

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

March 1, 2020

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



The Temptation of Jesus

First Sunday in Lent

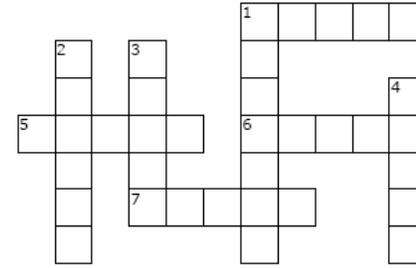
Good morning friends! I'd like you to put on your imagination hat for a moment. Imagine this: your little sibling is turning one year old. You are at their birthday party. All the people who love them (and you) are there. In the middle of the dining room table is a tower of cupcakes! Some are chocolate and some are vanilla. They are covered in tasty frosting and colorful sprinkles. Your mouth is watering as you imagine how yummy they must taste. But your parents said that you can have one after Happy Birthday is sung to your sibling. But they look so yummy and you are tall enough to grab one off the table. Everyone is busy. No one would know. But your parents said to wait. If you take one now, then your parents will be sad you didn't wait for your siblings' birthday song. You won't be part of the birthday celebration. Waiting is the grown-up choice. It shows that you can be trusted when an adult asks you to do something hard. Jesus had to make a hard choice as well. He had to trust that waiting was the right choice.

In our gospel message from Matthew, Jesus was in the wilderness and the sneaky devil came to tempt him. Jesus was hungry, so the devil tempted him by saying he could turn rocks into bread. Jesus knew he needed more than bread to live...he needed God. Jesus was able to resist the devil's lies and rely upon God to supply his needs. It's hard to wait for the things we want, but God knows exactly what we need.

Loving God, you provide all that we need. Help us to be patient and to always turn to you. Amen.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
6. A small rock
7. 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
4. To try to get someone to do wrong

hungry	bread	worship	devil
stone	tempt	angel	world

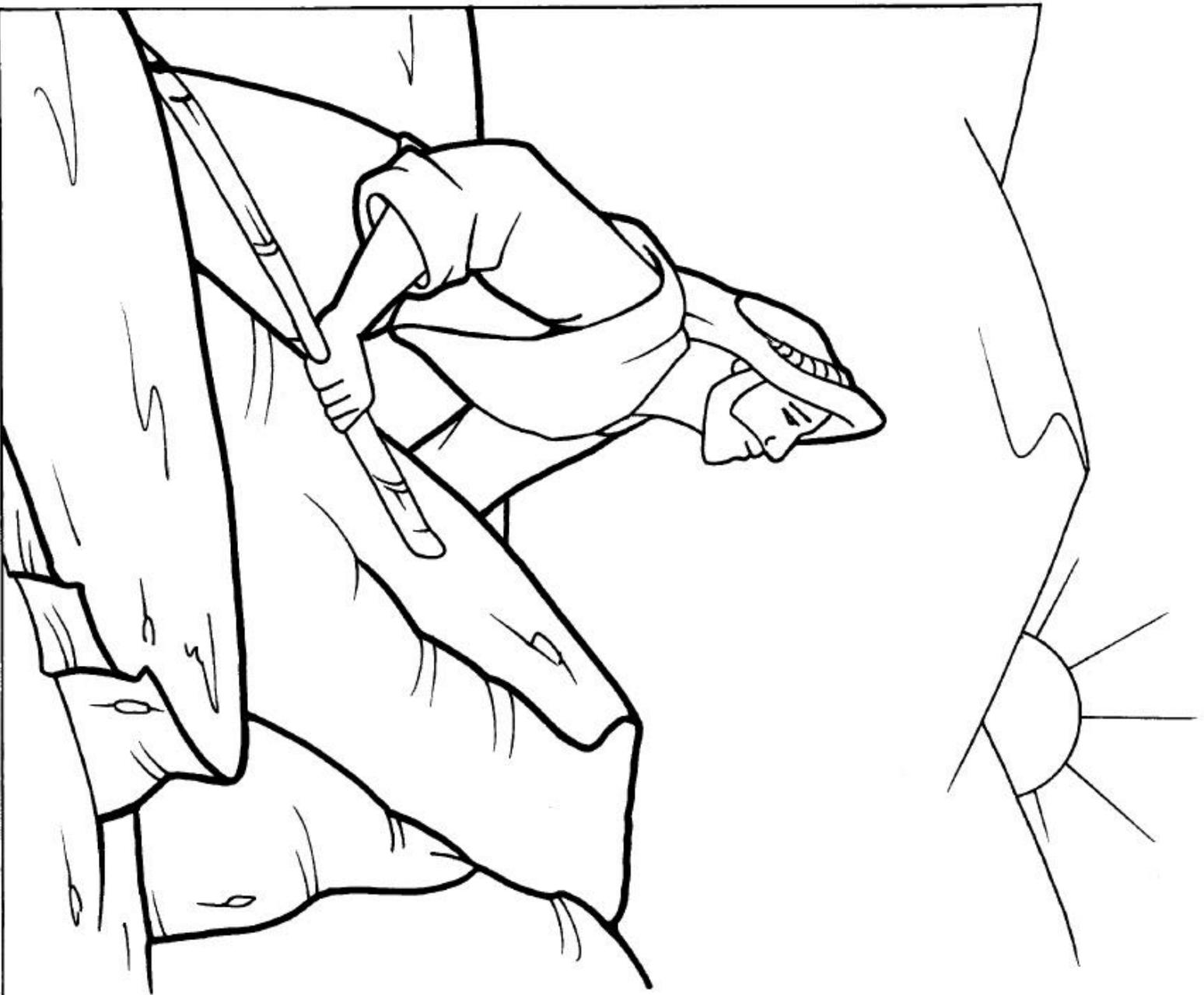
Activity: Gather small rocks or buy river rocks from the store. Write or draw on them one thing you regularly pray for. Perhaps family members' names, or a skill like listening or kindness. Then, find a special place to keep them. In the morning, look through your rocks and choose the one that you want to pray throughout the day. Keep that stone in your pocket during the day to help remind you to keep praying.

Discussion Question: Have you ever thought of doing something that you knew wasn't right but heard a voice in your head telling you no? God uses a still small voice known as our conscience to help guide us. Talk about this with your family.

Family Table Prayer for March:

If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet!
If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet!
Lord, you give us what we need and we thank you,
YES INDEED!
If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet.

March Memory Verse: Psalm 95:1 Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.



The Temptation of Jesus

Copyright © CalvaryCurriculum.com
Used by Permission