

It Takes the Word- January 16, 2022

1. Are You Tempted?

For this activity your child is to only use his or her non-dominant hand. Tell your child to put his or her writing hand (dominant hand) behind the back. Then, give them the following challenges:

- Catch a ball you toss.
- Write their name.
- Cut a piece of paper into two pieces.

Ask: Why were these challenges hard?

Were you tempted to use your other hand?

Would it have helped if you could have used your dominant hand? Both hands?

Say: Not giving into temptation can be a lot like trying not to use your dominant hand. Just as you might have needed reminding not to use your dominant hand, we also need help not to give into temptation when it comes. Today, we'll learn about a powerful tool that we can use to help us when we're tempted.

2. Bible: Luke 4: 1-13

Understanding the Bible: The incident of Jesus' temptation by Satan is recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke. The wilderness where the temptation took place is thought to be the mountainous area near Jericho- a bleak, rocky place. It took place after Jesus was alone in the wilderness communing with God for 40 days. He did not eat during this time. Both truly God and truly human, Jesus needed food and drink as we do. He felt every hunger pain and heard every empty growl in His stomach.

Jesus certainly had power to produce food for Himself with just a thought, but He chose not to do so. His goal was to please His Father, rather than to satisfy His hunger. Satan attempted to divert Jesus from His goal using three different temptations. Satan's first appeal to Jesus' need for food failed. His second attempt was to tempt Him with power and authority. Satan persisted and tempted Jesus to throw Himself off the highest point of the temple as a demonstration of His claim to deity.

Notice how the evil one misuses Scripture. Satan's offers of material success, power, and authority appeared to have the best interests of his victim in mind. However, Jesus knew this deceiver all too well and resisted him with God's Word. Luke 4:13 tells us that after the temptation, Satan left him "until an opportune time." This would not be the only time Jesus faced temptation (see Mark 8:33).

Using the inside of the Bible Adventures leaflet, read about how Jesus was tempted. As you read with your child, discuss the questions.

3. The Right Answer

To help your child see how Scripture can empower in everyday solutions where they are tempted, have your child work through “The Right Answer” found on the front of the Bible Adventures leaflet.

Ask: How do you see yourself using God’s Word when you’re tempted?

4. Scripture Solutions Matching Game

Print “Temptation Troubles?” and cut out. (If you have card stock paper, use it for printing.) Print out “Scripture Solutions”. Together with your child, read each of the Scripture verses and talk about which verse might help with which of the temptations. Then turn over all of the 16 cards and play a matching game.

5. Prayer

Dear God, thank You for sending us Jesus. Thank you for His example of using Your Word to fight temptation. Help use to read Your Word every day and use it to help us when we face temptation. In Jesus’ name, amen.

6. Extra Activity

Have your child write the word TEMPTATION on a piece of paper vertically. Then have your child think of words beginning with any of the letters in TEMPTATION and write them next to the letter. (For example: Technology next to one of the “T”s.)