



'Temptations...' – Young Church Sunday 21st June 2020



1) Introduction:

Hello to everyone at St Mary's and Christ Church young and youth church, we hope you are all safe and well. The weeks continue and we hope you are finding ways to cope in these unprecedented time. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we hope you find some joy in these weekly online sessions.

Today's 'social distance' young church is about grace with a focus on – temptations...

All of us love to be in control. We might not think we do, but we all want to know where our next meal is coming from, whether we will be safe on a trip, whether our lives will mean anything. It takes a great effort for us to trust God with any of them. And the devil knows this - which is why we can be such easy prey for him! Most temptations that we face are linked to one of the three worries - sustenance, security and significance. How interesting that the devil should tempt Jesus in each of these three ways.

Because God's word was such an intrinsic part of Jesus, He was able to deflect all of the devil's temptations. He was able to fire scripture straight back at the enemy to slam him between the eyes. The devil knew he was defeated and he slunk away. If we know the scriptures – God's word – then we too have the ultimate weapon against the evil one. The devil can never stand victorious in the face of scripture. It is living and active and does him great harm.

2) Warm up game 'Simon Says'.

Equipment needed: None

A twist on Simon says. In this game, instead of having one 'Simon', you will need two (if you can get two others to join in). One Simon is good and one is bad! Which is which? You must only follow which is good. The Simons should give instructions from behind you – such as, put your hands on your head, wiggle your right leg, wave

your hands in the air. They should be random about which of them speaks – i.e. not always alternate. If you respond to the wrong Simon, you are out and must sit down.

The Point: Just for fun and to get the you thinking about which voices you pay attention to.

3) Digging in: – Forgive and more!

Equipment needed:

-Access to the Internet to play the video.

- 1) First, watch the video about Jesus in the wilderness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mc-x4qKY6Wc>

- 2) Read: Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil. Luke 4: 1-13.

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. The Spirit led Jesus into the desert where the devil tempted Jesus for 40 days. Jesus ate nothing during that time. When those days were ended, he was very hungry.

The devil said to Jesus, “If you are the Son of God, tell this rock to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written in the Scriptures: ‘A person does not live only by eating bread.’” Then the devil took Jesus and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. The devil said to Jesus, “I will give you all these kingdoms and all their power and glory. It has all been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I wish. If you worship me, all will be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It is written in the Scriptures: ‘You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only him!’”

Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem and put him on a high place of the Temple. He said to Jesus, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! It is written in the Scriptures: ‘He has put his angels in charge of you. They will watch over you.’ Psalm 91:11 ‘They will catch you with their hands. And you will not hit your foot on a rock.’” Psalm 91:12 Jesus answered, “But it also says in the Scriptures: ‘Do not test the Lord your God.’”

After the devil had tempted Jesus in every way, he went away to wait until a better time.

Think about and discuss with an adult:

-The devil tempts us to do wrong things too, to stop us being like Jesus. What are the things we are most tempted by?

-What can we do to say no to the ways the devil tempts us?

4) Take away: 'A desert place'

Equipment needed:

Blue card

Play sand

PVA glue

Scissors

Pencils

Paintbrushes

Pink and brown paint

Brown papers

Desert Place PDF instruction sheet printed ([Click Here](#))

Craft idea 1 – Refer to instructions 'Desert Place'

See separate instruction sheet.

The Point: A story reminder.

Equipment

Plain flour

Butter

Caster sugar

Baking trays

Letter cutters (to spell WORD)

Mixing bowls (or electric mixer)

Rolling pins.

Cooking idea 2 – Jesus says in the story that we can be fed by the 'Word of God' (Luke 4:4). Why not make shortbread letters to spell out WORD.

For each batch of shortbread, you will need:

150g plain flour

100g butter

50g sugar

-Pre-heat the oven to 160c and grease a baking sheet.

-Rub the ingredients together until they form a soft dough. You might like to do this beforehand with an electric mixer. If the dough is not coming together, use a tiny bit of water.

-Roll the dough out to about 1cm thick and cut out the letters W O R D. Place on a baking sheet and bake for 30 – 45 minutes or until golden. Cool on a wire rack.

The Point: A story reminder.

5) Close prayer and St Mary's key reflection questions:

What does this teach us about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit?

What do we need to do (this week)?



Active Prayer – covered:

Equipment

Small pieces of paper

Pens or pencils

A Bible

Find a space. Think about times when you are tempted to do the wrong things. Write them down or draw them on your paper.

After a few minutes, put their pieces of paper in one big pile. Remember how Jesus beat temptation in the story. He used the word of God.

Put a big Bible on top of the pile so that all the temptations are covered up. Thank God that His word is powerful enough to help us resist temptation. Amen.

The Point: To apply the story to our own lives.

Visit this website for more ideas on how to pray with young children throughout the day

<https://www.diddydisciples.org/tcahprayersthroughtheday>

Links to other ways to worship:

<https://www.diddydisciples.org/storytellingforaprilandmay>



Diddy Disciples 'church at home' is a creative and playful worship and Bible storytelling on line resource for babies, toddlers and young children. This is a great resource for all our Young Church children, so we thought we would share.

<https://www.diddydisciples.org/thechurchathome>