

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 1, Week 3 :: A Tempted King

Treasure Story: Matthew 4:1-11

We have all faced situations in life where we must choose to do the right thing or the wrong thing. Temptation is something that will always be with us until we are with the Lord in heaven. In today's Treasure Story, Jesus Himself was being tempted by Satan. But there was nothing that Satan could offer that Jesus did not already have through His Father.

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"...disciples will be sorely tempted to desert their Lord. But the end is also near, and they must hold on and persevere until it comes. Only he will be blessed who remains loyal to Jesus and his word until the end."
– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

If Satan attempted to tempt God's own Son, should we be surprised when we face temptations of many kinds? Jesus was tempted by Satan in three different ways. Each time Satan would attempt to tempt Jesus, Jesus would come back with Scripture to combat Satan's evil plots. Facing temptation is not easy, but Jesus was showing us that He was able to resist temptation and not sin. Because Jesus was without sin, He is able to be our Savior and to give us hope of perseverance until He returns. Remember what Jesus did as you try these activities with your family:

- **Scripture Cards:** Each time Jesus was tempted, He would recite Scripture. Jesus knew the Word of God and used it to flee temptation. We have the opportunity to do the same. As a family, write out Scripture verses that reveal our dependence on God, fleeing temptation, and our hope in Christ. Post your cards throughout your house to help your children memorize the Scriptures so that they can flee temptation.
- **Accountability Partners:** Resisting sin is very hard if we try to do it on our own. We must rely on the power of Jesus, and we also need an accountability partner to help us. Encourage your children to find someone they can talk to whether it be a parent, friend, or co-worker who is a strong believer to hold them accountable and encourage them in their faith.

My Mission As Parent

- Do you find yourself constantly being pulled down by the temptations you face? Fleeing temptation is very hard if you do it alone. As a parent, we need godly people in our lives who will help mold us into godly parents. Look for those mentors who are seasoned parents and who love Jesus.
- As a parent, fight for your children. Your children will be tossed and pulled by society. They will be tempted by many things and people. Teach them to be diligent in prayer. Teach them to confess sin and pray for forgiveness. When temptations come, encourage them to trust the Lord for grace to overcome them.

Prayer Points

- Pray for a heart that is satisfied with all that God is for us in Jesus.
- Pray that your children would hide God's Word in their hearts so that they would not sin against Him.
- Give thanks to Jesus for overcoming the temptations He faced.