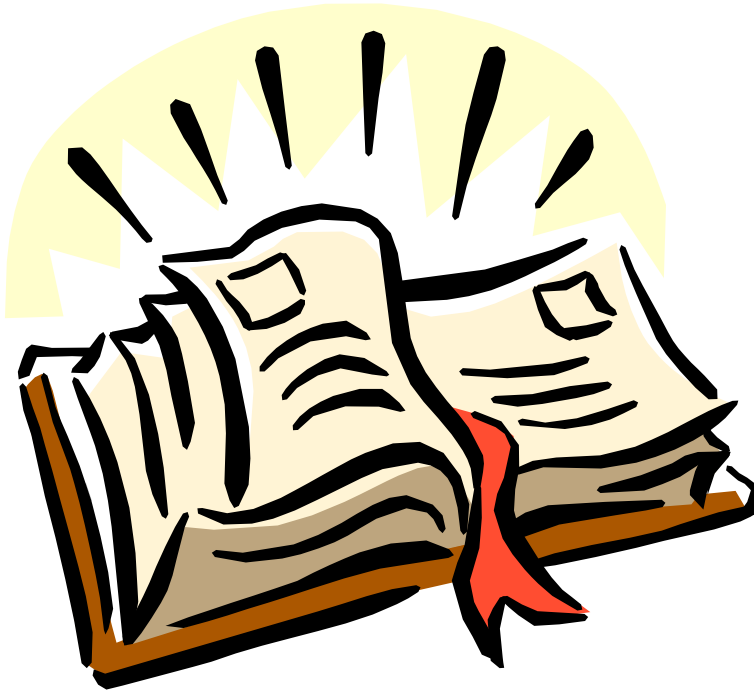


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:

LESSON TITLE: Submit to God, Resist the Devil

THEME: God wants us to resist the Devil when we are tempted.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 5:5-11



Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids. Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study *God's Word* together.

This week in Children's Church we learned that we are to **Submit to God and Resist the Devil**. The theme was "**God Wants Us To Resist The Devil When We Are Tempted.**" We learned that temptation is when we have a desire to sin. We may be tempted by something we see with our eyes, by our pride, or by just wanting our own way. Life has many temptations. It is NOT a sin to be tempted. It is only a sin when we give in to the temptation.

It is impossible for us to survive the temptations on our own. We must go to someone who is stronger. That someone is God (1 John 4:4). We will learn this week that as God tests our faith by allowing Satan to tempt us, we learn to trust God more and to build our faith in Him. We also learn that God provides a way of escape as well as a way to protect ourselves by wearing His armor.

The section of scripture that we studied was **1 Peter 5:5-11**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of *God's Word* in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Day One

How Does Satan Tempt Us?

Text: Matthew 4:1 - "Then Jesus was led up by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."

Also read: Genesis 3:1-6

Linda was standing at the front door trying to persuade Amanda to come outside after Amanda's mother and father told her to stay inside. Linda said, "If you come outside I will let you hold my puppy." Amanda enjoyed playing outside with Linda and she also loved the new puppy. Amanda told Linda she needed to stay inside and do what her parents told her. Linda was very persistent. She told Amanda to sneak out through the garage door and come outside for just 5 minutes. Even though it was not easy, Amanda stood her ground and refused to be disobedient.

Does this story sound familiar? How often will Satan use friends, family or something we see to tempt us and try to make us give in to wrong things. It is not a sin to be tempted, but it becomes a sin when we give in and do the wrong things that Satan wants us to do. Satan's temptations can be strong at times but if we have God in us, He is greater than Satan (1 John 4:4). So, we don't have to be afraid of Satan or his temptations if we belong to Jesus and He lives inside our hearts.

