



Week of February 26 - a

Scripture: Mt 4:11

Main Idea: After Jesus resists the Devil’s three temptations the devil leaves him. Then angels came and ministered to him. What a great example for us in how to battle Satan’s temptations. It is also a reminder that God will strengthen us (He used angels here) when we need it.

Questions

Preschool: If we refuse to follow the Devil, will he leave us?

Grade school: What can we do to get strength when we need it? Pray, read the bible, ask questions of a trusted adult, listen to the preachers/teachers. But always remember that just because someone says it, that doesn’t make it true. We must keep reading the Bible for ourselves to know what is true!

Teen: What happened when Jesus continued to resist the Devil? God tells us the same will happen for us (James 4:7). What did Jesus use to fight Satan in all three temptations? (Which gives us a great example of how to resist temptation) Why is it important that we know scripture?

Adult: When in your life have you needed the encouragement of others most? Did you receive it? Did others know you needed their help, or did you keep it to yourself so as not to be a “bother?” If you could go back, what would you do differently? When in your life have you been the encourager for someone who needed it? How did you know they needed you? Were you comfortable in that role of encourager? If you had it to do over, would you change anything? If so, what?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY:

For God to help you know when you are being tempted, to remember scripture (i.e., monthly memory verses) and to trust God to provide the encouragement we need.

February Memory Verse:

Psalm 16:1-2 (ESV)

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”



Week of February 26 - b

Scripture: Mt 4:12-17

Main Idea: Jesus relocates to an area to the North, Capernaum. In doing this he fulfills more prophecy about him written hundreds of years before. His message is simple and clear, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Note: The Kingdom is the Church)

Questions

Preschool: Jesus told people to "repent." Do you know what that means? It means to feel bad when you do wrong (disobey), and to decide you are going to do better. It makes God happy when we do this.

Grade school: John was preaching and baptizing and ended up in prison. Why did Jesus wait until John was in prison? Was it to give John time to prepare the way for Jesus and now it was time for Jesus to start his preaching?

Teen: Why is it significant that prophecies from hundreds of years before came to pass? Why do you think Jesus preaches the need for people to repent? What is "repenting" and why is it important?

Adult: Why do you think John's arrest impacted Jesus' decision to move to Capernaum? Would you have liked to hear Jesus preach? Do you think he was powerful or remarkable in his lessons as he began his ministry? How do you envision Jesus' first sermon? Was he nervous? Did he struggle for words? Was he comfortable speaking before a crowd?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY:

For God to help us see our mistakes/sins when we make them, and to have the humility to turn back to Him for help in prayer.

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