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Dear students,

Welcome to our new *Intermediate Bible Class*⁺! We hope it helps you get excited about learning and applying God's Word!

Here are some of the new features:

- The **Big Idea** highlights the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are within the lesson to help you interact with the topic.
- **What If?** helps you imagine how the Bible lesson might be applied to a hypothetical scenario that could occur in your everyday life.
- The **Big Question** addresses some doubts, fears, or concerns you may have about God, His Word, or life in general.
- **Next Steps** give you ways to be doing what the lesson is teaching throughout the week.
- The **Prayer Point** encourages you to commit to praying for something in the coming week.
- **Christ Focus** shows how every lesson points to Jesus.
- **Talk About It** gives you ideas on things to discuss with trusted adult Christians in your life.

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION WITH THE WORD

Lesson Text: Matthew 4:1-14a

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

BIG IDEA: God's Word helps us fight temptation to sin.

BIBLE LESSON

It can be hard to know what to do when God wants you to go in the direction of doing right and Satan is trying to pull you into a direction of doing wrong.

What are some things that are tempting to you and your friends?

After Jesus was baptized, He prepared Himself for His earthly ministry. Jesus went out into a dry, rocky area that the Bible called a wilderness. He did not eat for forty days. He went without food so that He could think only about what God had sent Him to do. He prepared Himself to serve people and to die on the cross for our sins.

The Holy Spirit gave Him power in His weakness. He could fast for any length of time, but He was still human. The fast would have made Him weak. He had to focus on time with God.

After Jesus finished fasting, the devil came to Him. He knew Jesus was very hungry. Satan knew Jesus is the Son of God. He called Him that, but he still thought he could get Jesus to sin. He tempted Jesus to turn the stones around them into bread. Imagine how difficult it would be to do so hungry and be able to make food appear. But it would be wrong to eat it. That is like having food in front of you but not being allowed to eat it. Jesus stood strong. He did not give in. He told Satan that people do not live on food only. We live by everything that God tells us.

How often do you read God's Word?

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Satan failed to get Jesus to sin. It would have been a piece of cake (bread, actually) for Jesus to have changed rocks into food. Jesus did not follow the devil's suggestion. Satan did not really care about how hungry Jesus was. He tried Jesus to stop trusting God. That is a sin.

Next, Satan took Jesus to Jerusalem. The devil took Jesus to the top of the temple. He told Jesus that God would save Him. He even used the verse that said God would protect Jesus. That was a trick to use a Bible verse to get Jesus to do something wrong.

Jesus told Satan that it is not right to test God. That meant Jesus would not give in to Satan's dare. He did not test Him to see if He could. Jesus won again. He did not give in to Satan's dare.

Has anyone dared you to do something really dangerous? What should your response be?

One more time, Satan tempted Jesus. He took Jesus to a very high mountain. They saw kingdoms in the distance. Satan said that if Jesus worshipped him, He could rule over the kingdoms. Jesus answered with another Bible verse. He was wrong to worship anyone other than God. After that, Satan left Jesus alone. Jesus had won. He did not give in to Satan's dare, and He used Bible verses to win. He used a powerful weapon to fight Satan.

The words in the Bible are powerful and true. It's very important to memorize as many verses as you can. When you are tempted to do something you should not, God's Word can help you fight it.

WHAT IF?

What if you were at a store with some school friends, and they make a plan to steal something? Your part of their plan is to be the lookout. You are supposed to give a signal or distract anyone coming. They promise to share with you some of what they steal. Would you agree to help because you really like what they are stealing? What would you think about your part of the plan? Is it wrong or is it OK? Would you say no to their plan? What would you say to explain what you think about stealing?

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WHO DO I WANT TO BE LIKE?

Who are you "following"? People follow others on social media because they know them or like them or respect them. Sometimes we may even want to be like them we follow. Many of them live such great lives, or so it seems! Jesus is the best person to follow or to be like. The way He handled Satan's temptations is heroic. He can help you do the same.

We all can be like Him by learning and memorizing Bible verses and then living those verses help us not to sin. Jesus obeyed God. We can obey God by obeying what we read in our Bibles. God's Word can help us to fight the temptation to sin. God has given you the greatest weapon to fight sin. You need to use what you learn from the Bible and not just yourself in tempting situations that bring you to sin.

NEXT STEPS

Find verses that teach you about fighting sin and loving the Lord. Christian adults you know to help you. Print the verses on cards and them in your room. Ask others to join you in memorizing the verses. Lense one another to memorize at least one verse a week.

PRAYER POINT

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus showed us how to fight temptation. He used God's Word to help Him have victory.

TALK ABOUT IT

Ask a Christian adult you know for tips on Bible memorization.

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UNIT I:
Women of Faith



THE CREATION OF WOMAN

Lesson Text: Genesis 2:18-25

“The Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him” (Genesis 2:18).



BIG IDEA: God created woman so that man would have a helper and would not be alone.

GEN. 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

BIBLE LESSON

What things in nature did God create? In Genesis 1, we read that He created the land, the oceans, land animals, sea animals, the sky, birds, and much more. God said that all those things He created were “good,” and complete.

Genesis 2 describes the creation of humans. When God created a man, He said for the first time that something was “not good” (vs. 18). Something was incomplete, and God was going to do something about it.

God said that it was “not good” that the man—Adam—should be alone. True, Adam was with God, but there was no one *like* Adam. God said that Adam was incomplete, so God said He would make a helper for the man.

The “helper” that God talked about might be confusing because of the pictures that come to mind when we think of “help” or “helper.”