The Lord tells us that He will not allow temptation to be so strong that we won't be able to bear it. God also said that the temptations all of us struggle with are the same for everyone. All of our friends and family are tempted just like we are. He also promises that He will provide a way out of every temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). As we continue to trust in the Lord, He will help us to overcome temptation. Also, Jesus tells us to live by the Word of God. God will use His Word to help us resist the devil. Jesus gave us an example of how we are to use God's Word when we are tempted (Matthew 4:1-11).

- Can you think of some ways the devil has tempted you?
- How do we know that when we ask Jesus for help with our temptations that He will understand what we are going through? (Hebrews 4:15)
- If we have sinned, what should we do about it? (1 John 1:9)

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Temptation: Feeling a strong urge to do wrong

Not So Desirable!

Text: Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.”

Also read: James 1:14-15

Imagine you are in the kitchen helping your mother bake a cake. After the cake is baked your mother covers the cake with chocolate icing. She even lets you taste a little bit of icing that was left on the spoon. Then your mother places the cake on the counter top and leaves the room. As your mother is leaving she asks you not to touch the cake. As you look and smell the freshly baked cake your stomach reminds you how much you love chocolate cake.

After looking around the room for your mother, you start to approach the cake. Then, as you reach out your hand towards the cake you remember a Bible verse you learned, “Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). Your faith in God's Word has victory over Satan's temptations! The temptation of eating the cake is a trap that Satan tries to use to get you to sin (do something wrong). If you had given in to the temptation and ate the cake, then you would have to face being disciplined by mom.

Our Bible verse in Romans today says that the wages (or payment) for sin is death. Because of our sin we have died spiritually, which means that we are separated from having a relationship with God. But God sent His son, Jesus, so that we can be forgiven of our sins and be able to be God's friend. If you have asked Jesus into your heart then you have a relationship with God. That doesn't mean that we will be perfect or never sin again. In fact He will still forgive us when we make mistakes. The cake and frosting may still look good, but God changes our heart and helps us to want to do the right thing. As we learn His Word he will help us not to sin.

- What do you do when you are tempted?
- What is the result of sin? How can that be changed? (Romans 6:23)
- How can we be victorious over Satan's temptations?

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Desire:	To wish for something, crave
Enticed:	Drawn into
Wages:	Payment for something, like an allowance
Death:	Separation from God

Day Three

A Way of Escape

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:13 - "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

Also read: Nehemiah 6:1-7:4

As Joel was walking along the old pathway through the hillside he noticed a sign that read: "Danger! Unstable Mine Shaft! Do Not Enter!" Joel was very curious. He had never seen a real mine shaft before. "Maybe there is some gold still in the shaft," Joel thought to himself. Joel ignored the sign and walked across the unstable ground. No more than two steps past the sign, the ground started to break loose beneath Joel's feet. It seemed as if the ground opened up and swallowed Joel. He fell close to 15 feet and landed on a ledge inside of an old mining cavern. Thankfully, Joel was not hurt, but was he ever terrified! He had no flashlight, no way to communicate, and no rope. "How am I going to get out of this mess?" thought Joel.

Have you ever been tempted or had wrong desires? Being tempted and having wrong desires happens to everyone, so don't feel like you are the only one. Others have resisted temptation, and so can you. In our reading today, we see how Nehemiah's enemies tried almost anything to keep Nehemiah from doing what God wanted him to do in Jerusalem. Nehemiah refused to give in to sin. Nehemiah knew that God was going to make a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Joel sat quietly on a rock and began praying to God. "Lord, I am sorry for disobeying the sign. Please forgive me and help me to escape from this dangerous cave." Shortly after that a ranger heard Joel and helped him out to safety. Joel was able to get out of the cave by God's help. If you have asked Jesus to be your Lord, then He lives in you and will help you say "no" to sin. God's Word promises that God is faithful to "make the way of escape". So, don't ignore the "signs" that are placed in your life like Joel did. That could very well be the way God provided for you to escape.

- What are some sins that are hard for you to say "no" to?
- Do you know someone who is greater than the deceiver of this world? (1 John 4:4)
- Can you think of a way God has allowed you to escape temptation?

