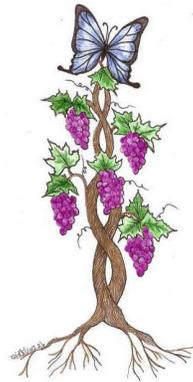


*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

March 10, 2019

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13



The Temptation of Jesus

First Sunday in Lent

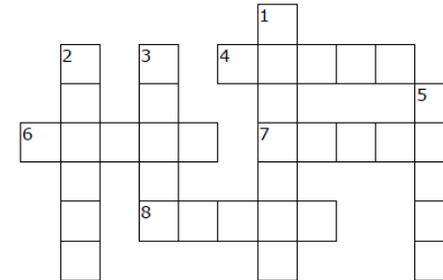
Imagine that you were in the kitchen with your parent and they were making homemade chocolate chip cookies. Your parent takes them out of the oven, these warm, hot, gooey cookies and tells you that you cannot have any. Your parent leaves the kitchen for a moment and you are left alone with those yummy cookies. Would you be tempted sneak one?

In today's Gospel lesson, we hear the story of Jesus in the wilderness just after he has been baptized. In the wilderness, the devil pays him a visit. Now, the devil is a trickster and wants Jesus' full attention. He knows that Jesus is hungry so he tells him to turn a stone into bread but Jesus isn't tempted by the devil's tricks. The devil promises to give Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him, but Jesus worships only God. No matter what the devil throws at Jesus, Jesus stays faithful to God. Jesus was able to stay strong because he was filled with the Holy Spirit and he was able to remember God's words from scripture.

In our liturgy, every week we say the Lord's Prayer and we pray, "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." It's not always easy to do the right thing, is it? When we find ourselves tempted to do the wrong thing, we can remember that we, too, are filled with the Holy Spirit and we can think about God's words, just like Jesus did.

Loving God, help us to remember that you are bigger and stronger than the devil, who tries to trick us into doing things that we shouldn't. Fill our hearts with your words so that we can resist temptation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

DEVIL	WORSHIP	HUNGRY	WORLD
BREAD	ANGEL	STONE	TEMPT

Activity: Give two hearts cut out of red construction paper to each child. Place the two hearts together and punch holes around the outer edge. The children will weave ribbon or yarn in and out of the holes to make a heart envelope to hold Bible verses.

Discussion Question Talk about a time when you were tempted to do something that you shouldn't. How did that make your heart feel? We all do things that are wrong, but our God loves us no matter what. It is because of God's love that we try to do the very best that we can every day.

Family Table Prayer for March:

Oh, the Lord's been good to me.
And so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need:
The sun, the rain and the apple seed;
Oh, the Lord's been good to me.

March Memory Verse: Zechariah 10:1 Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.

Coloring Page



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