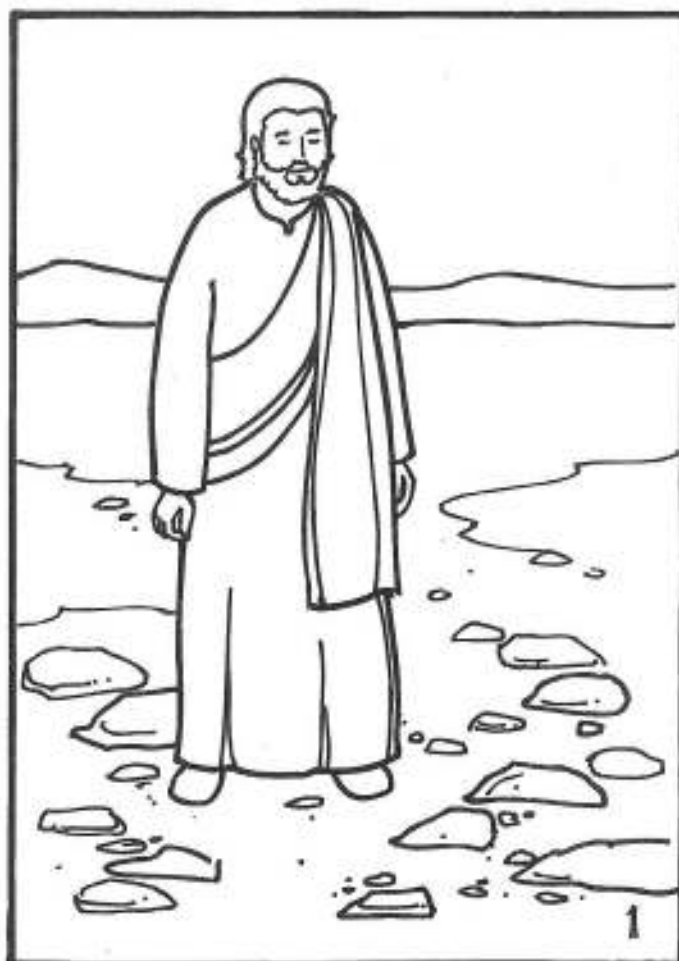
copies of the Temptation Storybook scenes for each child (continued on p.150)
construction paper (1 sheet per child, any color)
crayons or markers
scissors
glue
stapler



Directions

Color and cut out each of the six scenes. Cut a piece of construction paper in half widthwise. Fold the two pieces of construction paper in half to make a book (see the example). Staple the book at the center. Glue each scene to a page in the order they are numbered, starting on the inside of the front cover. Write "Satan Tempts Jesus" on the front cover and decorate the cover as you wish. Use the book to retell the story of Satan tempting Jesus. Describe what is shown in each picture and then look up the correlating Bible verse to tell how Jesus answered each temptation using words from Scripture.

- 1) Jesus was hungry after 40 days in the desert. Satan tried to convince Jesus to turn stones into bread.
- 2) Look up the verse to find out what Jesus said.
- 3) Satan tried to convince Jesus to jump off a very high place on top of the temple. He told Jesus that God would not let Him get hurt.
- 4) Look up the verse to find out what Jesus said.
- 5) Satan offered to give Jesus many things if Jesus would bow down and worship him.
- 6) Look up the verse to find out what Jesus said.



Matthew 4:4



Matthew 4:7

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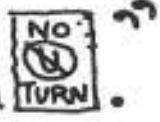
Matthew 4:10

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Don't Yield to Temptation

Follow the traffic signs to find a message that helped Jesus steer away from the devil. Each sign stands for a letter. Learn which letter from the partly decoded message below. Read Matthew 4:1-11 for help. Then decode the second message.

"Al  his I  ill  ive
 yo  e  aid, "if  ou
 w  ll bow d  wn an 
 wo  shi  m .



No! No! No!

Jesus was led by God's Spirit into the desert to spend time praying. He ate nothing for 40 days and nights. When he was very hungry, Satan tried to tempt him with food. Jesus said, "No!" Then Satan tried to make him prove that he was God's Son. Jesus said, "No!" Then Satan promised to give Jesus power if he would bow down to him. Jesus said, "No!" Find the other words that Jesus used to send Satan away by coloring all the spaces containing the word "NO."

