

WEEK 4

GOD IS MIGHTY GOD IS MIGHTIER THAN SATAN PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

For He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

KEY IDEAS

1. God is greater than Satan.
2. Jesus is fully God and fully man.
3. Jesus shows us that we can resist temptation through the Holy Spirit.

KEY PASSAGE

Matthew 4:1-11 (temptation of Jesus)

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

Jesus is more powerful than Satan.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

comforted knowing that God can help us overcome any temptation.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

talk about how we can resist temptation with God's help through His Word.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to follow God when temptation comes.

INTRODUCTION

God is the creator of all things and all things are under His power and rule. He has total and complete authority over everything and everyone on earth and in heaven. He is all knowing, all seeing, and all present. There is nothing and no one that is greater or mightier than our God! No other gods that man has made, not anything that has been created, not the wind or waves, not anything we might be afraid of, and not even death. God has power and authority over it all. He is the giver and sustainer of all life, and everything He does is good.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by asking the children if they know who the first person was the Satan ever tricked? Then ask if they remember what happened in the garden of Eden. How did Satan trick Eve? What happened as a result? Remind the children that when Adam and Eve sinned, the consequence was death and separation from God. God put them out of the garden, but He had a plan to rescue them. When Jesus came as our rescue from sin, Satan tried to trick Jesus, too. He wanted to stop God's plan to rescue the world, but Jesus is more powerful than Satan and He knew just what to do. Tell the kids to listen very carefully to the story for the three tricks the devil tried to use on Jesus and how Jesus fought back.

STORY

Read Matthew 4:1-11. Use the Jesus Storybook bible version.

Jesus was about to begin His ministry on earth when God led Him into the wilderness and allowed Satan to come and tempt Him to disobey. God did this so that Jesus could set an example of how to follow God. Jesus spent 40 days fasting and praying to God the Father. Jesus would've been very hungry, and just when He might have been the weakest, the tempter came. He said, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." Satan wanted Jesus to disobey God the Father by not trusting in Him to provide for His every need. So, Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Satan tried again by taking Jesus to the top of the temple. Satan said, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you.'" This time, the devil used God's own words to tempt Jesus to show the world what He was capable of. But Jesus wasn't tricked, and He knew that God had a different plan to show the world His power through humble service. Jesus said, "Again, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Finally, the devil tempted Jesus by showing Him all the kingdoms of the world and he said, "All these I will give to you, if you will fall down and worship me." Satan tried to tempt Jesus with power that He already had. And Jesus said, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left Jesus and the angels came to minister to him. Jesus fought Satan using God's Word, and He showed us that we can, too, because we have the Holy Spirit to help us. We can fight lies with truth!

Recap: What are the three tricks Satan tried on Jesus and how did Jesus respond?

ACTIVITY

Ask the children to recap what we just learned in the story about how Satan tricks us. Ask the children to stand up if the tricks you read were the ones that Jesus had to battle in the story. If not from the story, cross your arms.

- Stones into bread
- Water into wine
- Jump off temple
- Disobey your parents
- Lie to your friend
- Worship the devil

What are some ways Satan tempts you? Write the examples on the board.

PRAYER

Thank God that He is mightier than Satan and that He helps us fight temptation. Ask God to help you know His Word better so that you can use it to fight temptation.

SONG

My God is So Big, So Strong, and So Mighty by We Sing Bible Songs or Jeeva 1996 on Youtube

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Philippians 4:13, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, Matthew 19:26

ACTIVITY

Set a bowl of candy/goodies in front of your child and instruct them not to touch it until you get back. Leave the room and wait about 3-4 minutes before returning. Did they resist the temptation and wait on you to return? If not, use it as an example to help teach them so they understand what temptation is.

DISCUSSION

- What is temptation?
Explain that temptation is the desire to do something we know would be disobedient or disrespectful to God, like eating the candy and disobeying our parents.
- How can you resist temptation?
Help your child memorize Matthew 19:26 and encourage them to say it every time they are tempted and pray to God for help. Explain that God can help us overcome temptation because He is more powerful than Satan. Using “fighter verses” help us fight temptation when it comes.

PRAYER

Thank God that He is more powerful than Satan. Tell Him the things that make you feel tempted. Ask Him to help you when you feel tempted so that you may be obedient.



Jesus' Temptation