Nurturing Faith…
Every Day in Every Way

January 18, 2015

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Narrative Lectionary

The Temptation of Jesus

Matthew 4:1-17
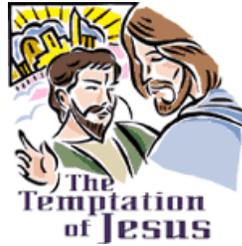
Who Says? *Object:* None. They will play "Simon says".

How many of you know how to play the game "Simon Says?" If Simon says to do something, you do it, but if Simon doesn't say to do it, you don't do it. Are you ready to play? Good, let's play.

Simon says, "Raise your hand."

Simon says, "Raise your other hand."

"Okay, put your hands down." Uh-oh! I caught some of you on that one, didn't I? Did Simon say, "Put your hands down." No! Well, let's try again.

Simon says, "Put your hands down."

Simon says, "Flap your elbows."

Simon says, "Clap your hands."

Touch your nose. Ooops! I caught some of you again. Let's try one more time.

Simon says, "Touch your nose."

Pull your ear! Good! I didn't trick you that time. You are catching on to the game now.

In the game of Simon Says, you do what Simon says to do, but in real life you should do what the Bible tells you to do. Did you know that Satan will try to trick you into doing what he wants you to do?

The Bible says, "Thou shalt not steal," but if you go to the store to buy something and the cashier gives you too much money back, Satan will try to get you to keep it. He will say, "That isn't stealing," but if we take something that doesn't belong to us, it is stealing, isn't it?

The Bible says, "Love your enemies," but when someone does something to hurt you, Satan will say, "Hurt them back, after all, they hurt you first."

The Bible says, "Thou shalt not lie" but when you accidentally break your mother's vase and she asks if you know how it got broken, Satan will say, "Don't tell the truth. If you tell the truth, it will just get you into more trouble."

Did you know that Satan even tried to get Jesus to do things that were wrong? When he did, do you know what Jesus did? Jesus answered him with Scripture. That is a good way to defeat Satan, isn't it? Just read the Bible and do what it tells you to do -- not what Satan tells you to do!

Dear Father, help us to do what Jesus did. Help us to do what the Bible tells us to do instead of listening to what Satan wants us to do. Amen. *- Used by permission, Sermons4kids*

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OBEY DONUTS: The "round" donut can stand for the "O" in Obey and remind children to OBEY after eating each mini donut in class. While eating their "O's" donuts, they can talk about obeying and doing what JESUS wants them to do.

HEART Poster: Give each child a section of a white poster board and a big red construction paper HEART to glue onto their poster. Children can add an "I" before the big heart and JESUS after the heart. In different letters, children can trace or write I'LL DO WHAT JESUS SAYS... or I WILL OBEY. So this poster will say I (heart/love) JESUS. I WILL OBEY! Children can decorate the poster with many other colored heart stickers.

GRAHAM CRACKER BIBLE: Give each child 2 graham cracker squares to frost with choc icing to look like a Bible (lay side by side at an angle). Use a toothpick to write I WILL OBEY JESUS...... or give children a tube of white decorator gel to write those words. A small thin ribbon could be given to each child to lay in the middle of their "Bible" for a special look!

JESUS IS TEMPTED