

THE THREAD

DISCOVERING THE THREAD OF THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE BIG-PICTURE STORY OF THE BIBLE

THE THREAD | THE GOSPEL COME TO LIFE

Lesson 3: Temptation Of Jesus

Dear Parents,

Hello again! We just wrapped up another lesson in our teaching students the big-picture story of the Bible through our study called *The Thread: Discovering The Thread of the Gospel Through the Big-Picture Story of the Bible*. I've loved the conversations that have been happening in our group so far. This week was the third of 13 lessons looking at *The Gospel Come To Life*. The lesson was entitled "Temptation of Jesus," and it focused on helping our students better handle the temptations of life. Students learned that Jesus was tempted in every imaginable way, and because He can empathize with our struggle, He looks on us with mercy and grace. Instead of rejecting us in our sinful state, He loves us. God always provides a way for us to resist temptation.

Lesson Overview: Temptation is abundant. It's something we all deal with every day on multiple occasions. Fortunately, Jesus gets it. He was tempted, just as we are tempted. And instead of having contempt for our weak, frail attempts at righteousness, God looks on us with love. He doesn't love us because we are compliant and try to be good; He loves us just because He does. So instead of rejection, He gives us mercy and invites us to be with Him. Not only does He empathize with us, but God always provides a way for us to escape temptation and avoid sin. It's up to us to follow His escape plan.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: Understand that Jesus was aggressively tempted by Satan to sin and realize that He knows what it feels like to be tempted.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They've Learned: Examine their attitudes toward temptation and sin and commit to being more diligent in resisting temptation.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Luke 4:1-13; Hebrews 4:14-16

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- You talked in youth group about the idea that trusting God 100% makes it easier to resist temptation. What experiences or ideas keep you from trusting Him all the way?
- What experiences have you had that reinforce your trust in God?
- How does it make you feel when you read in Hebrews that you can approach God with confidence?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.