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Escape: To avoid capture, danger, or harm.

Day Four

The Armor of God

Text: 2 Corinthians 10:4 - "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for putting down strongholds."

Also read: Ephesians 6: 10-18

Do you know what armor is? Armor is a special kind of suit worn for protection, like the suits worn by football players, soldiers or firefighters. We, as Christians, need to put on the "Whole Armor of God" so we can be protected from our enemy, Satan.

Satan is powerful, but not as powerful as God is. But, we need to realize that Satan is more powerful than we are. The only way we can fight him and win is to fight him God's way. God has provided the armor we need, but it's up to us to put it on. In our reading today in Ephesians we learned what our armor is and how to put it on. God says that if we will put on the armor, we will "be able to withstand in the evil day." This means when Satan attacks us with temptations, we will not give in and sin, we will be able to stand and not fall before the enemy.

What is God's armor like? The Apostle Paul gives a description in Ephesians 6:10-18:

1. Gird our waist with truth - Learn about God's truth from the Bible.
 2. The breastplate of righteousness - Choose what is right instead of what is wrong and protect your heart against wickedness.
 3. Shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace - Be stable and sure-footed; tell others about the good news of God's peace.
 4. The shield of faith - Our faith protects us against Satan's fiery darts. Some of those darts are lies, hatred, or desires to sin.
 5. Helmet of salvation - Let God control our minds so Satan can't lead us astray.
 6. The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God - Learn Bible verses so the Spirit of God can help us remember them when we are tempted.
 7. Pray always - Ask for God's direction and follow His orders.
- Do you put on God's armor every morning before you start the day?
 - How can you learn about God's truths?
 - Pray for your family that they will wear God's armor every day.

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Armor: A special suit worn for protection

Day Five

Victory over Sin

Text: 1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Also read: Romans 7:22-25

This week we learned about Satan and his ways of temptation. We know, as Christians, we will go through times when we are tempted. God allows us to be tempted so our faith can be tested and grow strong. We also know that we have been given a new life when we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. But why do we still sin and make mistakes even as Christians? The part of us that says, "I want my own way" is still with us. Sometimes we want to do what WE want to do instead of what God wants us to do. This is called our flesh and it will be with us until we are in heaven with Jesus. Satan's goal is to get us to follow our flesh, instead of the Holy Spirit.

On our own, we can never win over sin. Jesus wants to give us the victory and by living our lives under the control of the Holy Spirit we can have victory. God also tells us to prepare ourselves for the battle against Satan by wearing His armor (Ephesians 6:10-18). Remember the story of David and Goliath? David was very small in size compared to the very large giant. If David had fought Goliath in his own strength, what would have happened? David would have been destroyed. David had victory over Goliath because of his faith in God. We too can have victory over our enemy by trusting and having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

God hates sin, and when we disobey Him, it becomes uncomfortable to be with Him. It is harder to pray or read our Bible because we want to stay away from Him. Our sin comes between us and God. When we let sinful things stay in our lives, only Satan is pleased. Jesus died to set us free from sin, and He lives inside us to give us the power over Satan. How can we make things right with God? 1 John 1:9 tells us that we can confess our sins and be made things right with Him. God will always forgive us when we go to Him and ask.

- How can you prepare yourself for battle against Satan?
- Do you trust in yourself to have victory over Satan? (Proverbs 3:5,6)
- What should you do if you make a mistake and give in to sin?

Kid's Prayer Time



Pray that the Lord will help you to say no to temptation. That He will give you the strength to keep from sinning and to go to Him whenever you do make mistakes. Ask Him to help you to put on His armor and WIN!

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade (paraphrased)

“...humble yourselves under
the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you...”

Third Grade and Above

“Therefore humble
yourselves under the
mighty hand of God, that
He may exalt you
in due time,”

1 Peter 5:6