

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

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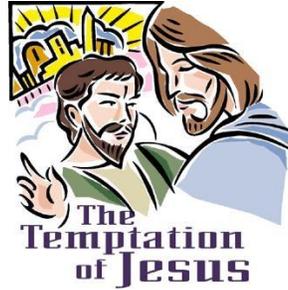
First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



When You Are Tempted.

Temptation—we all face temptation. What is temptation? Temptation is wanting to do something which we know we should not do. For example, you have some homework that is due tomorrow, but this is the day your favorite program is on television. It is easy to convince yourself that you will have time to do your homework after your show is over.

Do you think that Jesus ever faced temptation? The Bible tells us that Jesus "was tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin." (Hebrews 4:15) In our lesson today, we will learn about a time when Jesus was tempted and what he did to overcome that temptation.

After Jesus was baptized, he went out into the desert to pray. He stayed there a long time and got very hungry. He had not eaten anything because He was trying to listen to God and do what he said. I'm sure that his tummy must have been rumbling from hunger!

Suddenly, the devil came along and said to Jesus, "There is no reason for you to be hungry. If you are the Son of God, you could take one of these stones and turn it into bread." Jesus was hungry, it must have been tempting, but he did not listen to the devil. He knew that the devil was trying to get Him to do something wrong. Instead, Jesus answered the devil with Scripture. He said, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Next, the devil took Jesus to the holy city up to the highest part of the temple. "If you are the Son of God, jump off of here and God will send his angels to save you." Jesus knew that it was wrong to test God, so he answered the devil saying, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Finally, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain. He showed Jesus all the world below. "All of this can be yours. I will give it to you if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus answered, "Go away from me Satan! It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

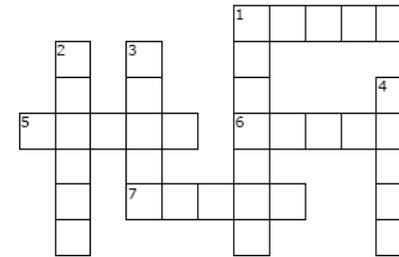
Three times the devil tempted Jesus and tried to get him to sin. Did He? NO! Jesus did the right thing each time. He remembered what the Scriptures said and it helped him to resist the devil's temptation.

Gospel Acclamation: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)

Sometimes you and I may be tempted to do the wrong thing. It will help us to do what Jesus did and call on the Scripture to help us resist temptation! Let's pray and thank God for giving us the Bible to help us live the way He wants us to live.

Our Father, we are thankful for your Holy Word. Help us to study and learn what it teaches so that we will be able to resist the temptation to do wrong. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
- A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
- A small rock
- The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN

- To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
- To feel a need or desire for food
- A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
- To try to get someone to do wrong

hungry	bread	worship	devil
stone	tempt	angel	world

BIBLE VERSE BOOKMARKS: Cut a strip of construction paper to give to the child to make a bookmark. Write Psalm 119:11 on the bookmark. Let child decorate the bookmark using glitter, crayons, or anything you want! Make it fun. The child can use the bookmarks as a reminder to quote Scripture verses when they are tempted.



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

MATTHEW 4, LUKE 4

