

This is the story of when Jesus was in the wilderness and satan tempted him to disobey His Heavenly Father.





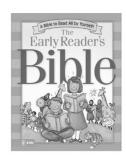
What is temptation? It's an idea to do what is wrong instead of what is right.

We have to decide which idea we will listen to. The RIGHT ideas come from God. The WRONG ideas come satan.

Remember the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? Did they listen to God's truth or satan's lie?

What happened to them when they listened to satan? They had to leave the beautiful garden, they grew old and died.





TRUTH

OR





Let's find out who Jesus listened to in the Wilderness.

After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit led Him into the Wilderness, a rocky, dry place. God the Father told Jesus not to eat anything (fast) but instead to pray and feed on God's Word. Jesus obeyed. He was more hungry for God than food.



Well, along came satan. He wanted to trick and destroy Jesus by getting Jesus to listen to him instead of the His Heavenly Father.

Satan said, "Jesus, You must be very hungry. You haven't eaten anything for days! If You really are the powerful Son of God, why don't you turn these rocks into bread? Then you can eat."

But Jesus shook His head and said, "No, satan. **THE WORD OF GOD SAYS...** Man needs more than bread. He needs the Word of God. It gives life!"

Jesus did not listen to satan. He listened to the Word of God!

HUMPH! Satan was mad.

Satan tried again...

He took Jesus to the highest place on the roof of the Temple and said, "Go ahead and jump off the roof, Jesus! Let's see if God sends angels to catch You so You don't get hurt."

But Jesus shook His head and said, "No satan. **THE WORD OF GOD SAYS...** Do not put God to the test."

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3rd Temptation: Bow down

Satan tried to trick Jesus one more time. He took Jesus to a very high mountain and said, "Look at all this land and all the people who live on the earth. If You bow down to me, Jesus, I will give it all to You!"

But Jesus shook His head and said, "No, satan. **THE WORD OF GOD SAYS...** Worship only God. Do not bow down to any other god."

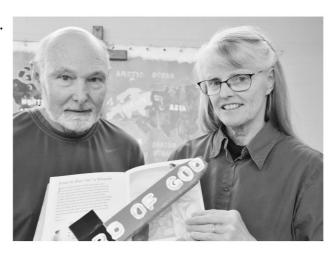
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Humph, Humph, Humph!!! Satan was so mad he went away and left Jesus alone. God sent angels to take care of Jesus.

Jesus was stronger than Adam.
Jesus is stronger than satan.
Jesus is the strongest of all!
He NEVER disobeyed His
Heavenly Father.

Jesus lives inside of you. His Word is in you. He will help you listen to God and do what is right.

God's Word is like a sharp sword. It cuts through satan's lies. The Sword of the Spirit is The Word of God. It protects your heart and mind with the TRUTH.





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So, take up your armor like Jesus did and you will be safe from satan.

God loves you. He has good things for you!