

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K & K)

Lesson #55

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SUBJECT: The Lord Jesus Says “NO” to Satan

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13

AIM: To show the children how they can fight Satan.

MEMORY VERSE: James 4:7 “Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

Review:

Last time we heard the story of how the Lord Jesus was baptized. Do you remember who baptized Him? (John) He baptized a lot of people that's why he was called John the _____ (Baptist). What happened in the sky? (It opened up and God said Jesus was His beloved Son, etc.)

Content:

Right after this, the Lord Jesus went into the wilderness (That's like a desert) to be alone. He was there for 40 days and nights. All this time he didn't eat anything (He fasted). He just prayed to God. Afterwards He was hungry. Then Satan came to Him and tried to tempt Him. Do you know what tempt means? That's when someone tries to stop you from doing what is right or tries to get you to do something wrong. They try to trick you. Do you remember way back when the first man Adam and his wife Eve lived in a garden? Satan came to tempt Eve. He tried to stop her from listening to God – and he did! How he tried to get even the Lord Jesus – God's Son to do wrong.

First – Satan knew that the Lord was hungry so he said to the Lord: “If you are the Son of God Speak that these stones may become loaves of bread.” He knew that the Lord was hungry and he tried to get the Lord to do what he wanted. But the Lord told him that the Bible (God's Word) said that obeying what God says is more important than food to eat!

Then – Satan took Jesus to Jerusalem to a very high part of the temple and said: “If you are the Son of God throw yourself down for it is written in the Bible that the angels will keep you from hurting yourself.” But Jesus said it is also written in the Bible that we shouldn't put ourselves in danger on purpose just to find out if God will help us!

Satan tried again - He took Jesus to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and all the riches. Then he said: I'll give you all this if you kneel down and worship me.” This is what Satan wanted from the Lord all the time. He wanted the Lord to listen to him and worship him. But – the Lord said “Get out of here Satan, for it is written in the Bible - You shall worship only the Lord your God and serve Him alone.” Then Satan saw that he couldn't make Jesus obey him so he left. Then the angels came and took care of Jesus.

Application:

Every time Satan came to tempt the Lord Jesus – He answered him with a verse from the Bible – God’s Word. Even the Lord needed to fight Satan with God’s Word! This is the only way we can fight Satan too. When you memorize the verses every week, you store up (put in your mind and heart) God’s Word inside you for later. What if Satan tried to get you to disobey your parents – you can tell him the verse “Children obey your parents”. If he tries to get you to worry about food, clothes, or who will take care of you? – you can tell him the verse “He cares for you.” If he tries to make you feel lonely or scared you can say the verse where the Lord tells us – “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” etc., etc. – can mention more examples.